CHEASTY GREENSPACE AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Cheasty Greenspace is a contiguous 43-acre forest that stretches for 1.5 miles north-south along the eastern slopes of Beacon Hill, and is part of Seattle's urban forest. If you look up, you can see big leaf maple, red alder or black cottonwood. If you look down, you'll see hazelnut, snowberry, low Oregon grape, newly planted cedar and Douglas fir trees along with invasive English ivy and Himalayan blackberry. Cheasty Greenspace is managed by Green Seattle Partnership, a collaborative between Forterra and the City of Seattle, supported by local nonprofits, businesses, schools, volunteers and neighborhood stewardship groups.











LOCATION:

4701 Mountain View Drive South Seattle, WA 98108

PARKING:

There is street parking in the surrounding neighborhoods.

1. Trailhead Kiosk

Our tour begins here on Mt. View Drive. Check out the kiosk information and start heading up the stairs to explore the park.

2. Meeting Spot

Just 100 feet away from the trailhead is this idyllic meeting place that has been transformed through the work of volunteers and Parks trails program. This is a great place to sit and listen to birds, observe lush native plants, and maybe meet up with a friend for a walk in the woods.

3. Green Loop

All throughout this trail loop you will find trees, shrubs, and groundcovers planted over the last decade or so by community volunteers. You might even spot a Western red-cedar that was planted by volunteers around 2014.

4. Ivy Location

Looking to the south from the meeting location, you will see what this forest used to look like - full of aggressive English ivy, climbing up trees and smothering any native plants present. Compare that with how the forest looks in Cheasty Mountain view, with a diverse range of plants and animals. If you look hard enough, you might just find the 6 inch thick ivy trunk cut off a tree 10 years ago, now growing with moss, reminding us of what ivy has the potential to do to our forests.

5. Top of the Hill

See the amazing view of what successful urban forest restoration looks like with strong community involvement.

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