

PORTLAND'S
MUNICIPAL

Fountains

2013 EDITION

A Self-Guided Tour

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Other fountains within Portland maintained by Portland Parks & Recreation:

- **A Fountain for a Rose (O' Bryant Square)**
SW Park Avenue & Washington Street
- **Beverly Cleary Sculpture Garden for Children (Grant Park)** NE 33rd Avenue & Brazee
- **Holladay Park Fountain**
NE 11th Avenue & Multnomah Street
- **The Rose Petal (Stark Street Island Park)**
SE 106th Avenue & Stark Street
- **McCoy Park Fountain**
N. Trenton Street & Newman Avenue
- **Peninsula Park Rose Garden Fountain**
N. Albina Street & Ainsworth Street
- **Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial (Washington Park)** 4000 SW Canyon Rd.
- **Water Sculpture (Washington Park International Rose Test Garden)** 400 SW Kingston Ave

**LOOK BUT
DON'T DRINK**

The water in the decorative fountains is not for drinking.



Animals in Pools Fountains

Portland's parks, public places, natural areas, and recreational opportunities give life and beauty to our city. These essential assets connect people to place, self, and others. Portland's residents treasure and care for this legacy, building on the past to provide for future generations.

For more information on Portland's municipal fountains, visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/fountains



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PORTLAND'S MUNICIPAL FOUNTAINS



Jamison Square Fountain

Portland Parks & Recreation maintains some beautiful fountains throughout Portland. The largest concentration of fountains lies within the downtown area.

Take an opportunity to discover and explore downtown Portland and her treasure chest of unique artwork — Portland's fountains.

Unlock their secrets as you wind your way through this bustling area of the city on a 2.6-mile, self-guided tour.



Ira Keller Fountain

Maintenance

Maintaining these fountains is no small feat. Portland Parks & Recreation employs one full-time "fountain man" who spends his days ensuring that Portland's fountains are in working order, safe for public enjoyment and running efficiently. The bureau turns the fountains off for the cold weather months to prevent water from blowing or freezing on surfaces. This down time also provides an opportunity for maintenance and repair projects.



Deamer Fountain



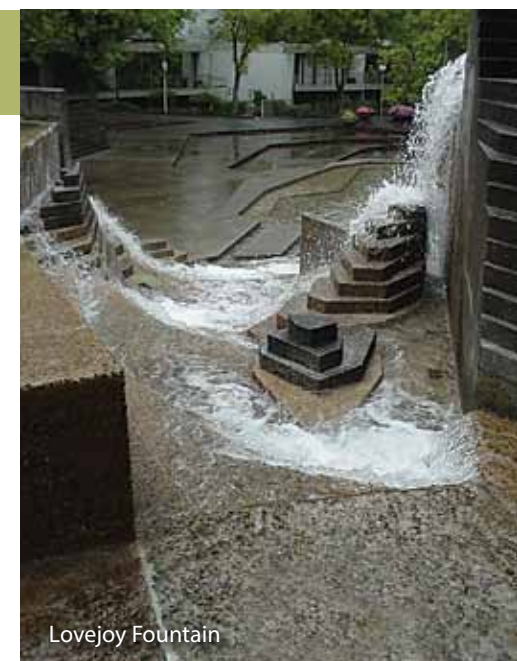
Shemanski Fountain
or "Rebecca at the Well"

Efficiency

Most of Portland's decorative fountains recirculate water to minimize water use and run-off. The bureau has installed meters to gauge water use and electrical consumption.

Health and Safety

The health and safety of Portland's fountains is a top priority for Portland Parks & Recreation. The bureau cleans fountains regularly, monitors operations and chlorinates the interactive fountains to the level of a swimming pool.



Lovejoy Fountain

PORTLAND'S INTERACTIVE FOUNTAINS:

- **Salmon Street Springs Fountain**
Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park
- **McCoy Fountain**
N. Trenton Street & Newman Avenue
- **Holladay Park Fountain**
NE 11th Avenue & Multnomah Street
- **Jamison Square Fountain**
810 NW 11th Avenue
- **Bill Naito Legacy Fountain**
Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park
- **Teachers Fountain at Director Park**
SW Yamhill Street & Park Avenue

Fountain users should be aware that the water in these fountains is not suitable for drinking. Also, please use caution when walking near pools of water or on slippery surfaces.

Aesthetics

Portland Parks & Recreation works with the Regional Arts & Culture Council to maintain aesthetics at each fountain. Sculptures undergo restoration when needed in order to present the art as originally intended.

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Salmon Street Springs

PORTLAND FOUNTAINS WALKING TOUR

1. Animals in Pools Fountains

SW Yamhill & Morrison streets between 5th & 6th Avenues
1986 • Georgia Gerber • bronze, concrete

Eleven "pools" feature sculptures of animals native to Oregon. Sea lions, beavers, bears, river otters, ducks and deer line Morrison and Yamhill streets. Sculptor Georgia Gerber wanted to offer "a sense of the wild in the midst of a busy city."



2. Pioneer Courthouse Square Fountain

SW Broadway Avenue & Yamhill Street
1983 • Will Martin

In 1849, Elijah Hill bought this block of downtown Portland for \$24 and a pair of boots.

The fountain, which features imported tile, is a major part of Portland's "living room." Look for designer Will Martin's bronze hat at the top of the fountain.



3. Teachers Fountain

Simon & Helen Director Park, 815 SW Park Avenue
2010 • concrete

Teachers Fountain is located in Simon and Helen Director Park. The park and its components, which include the fountain, were built, in part, with donations from Jordan Schnitzer and the Tom Moyer family.

While in operation, the fountain gently bubbles and reflects the artful light display "Mercurial Sky Dance" by Dan Corson. It is encircled by hand-crafted wood benches.



4. Shemanski Fountain (Rebecca at the Well)

South Park Blocks between SW Salmon & Main streets
1926 • Oliver Barrett (stone) and Carl Linde (bronze)



Joseph Shemanski, the fountain's namesake, was a Polish immigrant who commissioned this fountain as a gesture of appreciation for the people of Portland who had so warmly welcomed him. His compassion for animals inspired the three pet-level drinking fountains. There are also three human-level fountains. Two years after the initial fountain was erected, Shemanski commissioned the sculpture of Rebecca at the Well, which reflects the biblical tale of Abraham's discovery of a bride for Isaac when he saw Rebecca

drawing water for camels. Abraham chose Rebecca for Isaac because of her kindness and service. The water is suitable for drinking at this fountain.

5. Chimney Fountain

North of SW Lincoln Street between 3rd & 4th Avenues
1968 • brick

The southernmost of downtown fountains, this small structure was erected as part of the South Auditorium Project, the Portland Development Commission's first urban renewal project. The Chimney Fountain gives the illusion that water is flowing between the bricks, as smoke might seep through a chimney.



6. Lovejoy Fountain

Lovejoy Fountain Park, SW 3rd Avenue, between Lincoln & Harrison streets • 1968 • Lawrence Halprin • concrete, brick

In an 1843 contest with Francis Pettygrove, Asa Lovejoy, this fountain's namesake, lost two out of three coin tosses and thus the right to name our city after his hometown of Boston. Lovejoy and Pettygrove flipped the coin a second time to determine which of two neighboring parks would be named Lovejoy and which would be named Pettygrove. This beautiful fountain was built in Lovejoy's park and took on his name.



7. Dreamer Fountain

Pettygrove Park, SW 3rd Avenue between Market & Harrison streets • 1979 • Manuel Izquierdo • Muntz bronze



Located in Pettygrove Park, Manuel Izquierdo's design of a reclining woman is made from surplus navy bronze that he bought and cleaned. Izquierdo said, "The Dreamer speaks of hope, of beauty and serenity, of love, and

for a better life in our midst." Izquierdo filled the sculpture with foam so that falling rain would make a gentle sound like a kettledrum instead of ringing hollow. Izquierdo is professor emeritus at the Pacific Northwest College of Art.

8. Ira Keller Fountain

Keller Fountain Park, SW 3rd & 4th Avenues between Market & Clay streets • 1971 • Lawrence Halprin

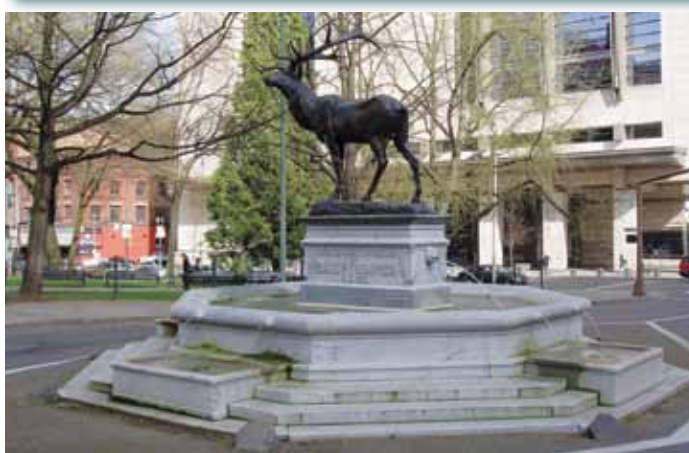
Designed to mimic the majestic waterfalls of Oregon's Cascade Mountains, the Ira Keller Fountain is truly one of Portland's best known landmarks. Formerly named Forecourt Fountain, it was renamed in 1978 in honor of the first chairman of the Portland Development Commission, Ira Keller, who had a major influence on the rehabilitation of the area.

Residents and visitors alike flock to this series of waterfalls and pools which occupy nearly a full acre in downtown Portland's busiest business district.



9. Elk Fountain

SW Main between 3rd & 4th Avenues
1900 • Roland Perry (bronze) and H.G. Wright (stone)



Inspired by the Skidmore Fountain, former mayor David Thompson, president of the Oregon Humane Society, donated the money for this fountain as a trough for horses and dogs, and as a reminder of the elk that once lived in the West Hills and used the neighborhood as a feeding ground. Shortly after the statue was erected, a local artist offered to wire the antlers with electric light bulbs for \$30. The offer was declined.

10. Salmon Street Springs Fountain

Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park, SW Salmon Street & Naito Parkway • 1978 • Robert Perron • concrete

The Salmon Street Springs Fountain is one of Portland's most iconic fountains, majestically spouting water in an array of designs and speeds. A computer changes the pattern of the water display every 20 minutes. At full capacity the fountain recycles 4,924 gallons of water per minute through as many as 137 jets at one time. Taking its name from the winner of a city-wide naming contest, the fountain has become one of Portland's most popular summer hangouts.



11. Bill Naito Legacy Fountain

Waterfront Park, SW Naito Parkway and the Willamette River & W. Burnside Bridge & SW Ash Street • 2009



The Bill Naito Legacy Fountain is intended to honor the late Portland businessman and civic contributor of the same name. This fountain includes two interactive water features within the park, the Upper and Lower Plaza fountains. The

Upper Plaza is the interactive fountain area under the canopy with playful water spouts emerging from decorative pavers. The Lower Plaza is the pool area to the south of the canopy with dancing water jets.

This fountain and park include a sprawling pavilion that houses Portland's Saturday Market on the weekends at which time portions of the fountain are turned off.

12. Skidmore Fountain

Ankeny Plaza, SW 1st Avenue between W. Burnside & Ankeny streets • 1888 • Olin Warner • bronze, granite

This fountain, Portland's oldest commissioned public art, stands at what was once the city center. Druggist Stephen Skidmore left \$5,000 in his will so that "horses, men, and dogs" could have a cold drink. New York critics lamented that the sculpture was in Portland instead of decorating Central Park.



13. Car Wash Fountain

SW 5th Avenue & Ankeny Street
1977 • Carter, Hull, Nishita, McCulley & Baxter • steel

This uniquely shaped fountain never washed cars, but the name seems appropriate given its similarity to a car wash. As a precaution for passing pedestrians, a wind gauge shuts off the pumps if the wind speed exceeds 2 miles per hour.



14. Lee Kelly Fountain

SW 6th Avenue & Pine Street
1977 • Lee Kelly • stainless steel



Oregon artist Lee Kelly won an international competition to design this sculpture named "Untitled." Kelly has designed several other sculptures in Portland and throughout the Pacific Northwest. In this work, water flows over several 20-foot-tall steel structures.

OPTIONAL TOUR EXTENSION:

15. Jamison Square Fountain (not on map)

810 NW 11th Avenue (Jamison Square) • 2002

If you're feeling extra energetic, head over to Jamison Square Fountain. Just across West Burnside and into the Pearl District, Jamison Square has quickly become one of the city's most popular hot-weather hot spots. Poised as the centerpiece of Jamison Square, the fountain's wading pool offers cool relief to kids and adults all summer long. It was named in honor of William Jamison, an early advocate of Pearl District development. Somewhat like Oregon's coast, water cascades into shallow pools where it ebbs and flows like the tide.

