

The Seminary Hill Natural Area



Copies of the book, "Walking With Rufus on Seminary Hill," written by the late botanist and naturalist Rufus Kiser, are available at the Centralia College Book Store, Lewis County Historical Museum, and Book 'N Brush Book Store.

Notecards with photographs of the flora of the Seminary Hill Natural Area, taken by Stellajoe Staebler and Sandy Godsey, are available at Centralia College Book Store, HUBBUB Gift Shop, Olympic Club and Book 'N Brush.

All proceeds from the books and cards go for the improvement and maintenance of the Seminary Hill Natural Area.

Trail maps are available at the main trail head at the Seminary Hill Natural Area.



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Schedule of Activities 2020

Sponsored by
Friends of the Seminary Hill Natural Area
Centralia, Washington

2020

The **FRIENDS OF THE SEMINARY HILL NATURAL AREA** is a non-profit organization, a group of interested citizens whose purposes are listed below. Membership is open to any individual or organization interested in furthering the goals of the Friends. Dues are \$10 per year for an individual; \$20 per family. Contact Treasurer Ann Tuning at (360) 330-5042 to learn more.

PURPOSES:

- To protect and maintain the Seminary Hill Natural Area in its natural state for the enjoyment of all.
- To encourage use and conservation of the Natural Area by offering guided walks, written information and public events that highlight the plant and animal life and the ecology of the area.
- To post and maintain signs at trail entrances to identify the Natural Area and the conditions for its use.
- To furnish volunteer assistance to the Centralia Parks Department in all phases of use, maintenance, protection and enhancement of the area.

MEETINGS:

The **FRIENDS OF THE SEMINARY HILL NATURAL AREA** hold an annual meeting in January or February to plan each year's activities. Board meetings and other meetings are called as needed. Meeting time and place may vary. To learn more, call one of these officers or email GoSeminaryHill@gmail.com or [Facebook.Seminary Hill](https://www.facebook.com/SeminaryHill)

OFFICERS:

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A Natural Area Is . . .

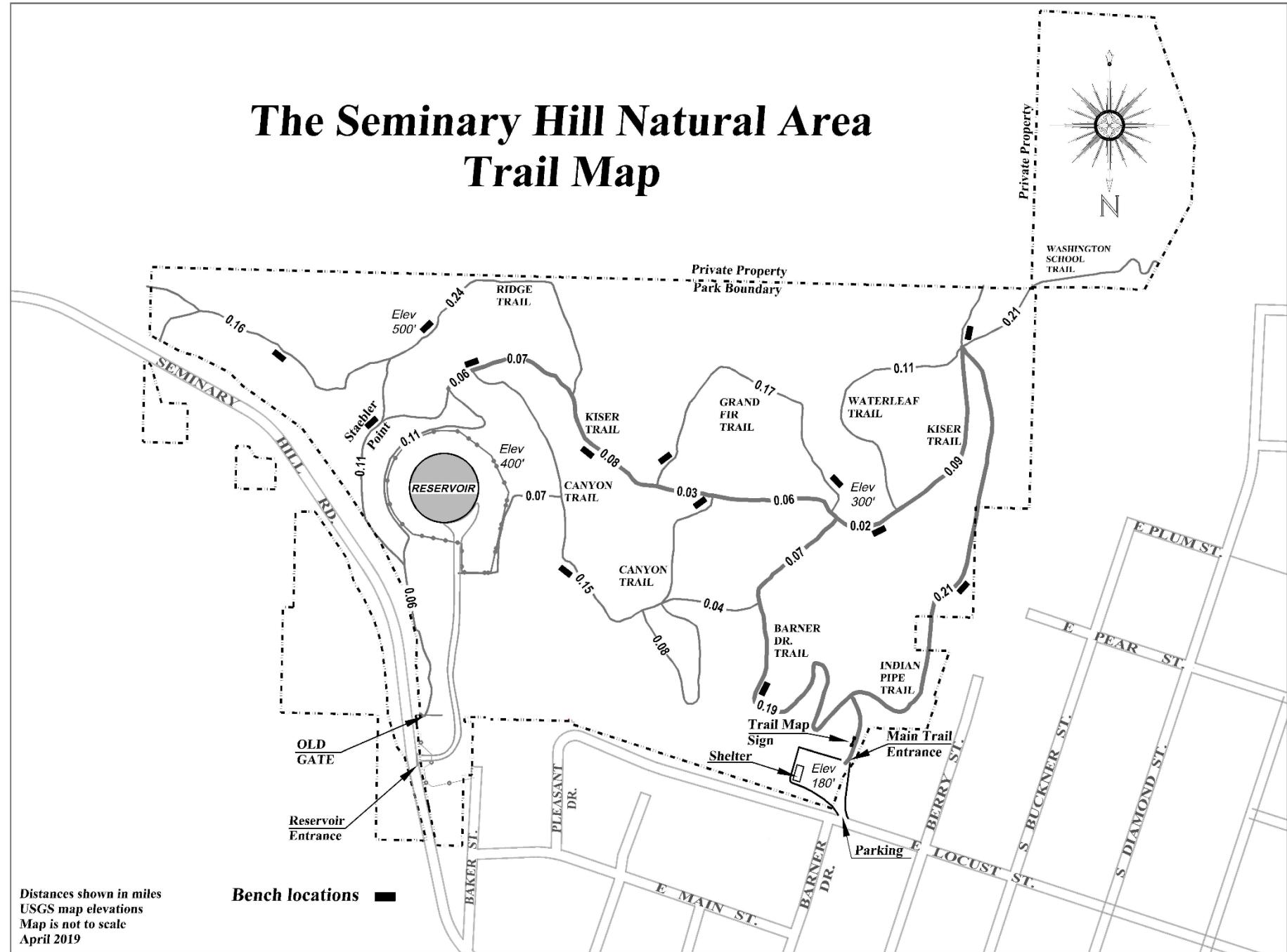
- **A quiet place to walk or run.** The trails are maintained for careful walking. (For safety and trail damage reasons, wheeled vehicles are banned by city ordinance.)
- **A grand place for nature study.** There is a wide variety of trees, shrubs and leafy plants...some of the older trees date from about 1900. The low growing plants are sensitive to foot traffic, so it's best to stay on trails.
- **Possibly a place to picnic....** but littered natural areas aren't very natural. A simple rule is to take out everything you take in. And fire is the worst enemy of all. (Camping, guns of all sorts, and fires are also banned by city ordinance.)

A Natural Area Needs . . .

- **Constant and considerate care by its users.** Damage and misuse can be reported to the Centralia Parks Department by calling 360-330-7688.
- **Preservation and promotion.** Friends of the Seminary Hill Natural Area is a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and preserving the Natural Area. Information about activities, notecards and books can be obtained by calling the Centralia Parks office at 360-330-7688.

The Seminary Hill Natural Area was
Established in 1981 by means of
City of Centralia Ordinance No. 1491
Revised 2006 to Ordinance 2181

The Seminary Hill Natural Area Trail Map



Friends of Seminary Hill Natural Area

2020 Events Schedule

Subject to cancellations or changes due to Covid-19 and the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order

The Main Entrance to the parking lot is located at the corner of East Locust Street and Barner Drive, Centralia. Events begin at the Main Entrance.



Information and Suggestions for Event Participants

*Some trails are steep. You will gain 200 or 300 feet in elevation from the parking lot to the higher points on the hill.

*Wear appropriate shoes as the trails can be slippery when wet.

*A walking stick can make the climbing and descending much easier.

*Be prepared for changes in the weather. Layering clothing and rainwear may be advisable.

Earth Day Work Party

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am

CANCELED

Join us as we prepare Seminary Hill Natural Area for the hiking/walking season. Maintenance includes spreading bark and gravel, cutting and pulling ivy and blackberry vines. Gloves and tools will be available. Refreshments provided for volunteers.

Plant Identification Walk

Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am

CANCELED

AmeriCorp workers from The Center for Natural Lands Management's South Sound Prairie Program will guide us along the trails and help identify wildflowers and other native plants. Join us as we enjoy the beauty of the season!

*Trails may still be muddy.

Let's Go for a Bird Walk

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am

CANCELED

Bring the kids and join Rachel Hudson, local birder and photographer, as she helps us to identify birds, learn about their habitat and to listen for their bird calls. Be sure to bring a camera and binoculars on this walk!

Children's Art on the Hill

Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am

Venture into the woods to gather natural things such as leaves, cones and moss. Use your creativity to make an art project! Other materials and supplies will be provided to aid your imagination. FSHNA members Wanda Barlow, Megan Berry and Sue Beck will be assisting.



Geology Walk

Saturday, Aug. 15, 10:00 am

Join geologist Jim Ward on a trip back in time as he explains the geological history of the Seminary Hill area. You will be amazed at how these landforms came to be! * * For this walk follow Seminary Hill Rd. past the Armory, then past Saxon and Baker Streets to the large gate on the right. Enter through the gate to park your vehicle. * *



Trail Work Party

Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:00 am

Our trails are heavily used even through Autumn. Your help is needed to groom and widen trails, repair steps and pull invasive ivy. Sandwiches and other refreshments will be provided for all volunteers!

Mushroom Walk

Saturday, Oct. 17, 10:00 am

Is it edible or not? Steve Buchner of the Southwest Washington Mycological Society will be guiding us on the trails to teach us about safety with mushrooms as well as explaining about their growth and habitat. If you've ever been curious about mushrooms come join us!

