

HENRY'S RIDGE OPEN SPACE WALK

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Henry's Ridge Open Area

Year 'Round Event

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5K & 10K / 2B

DAYLIGHT HOURS

Henry's Ridge is a 250-acre forest containing 20 miles of multi-use trails for hikers and mountain bike riders.

The property is managed by King County, and is located about three miles southeast of Maple Valley and three miles north of Black Diamond. It is a beautiful forested area with tall trees, trails that twist and turn through the woods, with occasional roots or stumps to maneuver around. Trails are signed with amusing titles such as "Once Upon A Time," "Bad Wolf," "Ogre" and "Big Beaver."

One of the many trails goes to Ravensdale Lake.

PARKING

The trailhead for this park is on the edge of a residential development. On-street parking only is available. Park along the street near the intersection of 253rd Place SE and SE 281st Way. **Do not leave valuables in your car.**

NO RESTROOMS

There are no public rest rooms in the forest. The nearest facilities are the Fred Meyer in Maple Valley and facilities in Black Diamond. This walk is not appropriate for strollers or wheelchairs. Pets are allowed with cleanup.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Sylva Coppock 425-235-8076

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HENRY'S RIDGE TRAIL SIGNS



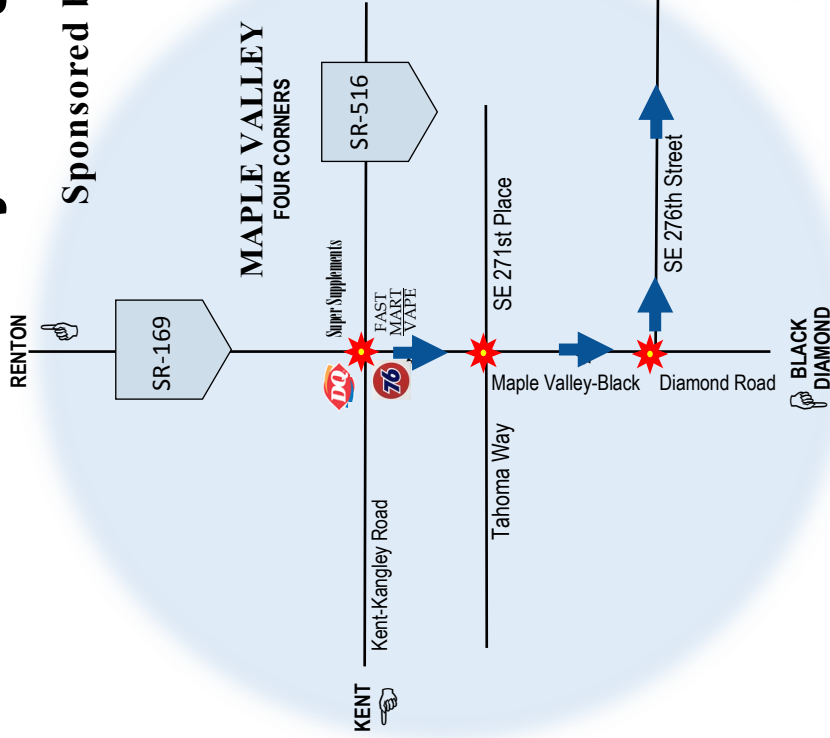
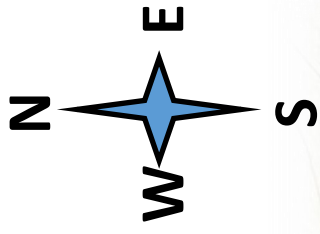
TRAIL SIGNS

Please note: Trail signs are on trees as the example in this picture shows.

Henry's Ridge Open Area Driving Map

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From the intersection of Kent-Kangley Road (SR-516) and Maple Valley-Black Diamond Road (SR-169), drive southbound for slightly less than one-half of a mile to the intersection with SE 276th Street and turn left into a residential development. SE 276th Street becomes SE Maple Ridge Drive and you will follow that road until you find Water Tower Park and a soft green-colored Water Tower. Turn right onto 253rd Place SE and continue south until it intersects with SE 281st Place Way. From the traffic light at SE 276th Street you will travel only 9/10ths of a mile to the trailhead. Please park along the street near the King County sign indicating that you have arrived at Henry's Ridge Open Area.



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1. Enter trailhead where green chain-link fence and concrete retaining wall meet. Both 5K and 10K walkers will start at the same place. The 5K walkers will follow the yellow arrows on the map. The 10K walkers will follow the yellow arrows up through instruction 9A, then switch to blue arrows for the second half of the walk.
2. After passing kiosk on left, turn RIGHT onto "STING'R" trail. At Y stay RIGHT. At next Y keep RIGHT to stay on main trail.
3. Cross gravel service road, angling RIGHT, to enter "ONCE UPON-A-TIME" trail.
4. At T, RIGHT onto "DERAILER" trail. RIGHT at next Y; LEFT at next Y, onto wood-slat trail, then LEFT to stay on main trail.
5. At Y, RIGHT onto "GNOMES TR."

[In mid-2020 the charming gnomes that once hid among the trees, on logs and under the fern were removed from the Gnomes Trail, and re-located to The Legacy Site at 25719 Maple Valley Black Diamond Road, SE, in Maple Valley.]

6. LEFT at unsigned T, (which intersects with the Yellow Brick Road).
7. RIGHT at trail junction onto "OGRE" trail; continue STRAIGHT at next trail junction; RIGHT at T; RIGHT at Y to stay on main trail; LEFT at next Y.
8. STRAIGHT at trail junction to enter "UPPER BEAVER TRX" (UBT); continue STRAIGHT at next trail junction, passing "SCHRADER" on your right, to continue on "UBT"; at the T go LEFT passing the Share Trail Sign; at next T go RIGHT (with your back to the Big Beaver Loop sign); at Y go straight, passing the "B.B.L. EXIT" sign.



In case of Emergency dial 911
Walk Assistance: Sylva Coppock
425-235-8076

9. **10K WALKERS:** At Y turn RIGHT onto "LIL' BEAVER" trail and go to Instruction 12

5K WALKERS:

10. At Y continue on Big Beaver Trail to the four-way junction with unsigned Route 66 (noted on the map).
11. LEFT at the junction; pass "Attention Trail Users" sign to unmarked service road; RIGHT onto service road, passing Storage Pond and Picnic Table on your left and continue uphill on the service road until you reach the "STING'R" trail on your RIGHT. RIGHT to retrace route on "STING'R" back to START'FINISH.

10K DIRECTIONS *Continue:*

12. After RIGHT onto "LIL'BEAVER" and crossing a stream on a wood-slat bridge, stay on this trail until you reach a four-way junction, and continue STRAIGHT.
13. LEFT at the next junction onto "3rd LINE" trail.
14. Arriving at next intersection with the unsigned Route 66 turn LEFT.
15. Turn RIGHT on "BEAVER TRX" and follow Lower Beaver Tracks to see views of Ravensdale Lake.
16. At trail junction LEFT to follow signage that directs "TO SNAKE."
17. RIGHT at T in open unsigned area.
18. Turn LEFT on "SNAKE" then RIGHT at Y, then LEFT on unmarked "VIPER" following it along a ridge that leads back to a gravel path near the Bail-to-Ponds area.
19. RIGHT on path to START/FINISH.

These directions and maps may be used only in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association Athletic Waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

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