

# Kelsey Creek Park Trails

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1.5 Miles

No matter what time of year, a walk along the Kelsey Creek Park trails is truly a forest experience for the senses. In the summer the sounds of songbirds mix with the babbling of Kelsey Creek, creating a relaxing background rhythm. In the spring whiffs of skunk cabbage mingle with the sweet smell of maple trees in bloom. In the fall varied species of deciduous trees create a mosaic of color as leaves change. Winter brings a quieter, sleepier feel making this a great place to hike on a sunny winter's day.

Although the park is nestled in the heart of well-developed neighborhoods, it feels like an isolated country woods experience. One might get the impression of time travel as you move from the modern day reality of the parking lot to the rural, pastoral feel of the early 1900's (when the farm was built).

The trail loops along the edge of a bowl-shaped wetland which is part of the flood plain of Kelsey Creek. The moist environment creates perfect habitat for a variety of wildlife species. You are likely to see winter wrens, rufous-sided towhees and maybe an occasional fox.

The .9-mile gravel loop around the farm, pastures and open spaces is ideal for jogging, walking or bicycling. This trail is enjoyed by people of all ages year-round.

