

Welcome to Shotgun Creek



Shotgun Creek Recreation Site is located 24 miles northeast of Eugene, in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. Twenty acres of this day-use recreation site are developed; 260 acres retain the natural characteristics typical of this region.

Douglas fir is the dominant tree species of this temperate coniferous rain forest. Along the banks of Shotgun Creek, red alder, willow and black poplar are common.

Beneath the evergreen and deciduous tree canopy grows a dense understory layer of rhododendron, vine maple, Pacific dogwood, salal, Oregon grape, western hazelnut and swordfern. At ground level, a variety of wildflowers including: oxalis, blue flowered iris, wild ginger, magenta wild pea, white-flowered trillium and small mauve orchids called lady's slippers may be found.

The earliest human inhabitants of the area were people known as the Kalapuya. The Kalapuya camped near major water sources and ranged throughout the area in summer and fall, gathering camas bulbs, nuts and berries for storage. The first white settlers came to the Willamette and tributary

valleys in the 1840s. Jason Spores, one of these early settlers, named the nearby valley "Mohawk," because it reminded him of his birthplace in New York State.

With the construction of the railroads in the 1870s, logging overtook agriculture as the area's dominant industry. In 1880, the first water-powered sawmill was built on Shotgun Creek. The logging industry has evolved from its early, colorful days of river drives, bull teams, skid roads and loggers known as "timber rats" who cut the big trees with handsaws they called "misery whips."

Since its formation in 1946, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has administered this recreation site and manages the Oregon and California (O&C) Lands in western Oregon. More than two million acres of former railroad grant lands are managed by the BLM for sustained yield timber production, as well as watershed protection, recreation, wildlife habitat and other renewable and nonrenewable resources.



Amelanchier florida
(Service Berry)

Shotgun Creek

Recreation Site

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Vehicles and Parking

No overnight parking. Vehicles are permitted on park roads and designated parking areas only.

Pets

Oregon law requires that pets must be leashed and under control of the owner at all times.

Fires

Firewood is provided at no cost and located at designated sites in the park. Confine open fires to fireplaces and grills only. Grates are provided for charcoal use only. Never leave fires unattended.

Camping

Day use only.
No overnight camping.



Trillium ovatum
(Trillium)

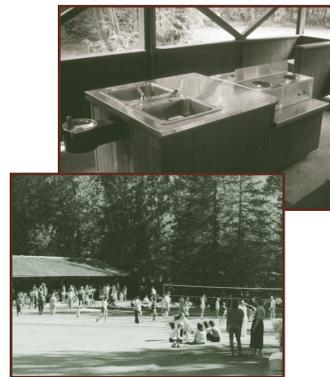
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Shelters

GROUP SHELTERS MAY BE RESERVED FOR DAY USE ONLY.

There are two group shelters and each is equipped with fireplace, lights, electric stoves, sinks with potable water and picnic tables that will accommodate up to 112 people.



Trail Map

Trail Lengths

Shotgun Creek Trail Loop	2.36 Miles
Tiki Trail Loop	1.33 Miles
B.S.A. Trail	2.11 Miles
Loop A-B	0.21 Miles
Trail A	0.10 Miles
Trail B	0.11 Miles
Trail C	0.21 Miles

- * Information Kiosk
- Picnic Site
- R Restrooms

Maps not drawn to scale

Directions and Vicinity Map



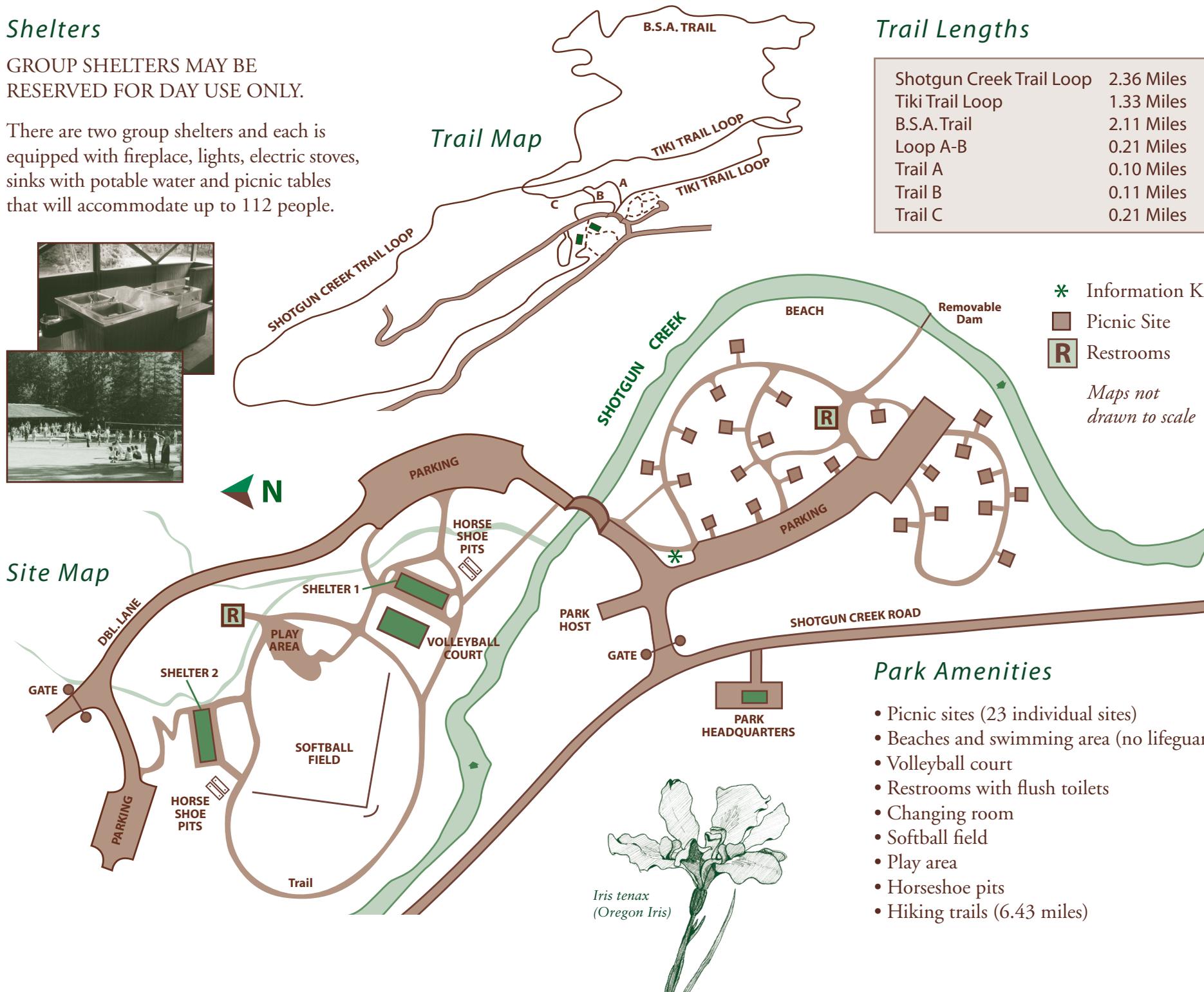
From the North

Take Interstate 5 South. Exit at State Highway 228. Take the Bush Creek Road just east of Crawfordsville. Follow signs to Marcola. Just past the community of Mabel turn right onto Shotgun Creek Road. Follow Shotgun Creek Road approximately 1.5 miles. The recreation site is located on the right side of the road.

From the South

Take Interstate 5 North. Exit I-105 in Springfield at the 42nd Street exit and follow the signs to Marcola. Follow the Marcola Road for about three miles until it intersects the Shotgun Creek Road (first paved road on the left). Follow Shotgun Creek Road approximately 1.5 miles. The recreation site is located on the right side of the road.

Site Map



Park Amenities

- Picnic sites (23 individual sites)
- Beaches and swimming area (no lifeguard)
- Volleyball court
- Restrooms with flush toilets
- Changing room
- Softball field
- Play area
- Horseshoe pits
- Hiking trails (6.43 miles)



Iris tenax (Oregon Iris)