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Civil War's here again

The Oregon women's basketball team is far from homesick. As a matter of fact, the Ducks' record as of late at McArthur Court seems to state the opposite. Oregon has lost five games in a row on its home court, the longest such streak in head coach Elwin Heiny's 16-year career. The Ducks, 13-10 overall and 5-8 in the Pacific-10 Conference, will attempt to halt their slide tonight when they face Oregon State at 7:30 in Mac Court.

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left here and take another left three miles further on Marcola Road. Proceed from there to the trailhead.

While the trails are a main attraction at the Shotgun Creek park, there's more to do than just hike. The site also offers covered picnic tables, restrooms, fire pits, a large grassy meadow and a large playground. For later in the year there's even a developed swimming beach along Shotgun Creek.

The trail system is also extensive. Unfortunately at the present time about half of the trails are closed due to logging in the area. The trailhead signs clearly mark the closed sections, and current closure information can be obtained by calling the Eugene BLM office.

The trails that are open are worth the drive, though. The longest trail is the 2.6-mile Shotgun Creek loop. Either of two .1-mile spur trails — designated trail A and trail B on the park's maps — can be taken to join the main trail.

Because of the closures, only a quarter mile of this side of the loop is open. Also closed is the Meadow Loop trail, which leads one mile from the Shotgun Creek trail to the 1.2-mile Drury Ridge trail, which is also closed.

To take the longest open hike head for the trailhead at the west end of the park's meadow, near a covered picnic area designated by signs as shelter #2.

The trail follows Shotgun Creek upstream, winding through a mostly second-growth Douglas Fir forest.

After about three-quarters of a mile, the trail veers north away from Shotgun Creek and follows a small tributary brook through thick rainforest filled with ghostly moss-covered trees. A little more than a mile from the trail's beginning, though, pink flagging and a sign mark the closure boundary.

If you aren't satisfied yet, return to the parking area and look for the beginning of the Lower Trail, just before the park's access road crosses Shotgun Creek.

One note: The Shotgun Creek recreation area closes at 4:30 p.m., and the gate at the entrance is locked at that time. It's probably not worth the risk to stay later and hope that the owners of the private residence just inside the gate — apparently the only people in the area with a key — are home and in the mood to help out trapped visitors.

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