

# Walking through Warrenton

Airport Dike Trail is enjoyable year-round

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James Cook and his brother's dog, "Trask," begin their walk along the Airport Dike Trail on a cold, sunny day.

While Trask enjoys a run, Cook enjoys

seeing the Astoria Regional Airport.

"It's fun to see the Coast Guard helicopter come and go," Cook said.

Down the trail, Joe and Lizzy, first-time trail visitors, explore the area with their dog, "Millie." The couple enjoy watching waterfowl while avoiding some of the mud-

dier local hikes.

The flat, wide, grassy Airport Dike Trail in Warrenton is frequented by hikers, dog walkers, birdwatchers, cyclists and aircraft enthusiasts.

The trail, which is part of the larger Warrenton Waterfront Trail System, is located

just off U.S. Highway 101, with a small parking lot near the west end of the Lewis and Clark River Bridge. A large sign display with detailed history of the Old Youngs Bay Bridge is near the parking area.

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TOP: The Airport Dike Trail. ABOVE LEFT: A placard features local history at the start of the trail. ABOVE RIGHT: 'Millie,' a new resident of Warrenton, plays fetch with her owners.

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