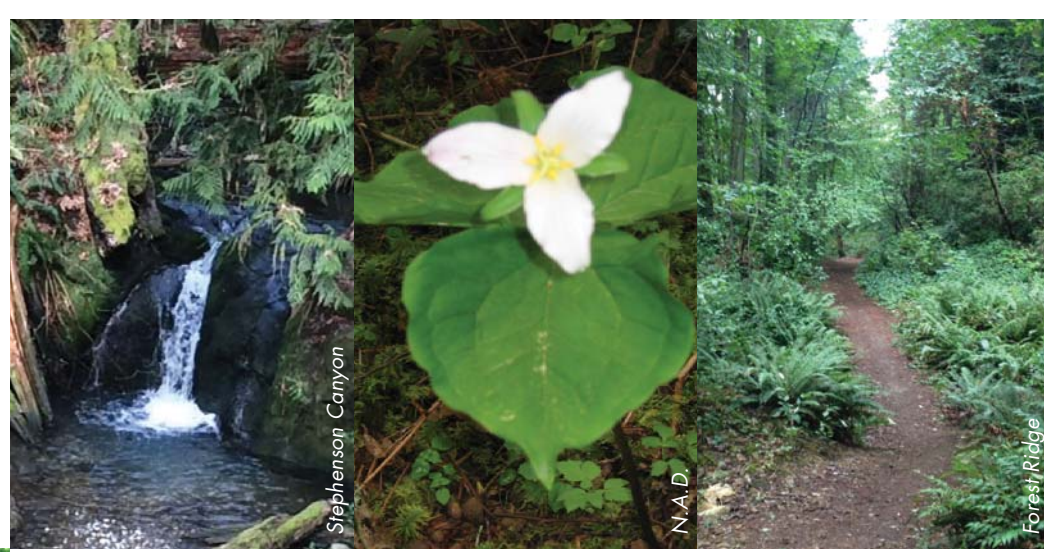


Get Involved! Save a Tree!

English ivy is a fast-growing, invasive plant that can strangle trees, accelerate rot, attract mosquitoes and cause mature trees to fall down during storms. Originally imported as an ornamental groundcover, English ivy has escaped from our gardens and now threatens the ecology of our forests, parks, and green spaces. **YOU CAN HELP** protect Bremerton's urban forest by starting in your own backyard. Invasive plants from residential properties invade public parks when birds eat its berries and deposit seeds elsewhere. Removing invasive plants is the first step in habitat restoration. When you find ivy strangling a tree, do not attempt to yank the ivy out of the tree's branches - you might damage the tree, instead **follow these 3 steps**.



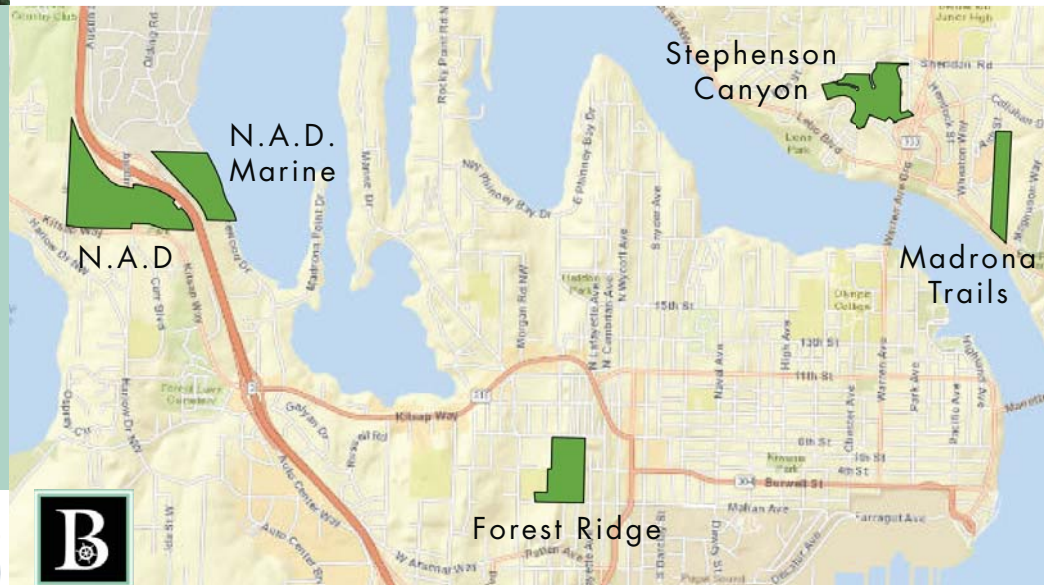
CITY OF BREMERTON

FORESTED TRAILS GUIDE

Forested trails enhance our community's health and quality of life by providing easy access to everyday outdoor recreation and interaction with nature. Bremerton has five forested parks totaling over 140 acres with over 4 miles of rustic hiking trail. Use this guide to learn about stewardship opportunities and explore Bremerton's beautiful outdoor environment!

- 1.) **CUT** the vines at shoulder height and again at the base of the tree.
- 2.) **PULL** the vines away from the lower tree trunk. (Don't worry about the vines in the tree; once cut they will wither and die.)
- 3.) **GRUB** out all ivy roots from around the tree trunk in a 5 foot radius. Keep this circle around the tree ivy-free.

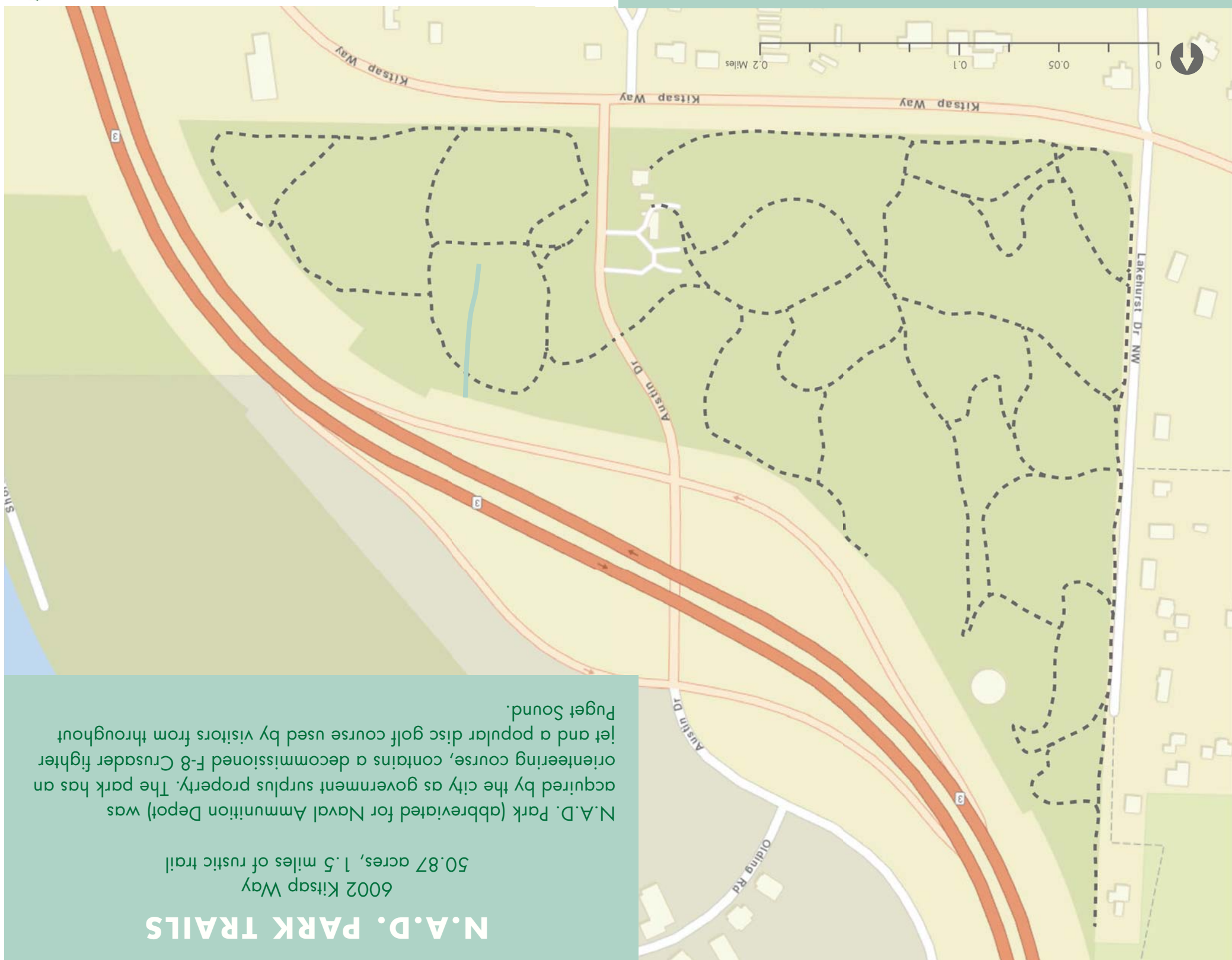
For more information on volunteer opportunities to protect and preserve our natural areas please contact the Bremerton Parks & Recreation Department at parks@ci.bremerton.wa.us or call us at 360-473-5305.



BREMERTON PARKS AND RECREATION



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N.A.D. PARK TRAILS

6002 Kitsap Way
50.87 acres, 1.5 miles of rustic trail

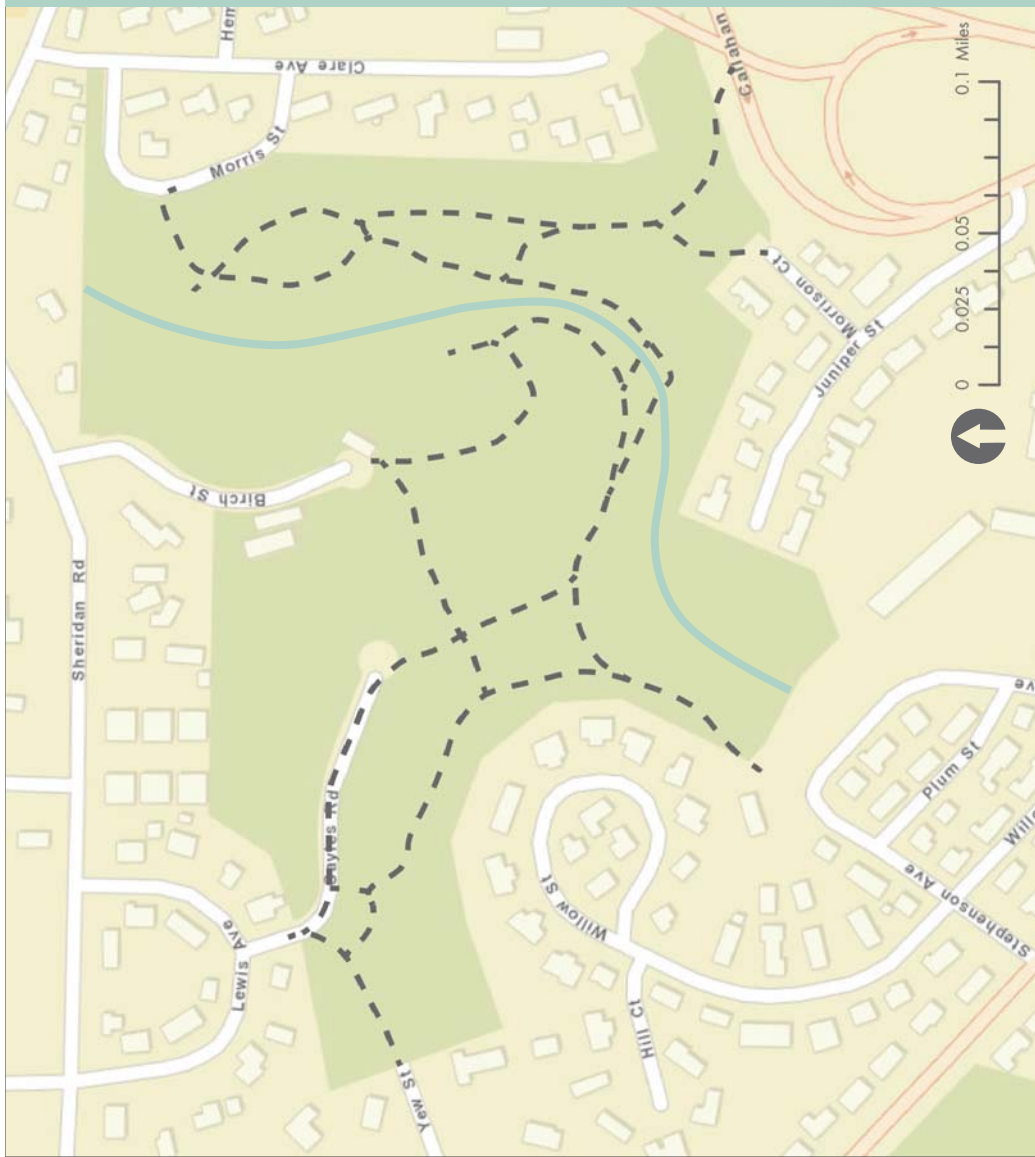
N.A.D. Park (abbreviated for Naval Ammunition Depot) was acquired by the city as government surplus property. The park has an orienteering course, contains a decommissioned F-8 Crusader fighter jet and a popular disc golf course used by visitors from throughout Puget Sound.

STEPHENSON CANYON TRAILS

2800 Birch St. 28.5 acres,
0.63 mi. of rustic trail

Bremerton's hidden gem! Enjoy hiking down the canyon and along the creek and up to a waterfall overlook. Be aware of a few steep sections of trail and stream crossing.

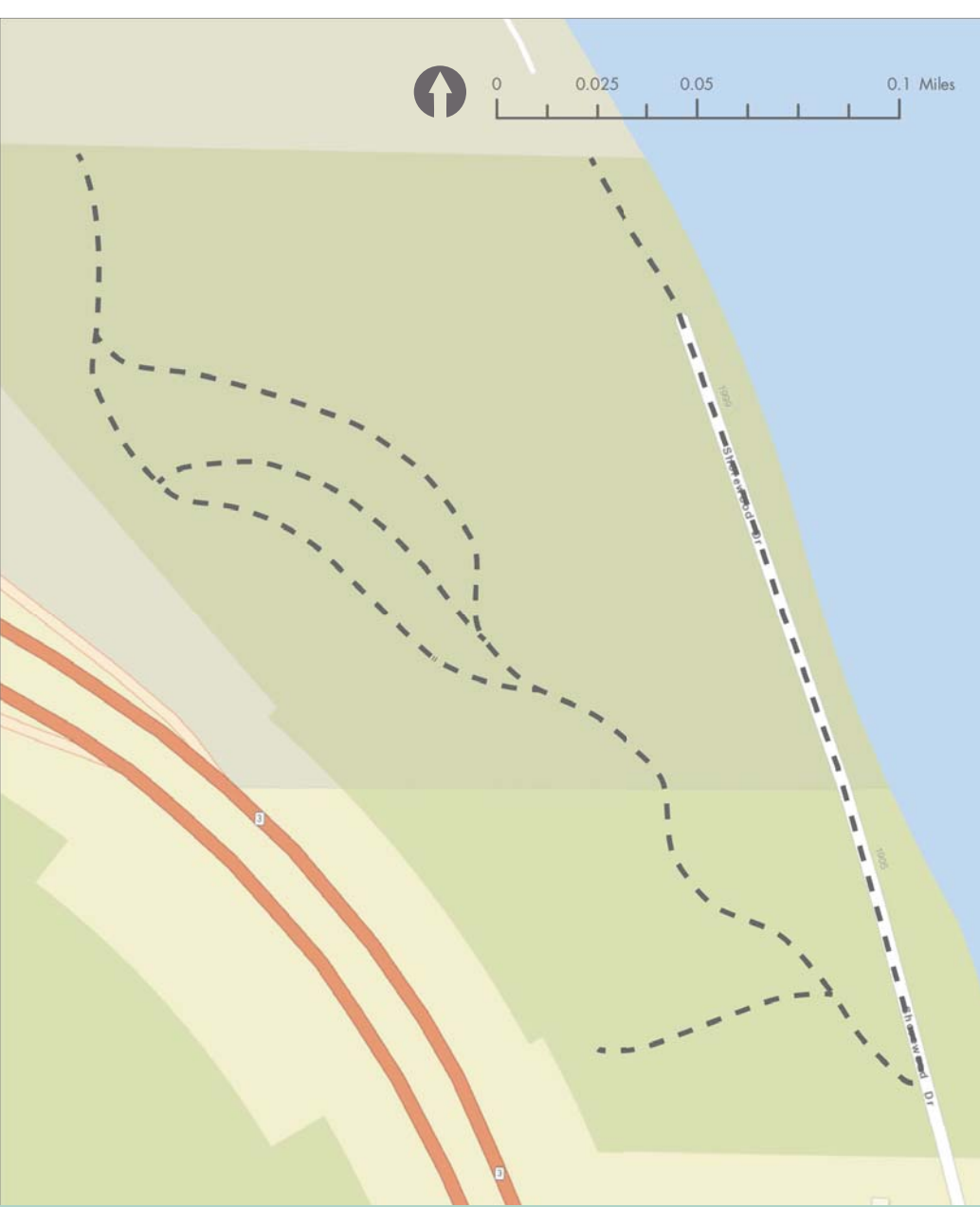
Remnants of the Sheridan Park homes built in 1942 by the Bremerton Housing Authority can be seen from the parking lot trailhead. The forested canyon was saved from development due to its steep terrain.



FOREST RIDGE PARK TRAILS

3100 1st St. and Carol Arends Parkway
21 acres, 0.72 mi. of rustic trail

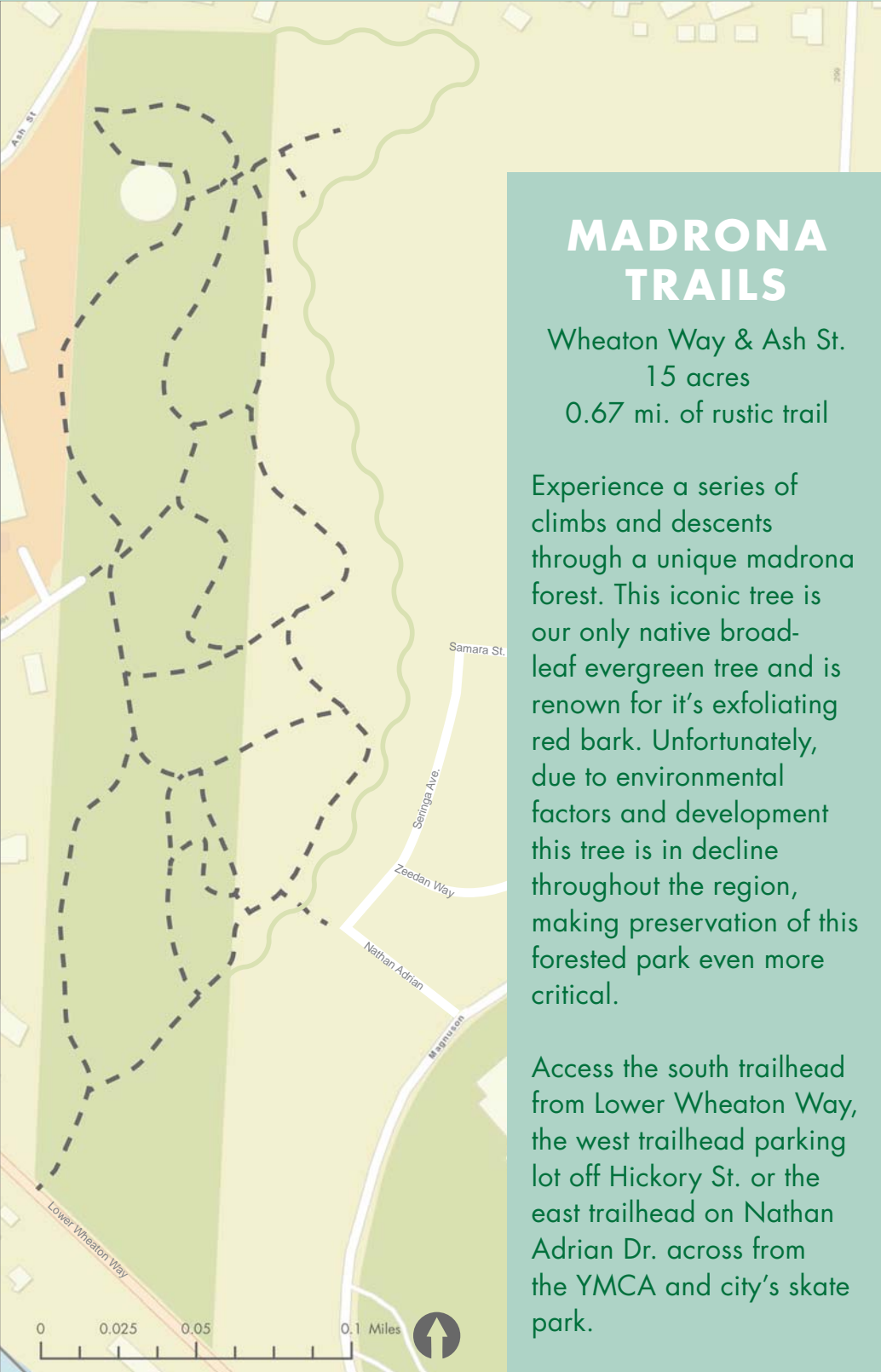
The park's cabin was the Charleston community center when it was its own city up until 1927. A group of dedicated volunteers called the *Forest Ridge Stewardship Group* meet at the park every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 am to maintain the park and remove invasive plants. Come join them for their next workparty!



N.A.D. MARINE PARK

End of Shorewood Drive.
25.5 acres, 0.73 mi. of rustic trail

Enjoy a quarter mile of paved pathway along the shoreline and then hike up into the forest to discover around 20 bunkers left over from when it was a Naval Ammunition Depot until 1959.



MADRONA TRAILS

Wheaton Way & Ash St.
15 acres
0.67 mi. of rustic trail

Experience a series of climbs and descents through a unique madrona forest. This iconic tree is our only native broad-leaf evergreen tree and is renowned for its exfoliating red bark. Unfortunately, due to environmental factors and development this tree is in decline throughout the region, making preservation of this forested park even more critical.

Access the south trailhead from Lower Wheaton Way, the west trailhead parking lot off Hickory St. or the east trailhead on Nathan Adrian Dr. across from the YMCA and city's skate park.