

your guide to five great parks to visit for recreation, relaxation, a picnic or walking your dog in the springtime sun

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George Rogers Park

Also along Highway 43 in Lake Oswego, George Rogers Park is more for people who crave structure in their park. All the paths were at least six feet wide and recently covered with asphalt. However, there is forced beauty like new bridges and small waterfalls formed by run off.

When not enjoying the trails, soccer and baseball fields await. If you want to siphon the energy out of some children, the park has a really fun playground.

Between the playground, sports fields and good walking and biking paths, there is no shortage of activities at George Rogers Park.

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Mary S. Young Park

Located on Highway 43 in West Linn, Mary S. Young Park offers great trails and views to anyone who should happen to visit. Not just for those who like to take strolls along well kept paths, there is a large area for those with big dogs.

"This is a great place for dogs to socialize, and the West Linn cops aren't too pushy," said Judy Bolon, who has brought her two golden retrievers to the park for exercise for years.

Her dogs are able to run around in an area larger than a football field. There are even shaded benches for those people who can't take the heat of summer or the rain of the rest of the year.

Near the park entrance are three baseball diamonds on a lower terrace that also double as soccer fields. Above the first terrace are two other fields worthy of touch football games.

Around the rest of the park are winding paths. One path leads to a deck-

like walkway that stretches over a creek and up a hill side. Forgotten trails lead to clearings that offer spectacular views of the Willamette River and the boats trolling along.

This place is perfect for a relaxing day or to bring the family. Even without the sun showing its face, the park has much to offer. From trees to climb and trails to hike to dog exercise areas and athletic fields, this park is definitely worth your time of day.