

Portland Peninsula Park and 4 Neighborhoods

This 2.6-mile loop begins at a landmark Multnomah County library, and passes through Piedmont, a beautiful streetcar-era neighborhood, before heading back along Interstate Avenue and the busy scene at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus.

Begin at the North Portland Library, N Killingsworth Street and Commercial Avenue. Cross Killingsworth and head north on Commercial. Turn left at Jessup and right at Kerby. Cross Ainsworth at the pedestrian crossing and enter Peninsula Park. From the sunken rose gardens, walk north along the gravel path that becomes paved toward the community center.

Leave the park at its northwest corner, Albina and Rosa Parks Way. Cross Rosa Parks Way at the light and turn right. In one block, turn left onto Borthwick; north of Dekum, pass the redevelopment of the former Villa St. Rose, once a Catholic convent and girls school, now an award-winning housing development.

From Borthwick turn left on Bryant and continue west to the wall for I-5. Turn left on a path and then right to cross the freeway on a pedestrian bridge. Once across, turn left on a frontage path and then right on Saratoga. Walk west to Interstate Avenue and turn left, walking 12 blocks to Killingsworth (or take the MAX from the Rosa Parks Way station to the Killingsworth station). Turn left on Killingsworth, walking east on its north side. At Albina, cross to the south side of Killingsworth and walk to the starting point.

2.6 miles

5548 steps

difficulty

45.562, -122.671

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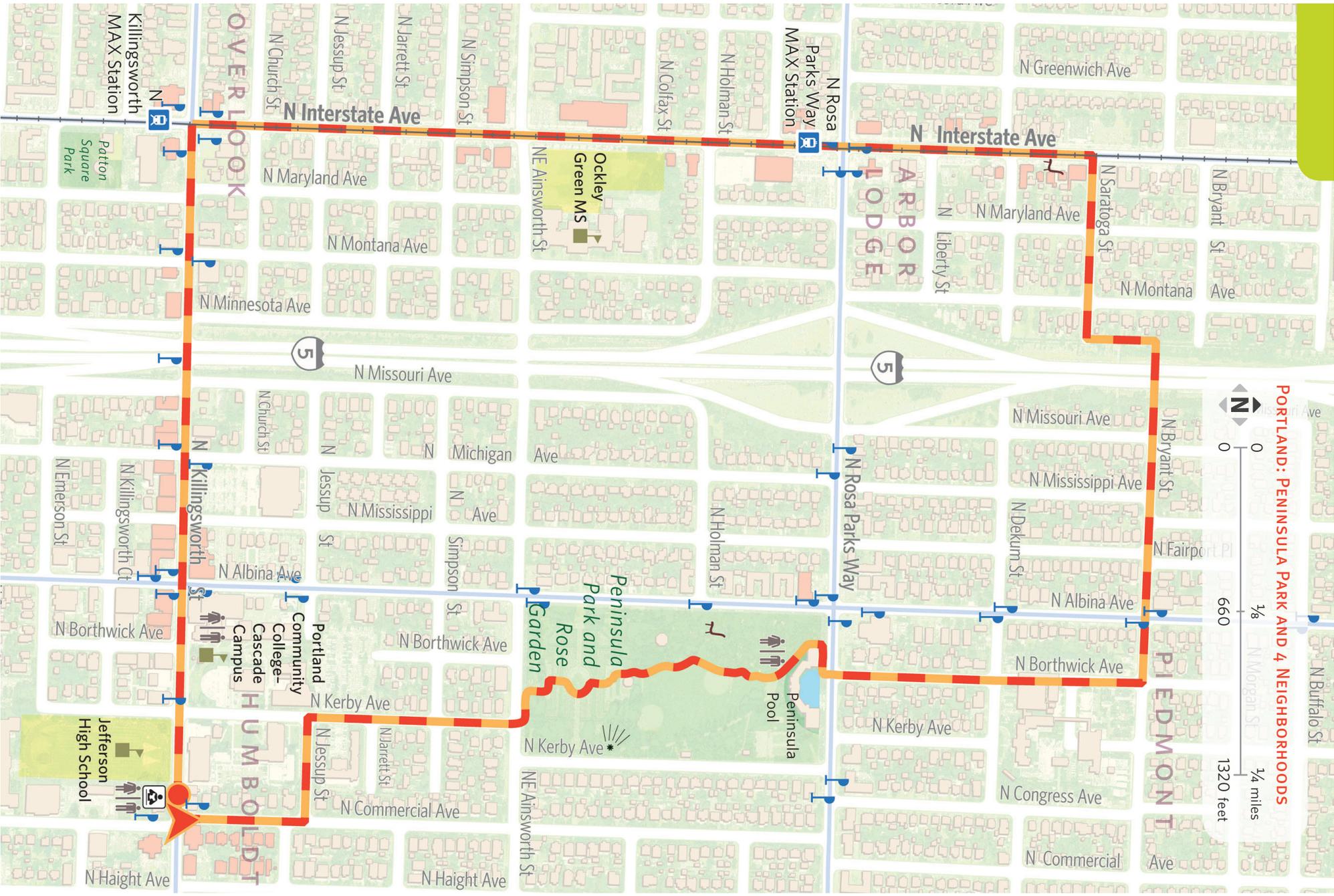
Peninsula Park

Peninsula Park's land was once owned by a local businesswoman known as Liverpool Liz who operated a roadhouse and horse racetrack. The park, completed in 1913, retains many of its original features, including a community center (the city's oldest), lantern-style streetlights, stone pillars, brickwork and the nearly century old fountain in the center of the rose garden. The 2-acre garden, the only sunken rose garden in Oregon, is formally planted with 8,900 roses. The official Portland rose, Mme. Caroline Testout, is here, a rose once planted by the thousands along city streets. The octagonal bandstand overlooking the rose garden was constructed in 1913. It is now on the National Register of Historic Places; in World War I, patriotic demonstrations were held there; today it is the scene of summer weddings and concerts.



Mme. Caroline Testout, the official Portland rose





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