

TAKE A TRIP THROUGH HISTORIC HOCKINSON!

Below are some local historic locations, geographic features, and points-of-interest:

ALDERBROOK PARK.....U11

This 63-acre park, which features an array of outdoor activities, opened in the 1960s. It is the home site for the Hockinson HS Cross Country Teams.

BATTLE GROUND.....E6

This community was originally nicknamed “Strong’s Battle Ground” for an 1855 encounter involving Captain Strong and Chief Umtuch.

BATTLE GROUND LAKE.....L2

This lake and state park used to be the site of a resort that featured a dance hall and roller coaster early in the 1900s. The State of Washington purchased the park from the Dollar (Dollar’s Corner) family in 1966.

BATTLE GROUND HIGH SCHOOL.....F6

Before Hockinson had a high school of its own, local students completed their secondary education at Battle Ground High School. The school was established in 1910. Its original mascot was the Cheesemaker.

BERRY FARMS.....M11

182nd Ave leads to a prolific Blueberry Corridor that includes Prairie, Majestic, Grandma Dixie’s, and Mattila’s Farms.

BLACKSMITH SHOP.....M15

Located near where Hockinson Auto Works now stands was another early 1900s landmark: Charles Sandberg’s Blacksmith Shop.

BRUSH PRAIRIE.....E16

Named for a brushy marsh located west of Hockinson, two of Brush Prairie’s historic landmarks are the General Store (ca. 1900) and Baptist Church (ca. 1860s).

CAMP BONNEVILLE.....X27

Though 7 miles away, soldiers stationed at Camp Bonneville marched through the country roads of Hockinson as part of their training. This former United States Army post was used as a rifle range and weapons training facility

CEDARS NEIGHBORHOOD.....I12

This area takes its name from the nearby Cedars Golf Course, which was built in 1975 and is presently the home course for the Hockinson HS Golf Teams.

CHELATCHIE PRAIRIE RAILROAD.....H12

The timber salvage that occurred following the Yacolt Burn gave new life to this rail line that was started in 1887 to link Vancouver to Yakima. The railroad is now owned by Clark County, running north-east through the county.

CHINA DITCH.....K20

(aka Eureka Ditch and Big Ditch Creek)
In 1893, a work crew of about 100 Chinese laborers excavated this ditch using only shovels and buckets. A year later, “China Ditch” helped to transform swampy wetlands along 172nd Ave. into fertile farmland.

DUBLIN.....G1

What the Finns were to Hockinson and the Swedes to Venersborg, so were the Irish to Dublin just north of Battle Ground. About all that remains now of this community are the Sacred Heart Cemetery and Dublin Road.

ELIM.....G14

This area between Hockinson and Brush Prairie was named by devout Finnish Lutherans in honor of a biblical village on the route of the Israelites’ exodus. A number of Finns are buried at the Elim Cemetery, dating back to 1907.

ELKHORN MOUNTAIN.....Y14

Disease and settlement displaced both the local Native Americans as well as the game that grazed on the open plains. A number of elk horns, discovered near Elkhorn Mountain (elev. 2,228 ft.), indicated that elk herds had moved to higher elevations.

EUREKA SCHOOL.....L14

Eureka School opened its doors in 1873. It was located on the NW corner of 159th St and 182nd Avenue near the former Hockinson Middle School.

FIFTH PLAIN.....M22

Also named “Campbell’s Corner,” Fifth Plain was named for being the fifth prairie away from Fort Vancouver. That name survives today in Fifth Plain Creek near NE Davis Rd.

FIFTH PLAIN SCHOOL.....N22

This K-8 school was located at the corner of NE Davis Road and 192nd Ave. It consolidated into the Hockinson School District in the 1920s.

FINN HALL.....N14

The sign that hung above the entrance designated this 1931 building as the “UFKB & S Meeting Hall”—a lodge for members of the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters. But for generations of Hockinson residents it has gone by a more simple moniker: Finn Hall.

FINN HILL.....N12

An area to the east of Hockinson named for the large number of Finnish immigrants who settled there. It is also the site of another historic Finnish cemetery.

FIVE CORNERS.....B27

Four roads converged at the intersection of Covington Road and 76th, 92nd, and 94th Avenues creating five corners. 94th has since been closed.

FLATWOODS.....C12

A huge forested area between Brush Prairie and then-Union Ridge (Ridgefield) that was covered with fir, ash, alder, cedar, and maple trees.

GRAVELLY POINT.....K12

This gravel pit located at 167th Ave and 172nd St went by many other names including “Hard Scrabble,” which speaks to the challenge of farming on a gravel deposit.

HOCKINSON.....M14

Originally called “Eureka” by Finnish settlers, Hockinson’s name changed when the town applied for a post office. There was already a post office named Eureka in Washington, so the name was changed to Hockinson in honor of the area’s first postmaster, Ambrosius Hakanson, in the 1880s.

HOCKINSON CREAMERY N15

This creamery was only one of five that still operated in the area in the early 1900s. Still, Clark County was one of the top cheese producing counties in the state.

HOCKINSON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL O13

The largest and oldest school (est. 1968) in the Hockinson School District serves its youngest learners. Nearly 900 students K-5 students attend HHES. Its mascot is the Hornet.

HOCKINSON HIGH SCHOOL K15

Hockinson's first-ever high school opened in 2003. Over 600 students attend HHS. Its mascot, the Hawk, is named after the hawks that live near the fields of Hockinson and Brush Prairie.

HOCKINSON MARKET L15

The market, built in 1928, originally housed the Hockinson Co-op Association of local dairy farmers. This corner was also the site of the area's first post office.

HOCKINSON MIDDLE SCHOOL L13

This school, rebuilt in 2017, serves over 500 students grades 6-8. Its mascot is also the Hornet!

HOCKINSON MEADOWS K21

This public park was developed in 2008. The Kane Memorial Dog Park was added 5 years later. A disc golf course is being added in Summer of 2020.

HOCKINSON WAR MEMORIAL L14

This structure was built to honor former Hockinson School District students who died in World War II and the Vietnam War. It was dedicated in March 1973.

LARCH MOUNTAIN. 10 miles E of map

At an elevation of 3,480 feet, it is the highest free-standing peak in Clark County. It is named for the Larch trees that covered it prior to the Yacolt Burn of 1902.

MESACHE R10

Before becoming a General in the Civil War, George McClellan was an engineer in the U.S. Army. In 1853, his expedition traveled from Vancouver to Yakima over the Klickitat Trail to determine if the pass was a viable route for a railroad line from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean. Their fourth campsite near Venersborg was named Mesache, Chinook for "bad."

MORGAN CREEK M15

Located near 182nd Ave and 159th St, this creek is named for Lewis and B. Morgan, who built one of Hockinson's first homes here in 1888.

NATURESCAPING WILDLIFE BOTANICAL GARDENS D15

These themed gardens, located at 117th Ave and 49th St, demonstrate gardening concepts that attract birds, butterflies, hummingbirds and other wildlife to residential gardens.

ORCHARDS H23

Just west of the district boundary line off of NE 162nd Ave lies Orchards, which was originally called Fourth Plain. The residents wanted a unique name, so in 1904 they named the area "Orchards" in honor of the area's large tracts of fruit trees.

PADDEN PARKWAY A25-K25

This road, built in stages from 1993 to 2003, was named in honor of James Padden, a prominent Vancouver businessman and civic leader.

PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL D21

Prairie High School was built in 1979 and was one of the primary high schools attended by Hockinson students before Hockinson High School opened in 2003.

PROEBSTEL T29

Jacob Proebstel and his wife left Germany and settled in Clark County, where they raised seven children. Those children settled in and around the family home on Fourth Plain. The community of Proebstel takes its name from that family.

PRUNE ORCHARDS Q12

In the early 1900s, Clark County was regarded as "The Prune Capital of the World." Demand decreased during WWI, as did this area's number of prune orchards.

SALMON-MORGAN CREEKS NATURAL AREA J10

This 81-acre preserve features 1½ miles of soft surface trails that are open to foot traffic. It contains large stands of fir, western red cedar and hemlock.

SIM SIK M22

The Chinook called Fifth Plain "Sim Sik." This area, located just east of China Ditch, was also the third campsite of General McClellan's expedition over the Klickitat Pass.

TUKES MOUNTAIN J5

This 620 ft. mountain was named for John Tuke, who settled just north of Hockinson and ran a logging operation with his sons.

VELVET ACRES N25

This area was named for the 80-acre Velvet Acres Dairy Farm, which started in the late 1960s. Velvet Acres is now known for its u-pick produce and pumpkin patch.

VENERSBORG O5


Its name means "A friendly place." The Swedish Land and Colonization Company advertised across Scandinavia promising settlers cleared farmland. They instead found burnt forests. Its school, established in 1912, merged into the Battle Ground School District in 1933.

WARD ROAD J25

Named for W.A. "Al" Ward, who was an early homesteader in Brush Prairie and served on the Hockinson School Board.

YACOLT BURN V18

A massive and destructive forest fire that began at the Wind River in Skamania County and was fueled by the east winds through Clark County.



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