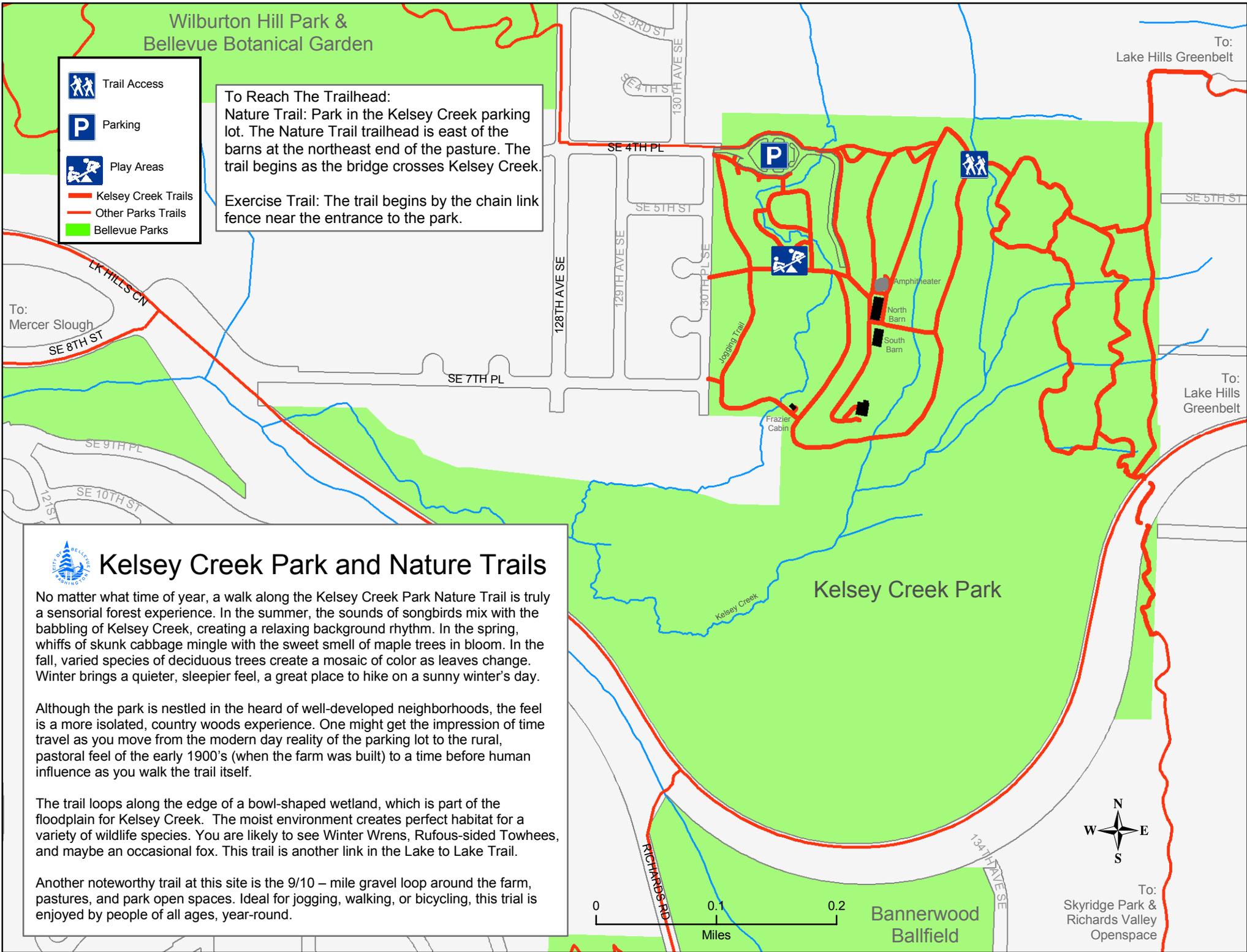


Wilburton Hill Park & Bellevue Botanical Garden

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To Reach The Trailhead:
Nature Trail: Park in the Kelsey Creek parking lot. The Nature Trail trailhead is east of the barns at the northeast end of the pasture. The trail begins as the bridge crosses Kelsey Creek.
Exercise Trail: The trail begins by the chain link fence near the entrance to the park.



Kelsey Creek Park and Nature Trails

No matter what time of year, a walk along the Kelsey Creek Park Nature Trail is truly a sensorial forest experience. 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, a great place to hike on a sunny winter's day.

Although the park is nestled in the heart of well-developed neighborhoods, the feel is a more 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) to a time before human influence as you walk the trail itself.

The trail loops along the edge of a bowl-shaped wetland, which is part of the floodplain for 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. This trail is another link in the Lake to Lake Trail.

Another noteworthy trail at this site is the 9/10 - mile gravel loop around the farm, pastures, and park open spaces. Ideal for jogging, walking, or bicycling, this trail is enjoyed by people of all ages, year-round.

