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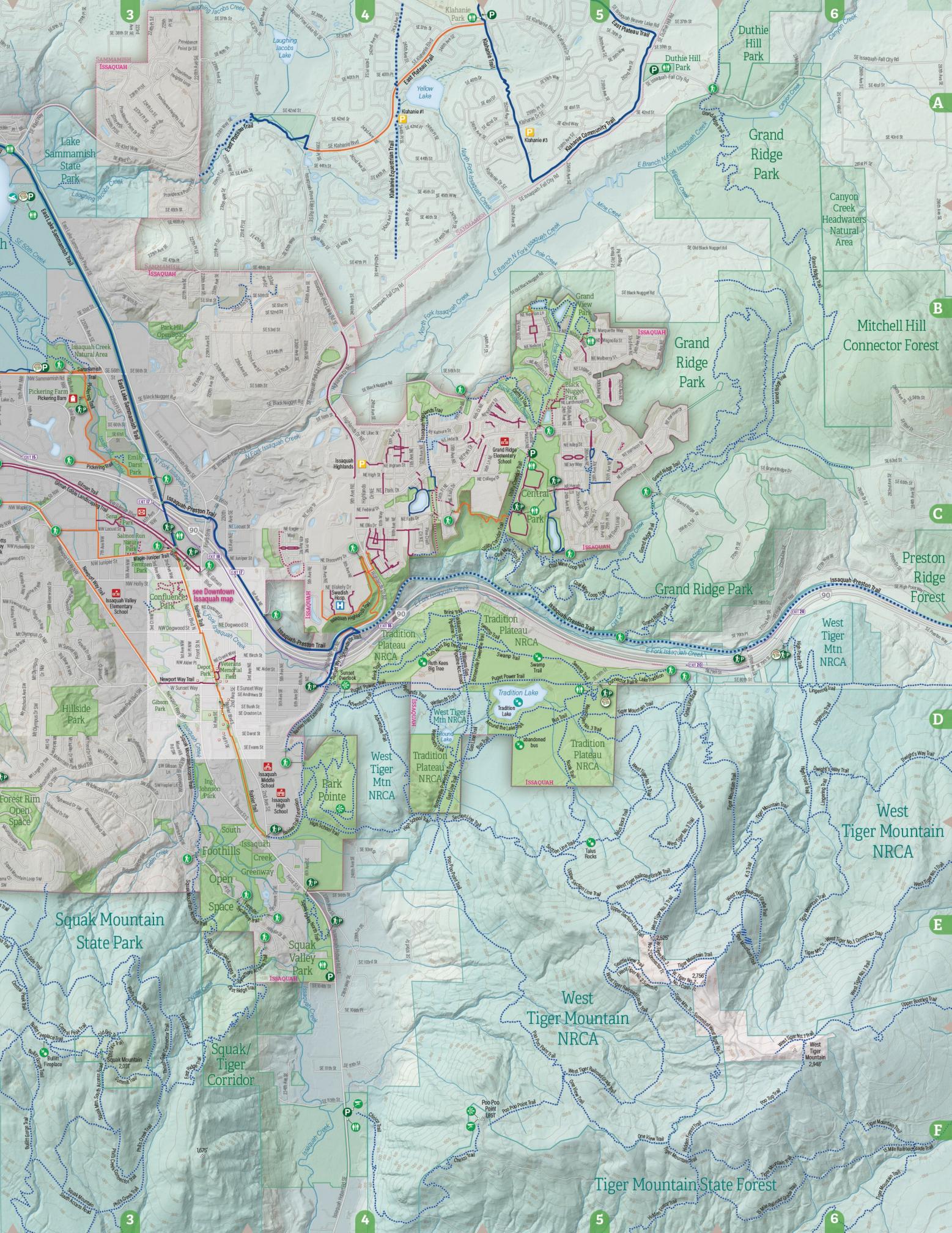
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## WELCOME TO Trailhead City

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### ith more than 200 miles of trails, over a dozen trailheads and 1,300 acres of open space in our backyard, it's easy to see why Issaquah is nicknamed Trailhead City.

Centered within the Issaquah Alps — Cougar, Squak and Tiger mountains — our community is a destination for countless outdoor enthusiasts.

Our trail network connects Issaguah to a vast array of public open space that surrounds our community.

We invite you explore some of our favorite outdoor destinations, and find out why our nickname is Trailhead City!

Recognized as one of Outside Magazine's Best Towns, Issaquah offers many opportunities to get outside and explore our natural environment.

Whether you want a family-friendly walk or something to get your blood pumping and your legs burning, try some of our favorite hikes to get acquainted with our outdoor offerings.



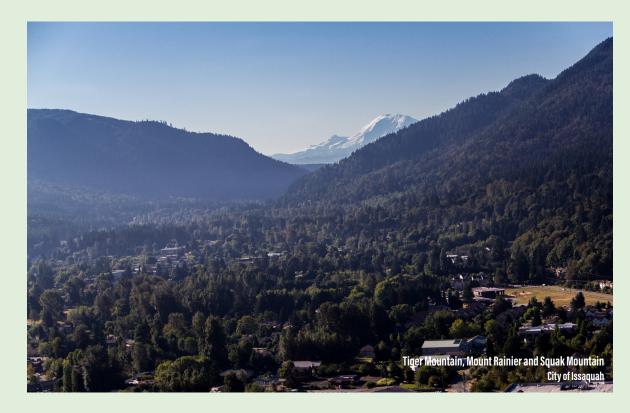
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# **Favorite Hikes**

If you're interested in exploring the trail network in our backyard, check out some favorite hikes in the Issaquah Alps and other destinations throughout our community.



#### **Grand Ridge Trails**

DISTANCE: 7 miles **ELEVATION GAIN: 705 feet** ACCESS POINTS: Central Park, East Sunset Way, High Point, Issaguah-Preston Trail and West Tiger trailheads

With trails for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking, Grand Ridge offers something for everybody. Look for groves of Western red-cedar, with some trees exceeding 5 feet in diameter.



Issaquah-Preston Trail/East Lake Sammamish Trail DISTANCE: 8.9 miles **ELEVATION GAIN: 412 feet** ACCESS POINTS: High Point Trailhead and Fourth Avenue Northwest near Interstate 90

You can walk or bike to explore a key link in the Mountains to Sound Greenway along Interstate 90. Take this trail east all the way to a view of Snoqualmie Falls or west to the Ballard Locks (along Burke-Gilman Trail).

#### Park Pointe

**DISTANCE: 2 miles ELEVATION GAIN: 319 feet** ACCESS POINTS: High School and Park Pointe trailheads

Thanks to a once-in-a-lifetime effort led by the City of Issaquah, more than 100 acres of forest were permanently preserved as public open space. Explore trails of varying difficulty throughout Park Pointe.

#### **Rainier Trail**

DISTANCE: 1.5 miles ELEVATION GAIN: 65 feet ACCESS POINTS: Downtown Issaguah, Park Pointe Trailhead

Rainier Trail follows a former railroad corridor through the heart of historic Issaquah. See pieces in our public art collection, as well as many of our community's iconic buildings, including the Issaguah Visitor Information Center, Issaguah Depot Museum and Hailstone Feed Store, a restored Shell gas station.

#### Squak Mountain Access Trail

ELEVATION GAIN: 479 feet DISTANCE: 1.7 miles ACCESS POINTS: Downtown Issaquah and Sunrise Place

Not far from downtown Issaquah is a way to access the natural wonder of Squak Mountain, as well as fascinating landmarks such as the Bullitt Fireplace.



Poo Poo Point DISTANCE: 3.8 miles ELEVATION GAIN: 1,760 feet ACCESS POINTS: Chirico, High School and Park Pointe trailheads

For incredible views of Issaguah, Lake Sammamish and Mount Baker, embark on the journey to Poo Poo Point on West Tiger

Mountain. Named for the logging whistles of Issaquah's past, the grassy clearing is a popular hiking destination and a launching point for paragliders. Accessible from the Park Pointe or Chirico trailheads. To avoid some of the crowds at the Chirico Trailhead, use the High School Trail to access Poo Poo Point. From the paraglider launch area, you can connect to Tradition Lake and various other Tiger Mountain trails.



**Adventure Trail** DISTANCE: 0.9 mile

Adventure Trail, climbing over a small ridge between the High School Trail and Puget Power Road/Trail, was named after the Pine Lake Middle School outdoor club that built it. With 152 feet in elevation gain, it's a little more challenging than some of the other family walking trails.

Around the Lake Trail **ELEVATION GAIN: 41 feet** DISTANCE: 0.8 mile ACCESS POINTS: West Tiger Mountain Trailhead

A portion of the Around the Lake Trail is an accessible trail built to ADA standards. To continue on the ADA trail, connect to the Bus Trail for a complete loop. The gravel trail follows the shoreline of Tradition Lake. Look for interpretive wild animal tracks along the route — raccoons, deer and others.

**Brink Trail** DISTANCE: 0.9 mile

Brink Trail, running parallel to the Ruth Kees Big Tree Trail to the north, follows the edge of the Tradition Plateau and provides an occasional view into the Interstate 90 corridor and over to Grand Ridge.

**Bus Trail** DISTANCE: 0.7 mile

Ruth Kees Big Tree Trail DISTANCE: 0.6 mile

Ruth Kees Big Tree Trail connects to Swamp Trail and continues west toward the Issaquah Overlook and Adventure Trail. The Big Tree is one of the largest Douglas fir trees located on Tiger Mountain. A century ago, most of the trees on Tiger Mountain were logged. Note the old tree stumps with notches, which held springboards for the loggers to stand on while sawing trees.

## **Tradition Plateau**

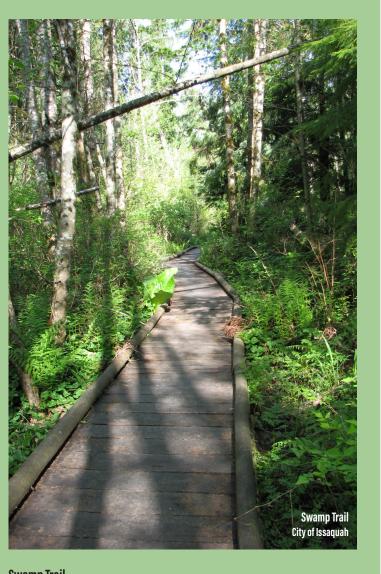
**ELEVATION GAIN: 152 feet** ACCESS POINTS: East Sunset Way, Park Pointe and West Tiger trailheads

**ELEVATION GAIN: 28 feet** ACCESS POINTS: East Sunset Way, Park Pointe and West Tiger trailheads

**ELEVATION GAIN: 57 feet** ACCESS POINTS: East Sunset Way, Park Pointe and West Tiger trailheads

Bus Trail connects to the Around the Lake Trail and, for about half of its distance, is a gravel trail built to ADA standards. Bus Trail is named for a derelict bus that now rests in the forest. No one knows for sure how it got there!

ELEVATION GAIN: 39 feet ACCESS POINTS: East Sunset Way, Park Pointe and West Tiger trailheads



Swamp Trail DISTANCE: 0.8 mile ELEVATION GAIN: 59 feet ACCESS POINTS: East Sunset Way, Park Pointe and West Tiger trailheads

Located on the north side of the Puget Power Road/Trail, Swamp Trail starts at the High Point Trailhead. The route is the setting for the family interpretive story, "Zoe and the Swamp Monster," with story and illustrations by a fifth-grade class.

Wetlands Trail DISTANCE: 0.8 mile **ELEVATION GAIN: 45 feet** ACCESS POINTS: East Sunset Way, Park Pointe and West Tiger trailheads

Wetlands Trail begins at the Bonneville Power Line/Bus Trail intersection and ends at Puget Power Road/Trail. It winds past Round Lake to a viewing area. Stop, look and listen to mergansers, buffleheads and mallard ducks quietly paddling along the lake. The lake was created from forested wetland in the early 1900s as a part of a homestead and sawmill that was located in this area.

## 10 Essentials

When you set out to explore the Issaquah Alps, or any trail, remember to fill your backpack with the 10 essentials — important items that could help save your life. Carry these items and know how to use each one!



## Do you want to expand your travel options, Issaquah?





## Contact Information

Emergency	911
Issaquah Community Center	425-837-3300
Issaquah Police Department	425-837-3200
Washington State Parks	360-902-8844
Washington Department of Natural Resources	360-902-1000
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	360-902-2200
King County Parks	206-477-4527
King County Sheriff's Office	206-296-3311
Regional Animal Services of King County	206-296-7387

## Safety Information

f you come in close contact with a bear and cougars (though sightings

- Stay calm and avoid eye contact, which could elicit a charge. Try to stay upwind and identify yourself as a human by
- standing up, talking and waving your hands above your head. Do not approach the bear, particularly if cubs are present. Give
- the bear plenty of room. away by clapping your hands or yelling.
- If the bear attacks, fight back aggressively. As a last resort, ball or lying on the ground on your stomach and playing dead.

#### Coal Mine Hazards

A relic from our past, abandoned coal mines dot Issaquah's landscape. Always stay on identified trails and do not enter mine shafts.

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