

Hoyt Arboretum

Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial Hike



This Scout hike is located in the Washington Park area of Portland and encompassed trails beginning at the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial and winding through Hoyt Arboretum with a visit to the Japanese Gardens. The Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial at the beginning of the trail is modeled after the National Memorial in Washington D.C. listing the names of servicemen from Oregon by year that were killed or deemed missing in action. Some of those killed and missing were only a few years older than the boys in your troop and will provide a memorable start for your scouts.

The Hoyt Arboretum contains over 1000 species of trees and shrubs that are labeled and displayed on its 175 acre site. Your scouts should be able to increase their knowledge of plant identification and fulfill the plant identification requirement for First Class Scout. The Arboretum contains 21 hiking trails with over 12 miles winding through Portland's west hills. 10 miles need to be hiked to earn the medal and patch. This can be a great first hike for your new scouts, they can put on their backpacks and load up their gear for a shake down hike learning about what to bring and how to pack their packs for backpack trips. You will be close to your start point throughout most of the hike should any problems occur where you need to have a Scout shed his pack.

The Japanese Gardens are on the trail route and can be toured at your option. Designed in 1963 by Professor P. Takuma Tono, an internationally renowned authority on Japanese Landscaping, Five traditional gardens, an authentic Japanese Tea House and a pavilion combine to recapture the mood of ancient Japan. Covering five and one half acres is The Flat Garden (Hira-niwa), Strolling Pond Garden (Chisen-Kaiyui-Shiki), Tea Garden (Roji-niwa), Natural Garden (Shukeiyen) and the sand and stone garden (Seki-Tei). The Japanese Garden is open daily including Sunday. Hours vary by season so call ahead or pick up a brochure. Admission is charged.

Guided Arboretum tours are offered every Saturday and Sunday leaving the visitor center at 2:00 PM. The Arboretum grounds are open during the daylight hours .

Hoyt Arboretum/Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Hike Registration & Award Order Form

(complete form and mail in photocopy)

The Hoyt Arboretum Trail awards have been approved by the Cascade Pacific Council for wear on the official uniform under clause 11 of the "Official Uniform Rules and Regulations." The trail medal can be one of five pinned in a single row above the left pocket (see page 44, "wearing medals and embroidered knots", in the insignia guide). The patches can be worn on any "temporary patch" location (on right hand pocket or back of merit badge sash or on red scout shirt jac)

Sign me up for the hike,
 Unit # ___ District _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Phone _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 We plan to have _____ Scouts
 hiking the trail on (date) _____

___ Scouts would like a medal and patch _____
 \$10.00/set (includes registration fee)
 ___ Scouts would like a patch only _____
 \$5.00 (includes registration)
 ___ Sample medal and patch \$12.00 _____
 must be ordered by scoutmaster
 (price includes \$2.00 for packing
 and postage)
 Total _____

Please enclose the correct amount with each order and I'll mail your awards as soon as I receive your order or I'll call you if anything will backorder.

Telephone or email for free a map of the hike or with any questions: jimbrossard@yahoo.com

Sincerely,

Jim Brossard Phone 625-6892

Make Checks Payable to and return form to...
 Jim Brossard, Historic Trail Coordinator
 14731 S.W. Willamette
 Sherwood, Oregon 97140

