



**Sound Steppers Volkssport Club welcomes you to the
Shoreline Parks Y3351
6K and 10K EVENT
This walk is rated 1B.**

Walk on lovely, wooded trails in little-known Hamlin Park and 4 other neighborhood parks in the city of Shoreline. The route also goes past cannons from the Spanish American War and newly rebuilt schools. The South Shoreline/148th St light rail station makes an optional start point (see directions for where to start walking). Ride the light rail for easy access to a walk in nature!



Starting Point:

Driving: Hamlin Park, 16006 15th Ave NE, Shoreline WA
Light rail: Shoreline South/148th St station

Driving Directions:

From I-5 Southbound: Take Exit 176. **TURN LEFT** onto N 175th St, **TURN RIGHT** onto 15th Ave NE, **TURN LEFT** into Hamlin Park at 160th St, park in lot at end of road below picnic shelter and before ball field.
From I-5 Northbound: Take exit 175. **TURN RIGHT** on N 145th St, **TURN LEFT** on 15th Ave NE, **TURN RIGHT** into Hamlin Park at 160th St, park in lot at end of road as above.

Restrooms: Paramount School Park, Hamlin Park, and south end of light rail station (ground level)

Emergency: Dial 911

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Thanks for participating and we hope you enjoy your walk in Shoreline Parks!



Sound Steppers Walking Club
Shoreline Parks Y3351
16006 15th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA
6K Walk rated 1B
Restrooms: Hamlin Park and
Paramount School Park.

Note: If starting from the 148th St Light Rail station, start at step 14.

1. Face the RESTROOMS above main parking lot; go **RIGHT** on sidewalk to end of parking lot, passing picnic shelter on right and "Dew Beads" art on left.
2. **TURN RIGHT** just before the children's play area.
3. Pass water fountain then cross park road and **TURN RIGHT** onto gravel trail that soon becomes paved. Follow paved path to Park entrance on 15th Ave NE.
4. **CROSS** 15th Ave NE at the light and **TURN LEFT**.
5. **TURN RIGHT** on NE 158th St.
6. **TURN LEFT** on 12th Ave NE. (0.9k)
7. Cross NE 155th St. in crosswalk and continue on 12th Ave NE.
8. **TURN RIGHT** onto NE 152nd St.
9. Cross 11th Ave NE, pass wooden posts, then **VEER LEFT** on the path into Paramount Open Space. Follow trail.
10. Skirt the right edge of the meadow, then merge left with a path descending from the right to **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** and exit the park onto road (no sign). [Littles Creek is ~30 yards left on the cross-trail at the road end; *Strolling Along the River challenge*.]
11. **Curve RIGHT** onto NE 147th St (2k).
12. **TURN RIGHT** onto 8th Ave NE
13. **TURN LEFT** onto NE 148th St.
14. **TURN RIGHT** onto 5th Ave NE using sidewalk on right side. [**Alternative START/FINISH:** From the Link Light Rail platform, descend and follow the sidewalk left around the driveways and away from I-5 to the light at the corner of N 148th St and 5th Ave NE; cross 5th Ave NE in the crosswalk and turn left along 5th Ave NE to join the route.]
15. **TURN RIGHT** onto NE 152nd St.
16. Carefully cross 8th Ave NE and **TURN LEFT** (3k).
17. **TURN RIGHT** on sidewalk between parking lot and RESTROOMS (Paramount School Park) (0.6k from Light Rail station).
18. Pass restrooms, then **TURN RIGHT**. Keeping ball fields on your left, follow sidewalk 3/4 of the way around the park. [*Par for the Course challenge*].
19. After passing between skate park and 1st base dugout, **TURN RIGHT** on sidewalk and up two sets of steps to exit park.
20. **TURN RIGHT** along NE 155th St (no sign).

21. At 10th Ave NE (the NE corner of the park), **TURN LEFT** to carefully cross NE 155th St in crosswalk and continue on 10th Ave NE.
22. At NE 165th St, **TURN RIGHT** to cross 10th Ave NE, then **TURN LEFT** to cross NE 165th St. (4.6k)
23. **TURN RIGHT** along NE 165th St.
24. Cross 15th Ave NE in crosswalk then **TURN LEFT**. (5k)
25. **Cross and TURN RIGHT** onto NE 168th St, walking on left shoulder facing traffic.
26. At 16th Ave NE, **TURN RIGHT** to cross NE 168th St and go down steps to re-enter Hamlin Park (unmarked).
27. Continue on trail through the meadow, then **VEER RIGHT** as the main trail stays on the valley floor and becomes progressively wider until the head of a parking lot.
28. Skirt along the left side of the parking lot.
29. **TURN LEFT** onto sidewalk leading past cannon memorial, back to RESTROOMS and **FINISH**. [*If you started from the Light Rail station, continue with step 1.*]

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Sound Steppers Walking Club
Shoreline Parks Y3351
Hamlin Park
16006 15th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA
10K Walk rated 1B
Restrooms: Hamlin Park,
Paramount School Park.

Note: If starting from the N 148th St Light Rail station, start at step 28.

1. Face the RESTROOMS above main parking lot, **Go LEFT** on sidewalk passing Battle of Manila Bay memorial (cannons) to second parking lot. [*Walking with American Veterans Challenge*]
2. **VEER RIGHT**, skirting edge of parking lot to end.
3. **VEER RIGHT** up wide main trail lined by logs.
4. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** through park on main trail, angling left through an open space. Ignore the steps on your left and continue on the main trail to the end, climbing stairs to street.
5. **TURN sharp RIGHT** onto NE168th St.
6. Carefully cross 18th Ave NE to sidewalk and **TURN RIGHT**.
7. **TURN LEFT** onto NE 165th St.
8. When sidewalk ends, carefully cross NE 165th St to sidewalk and continue.
9. **TURN RIGHT** onto 25th Ave NE. Pass Kellogg Middle School and driveways.
10. Opposite NE 160th St, **TURN RIGHT** to cross end of parking lot to enter Hamlin Park (sign).
11. Continue **STRAIGHT** past 3 posts up paved path.
12. Ignore unpaved trails and **TURN LEFT** at 'T' of paved paths.
13. Continue through gate and between ball fields to RESTROOMS.
14. **TURN LEFT** on paved path, then switchback downhill to parking lot.
15. **TURN RIGHT** along 25th Ave NE using sidewalk with railings. Pass Shorecrest High School.
16. Shortly beyond the last parking lot driveway (opposite NE 153rd St), **TURN RIGHT** up the stairs to enter South Woods park.
17. Continue on the curving gravel path until stairs.
18. Climb stairs and **TURN LEFT** onto old asphalt road.
19. Continue **STRAIGHT** through the park.
20. **TURN RIGHT** at the 'Y' to follow sidewalk along NE 150th St.
21. Cross 15th Ave NE at light and **TURN RIGHT**.
22. **TURN LEFT** onto NE 152nd St. (4k)
23. Cross 11th Ave NE and **VEER LEFT** on the path into Paramount Open Space.
24. Skirt the right edge of the meadow, then merge left with a path descending from the right to **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** and exit the park onto road end (no sign).
25. **CURVE RIGHT** onto NE 147th St.
26. **TURN RIGHT** onto 8th Ave NE
27. **TURN LEFT** onto NE 148th St.
28. **TURN RIGHT** onto 5th Ave NE using sidewalk on right side. [**Alternative START/FINISH:** From the Link Light Rail platform, descend and follow the sidewalk left around the driveways and away from I-5 to the light at the corner of N 148th St and 5th Ave NE; cross 5th Ave NE in the crosswalk and turn left along 5th Ave NE to join the route.]
29. **TURN RIGHT** onto NE 152nd St.
30. Carefully cross 8th Ave NE and **TURN LEFT**.
31. **TURN RIGHT** on sidewalk between parking lot and RESTROOMS (Paramount School Park, 6k).
32. Pass restrooms, then **TURN RIGHT**. Keeping ball fields on your left, follow path 3/4 of the way around the park. [*Par for the Course challenge*].
33. After passing between skate park and 1st base dugout, **TURN RIGHT** and up steps to exit park.
34. **TURN RIGHT** along NE 155th St (no sign).
35. At 10th Ave NE, **TURN LEFT** to cross NE 155th St in crosswalk and continue on 10th Ave NE.
36. Cross NE 165th St at stop sign and **TURN LEFT** on sidewalk.
37. **TURN RIGHT** at signed entrance to Northcrest Park.
38. Stay on the main (wide) trail, past the end of the cyclone fence on the left. **TURN RIGHT** at the "Y".
39. Continue straight through park following main trail to NE 170th St (unmarked).
40. **TURN RIGHT** on NE 170th St.
41. **CROSS** 10th Ave NE in crosswalk and **TURN RIGHT**.
42. **TURN LEFT** at NE 165th St.
43. Cross 15th Ave NE then **TURN RIGHT** to cross NE 165th St.
44. **TURN LEFT** along NE 165th St to 16th Ave NE.
45. **TURN SHARP RIGHT** on trail into Hamlin Park, passing a single low post.
46. At the 'T' (10 steps), note the white navigation post pointing left (see map).
47. **TURN LEFT** and stay **STRAIGHT** on main trail (ignoring side trail on left).
48. As the trail curves right, note the series of white navigation posts – follow them.
 - a. **LEFT** at the 'Y'
 - b. **VEER LEFT** and downhill at the junction.
 - c. Continue straight past a navigation post pointing to a minor trail, and instead proceed to the wide trail you used in step 5.
49. **TURN RIGHT** and continue down to the parking lot.
50. Skirt parking lot on the left side.
51. **TURN LEFT** onto sidewalk leading back to RESTROOMS and **FINISH**. [*If you started from the Light Rail, continue with step 1.*]

AVA/ESVA SPECIAL CHALLENGE PROGRAMS 2024

WALK NAME /NUMBER Shoreline Parks YRE #Y3351				
ESVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
STROLLING ALONG THE RIVER [2023-2025]	Littles Creek			
ON THE ROAD AGAIN [2022-2024]	ONLY APPLIES TO TRADITIONAL EVENTS			
FRONTLINE HEROES [2021-2023]	MEDICAL CENTERS	DELIVERY SERVICES	SUSTENANCE PROVIDERS	ESSENTIAL SERVICES
COUNTIES (ONGOING)	King			
THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT [2024-2026]	ARCADES CULTURAL	FAIRS FESTIVALS	SPORTS VENUES CRAFTS/HOBBIES	Shorecrest Theater
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS				
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[ONGOING]	Washington		
A-Z (Walking the US A-Z)	[ONGOING]	Shoreline		
A-MAZ-ING LABYRINTHS	[2024-2026]			
BORDER CROSSING	[2014-2023]			
GREAT LAKES	[2021-2024]			
LIGHTHOUSES II	[2023-2025]			
PAR FOR THE COURSE	[2023-2025]	Playgrounds at Hamlin Park, Paramount School Park		
RAILS TO TRAILS	[2022-2025]			
STEP TO THE BEAT	[2024-2026]			
TOWN HALL/CITY HALL	[2020-2024]			
WALKING WITH AMERICAN VETERANS	[2021-2024]	Battle of Manilla Bay memorial in Hamlin Park		

Histories of these Shoreline Parks

The existence of the parks and schools on this walk is a testimony to citizen activism, community engagement, and forward-thinking policies of King County and the young city of Shoreline.

General history and Waterways

Prior to European settlement, members of the Duwamish and Snoqualmie tribes lived around Lake Washington. One of the eighteen historic tribe sites was near the mouth of Thornton Creek.¹ After European settlement, extensive logging took in the late 1880s. Sawmills were located at the mouth, in the upper South Branch near the current site of Northgate Mall, near Pinehurst School, and on the North Branch downstream of the Jackson Park Golf Course. Farms, orchards, and dairies dominated the area after the removal of forests, until the mid-1990s.²

The first platting of land in this part of unincorporated King County was in present-day Richmond Beach in 1890. The name of Shoreline was established in 1944 for the school district, which spanned shore-to-shore (Puget Sound to Lake Washington) and line-to-line (Seattle city limit at N 85th St and Snohomish County line). The City of Shoreline was incorporated in 1995.³ As unincorporated King County shrank, its tax base shrank and it could no longer support its parks. In 1997, the county transferred 22 parks to the city, including the 5 parks on this walk.

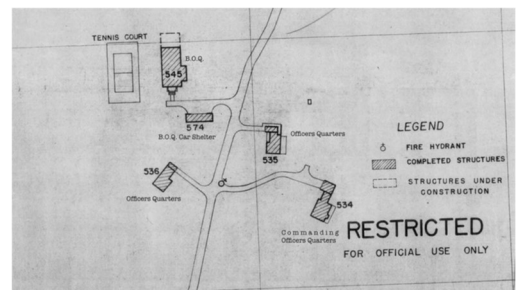
Tributaries of the North Branch of Thornton Creek drained the land on this walk.⁷ **Hamlin Creek**, which originated north of Hamlin Park and flowed down through it, has been undergrounded through our walk. **Little's Creek** has also been mostly undergrounded into culverts that go under N 160th St near Ridgecrest Elementary School and emerge near the north end of Paramount Open Space. It then follows a heavily vegetated course through Paramount Open Space down to wetlands just north of 145th St NE. A culvert takes it under 145th St into the golf course to become a water hazard.

Hamlin Park

The tract of land bounded by N 150th St and 165th St and 15th Ave NE and 25th Ave NE has a long and complicated history. It was part of the Hamlin family homestead and was logged in the latter half of the 19th century. Parts have been owned at times by the US Navy, State of Washington, King County Parks, Seattle Parks, and Seattle Water. Land deals led to the present-day boundaries for Hamlin Park, South Woods Park, Kellogg Middle School, Shorecrest High School, remnants of the TB hospital/sanitarium (Firlands), the public health laboratories, an off-leash dog park, and Fircrest residential rehabilitation facility. Hamlin Park has had improvements over the years but has also had to fend off development proposals, such as placement of soccer fields in the NW corner adjacent to 15th St and the construction of a large water reservoir covered by 21 tennis courts in the park protrusion above 165th St. Today's walk takes you through new and old parts of Hamlin Park, as well as the area of the old Naval hospital complex (most original Navy facilities are gone and the schools, South Woods Park, Firlands and the dog park have replaced them). Hamlin Park hosts a permanent orienteering course maintained by the Cascade Orienteering Club.⁴ Community groups are active in helping restore native vegetation.

South Woods Park

In 1944, the area of South Woods Park hosted 3 officer family homes and a Bachelors Officers Quarters for the nearby Seattle Naval Hospital. Today's walk goes on the driveway between these buildings. After the hospital closed, the Student Action for the Environment (SAFE) and the South Woods Preservation Group (SWPG) helped save the property from development and worked



for the success of the 2006 Open Space, Parks and Trails bond issue that financed the purchase of South Woods park as open space. Citizen work parties continue to clear non-native vegetation and otherwise enhance the park.

Paramount Open Space

The land currently designated as Paramount Open Space was acquired slowly from the late 1960s through the early 2000s, much from the Littles family. Prior to becoming a park, the land included a peat bog that had been mined during the early 1900s. Today, the former bog is mostly dry except for Little's Creek and a restored wetland near the south end of the park. Most of the area encompassing the park was purchased with funds from the King County Forward Thrust bonds approved in 1968. Additional parcels were purchased during a 20 year period from the late 1980s through the early 2000s through neighborhood efforts to acquire land along the southern and eastern boundaries of the park threatened with development. During this time neighborhood volunteers managed efforts to restore wetlands at the south end of the park and build trails. Over the ensuing years native forest grow over the restored wetlands, but English ivy and other invasive species have spread throughout the park and threaten to overtake nearly all forested areas. Friends of Paramount was established in 2018 to remove invasive species and ensure that native trees that iconic to the northwest, such as Douglas-fir and western red cedar, persist at Paramount.⁵

Paramount School Park

Formerly the site of the Paramount Park elementary school (1954-1971), the property was transferred to the city of Shoreline in 1997 and renewed as Paramount School Park in 2002. The skate park along the north edge was the most popular design focus and was the first feature to open.

Northcrest Park

Northcrest Park is in the middle of a residential block, bounded by 8th Ave NE to 10th Ave NE and NE 165th to NE 170th; 9th Street did not go through. The plat, Northend Country Estates, featured extra deep lots. With passage of the Forward Thrust Bonds in 1968, funds were made available to the purchase of land to create passive-use parks. The back halves of the lots in this mega block were purchased to create a new Park, Ridgecrest 2 , which was later re-designated as Northcrest Park. ⁶

Thornton Creek Alliance: <https://thorntoncreekalliance.info/the-watershed/>

Friends of Urban Forests: <http://friends.urbanforests.org/>

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<https://shoreline.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0d3bffa120e054f8b81e0ca8681351d08>

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<https://shorelinehistoricalmuseum.org/>