

# Downtown Fountains . . . north and south hikes, 8/30 and 9/9



**The hike so nice we'll do it twice!** Well, we'll do it in two halves over two weeks.

It's summertime, the sun is (mostly) shining, and the city's fountains are (mostly) flowing. On Aug. 30 and Sep. 9 we'll explore Portland's downtown waterworks! We'll hike past north

downtown fountains on Wednesday morning Aug. 30; then on Saturday morning, Sep. 9 we'll pick up where we left off with the south downtown fountains. And if it's a hot day and you want to run through a fountain, I'll never tell!

Note that these are interpretive hikes led by Ken Kane. Allot three hours for each hike.

Chances are you'll see something new and learn something you didn't know. If you like a little education with your exercise, join us. If you are looking to make time and distance, then these are not the hikes for you. We'll be on

sidewalks, not trails. These are urban hikes. You will encounter many traffic lights, hustle and bustle, downtown public bathrooms, and street people. Sturdy sneakers should suffice, though hiking boots are great, too. We'll ascend and descend easy hills.

**THE NORTH HIKE: Wed., Aug. 30. We'll leave at 9:30am from the southeast corner of NW Lovejoy and 22<sup>nd</sup>.** There is free 4-hour parking WEST of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the neighborhood. Or you can pay \$2/hour for a minimum of three hours at meters a little

closer to the starting point. The Portland NS Streetcar also stops right at our starting point. Restrooms will be encountered along the route, but there is a Starbucks and a Chevron gas station near our starting point if you wish (continued)





to go *before* the 9:30am starting time.

We'll cover 4.3 miles on this loop hike to the downtown riverfront and back. We'll pass seven fountains and several Portland landmarks. We'll stop briefly at most of them and learn a bit of their history.

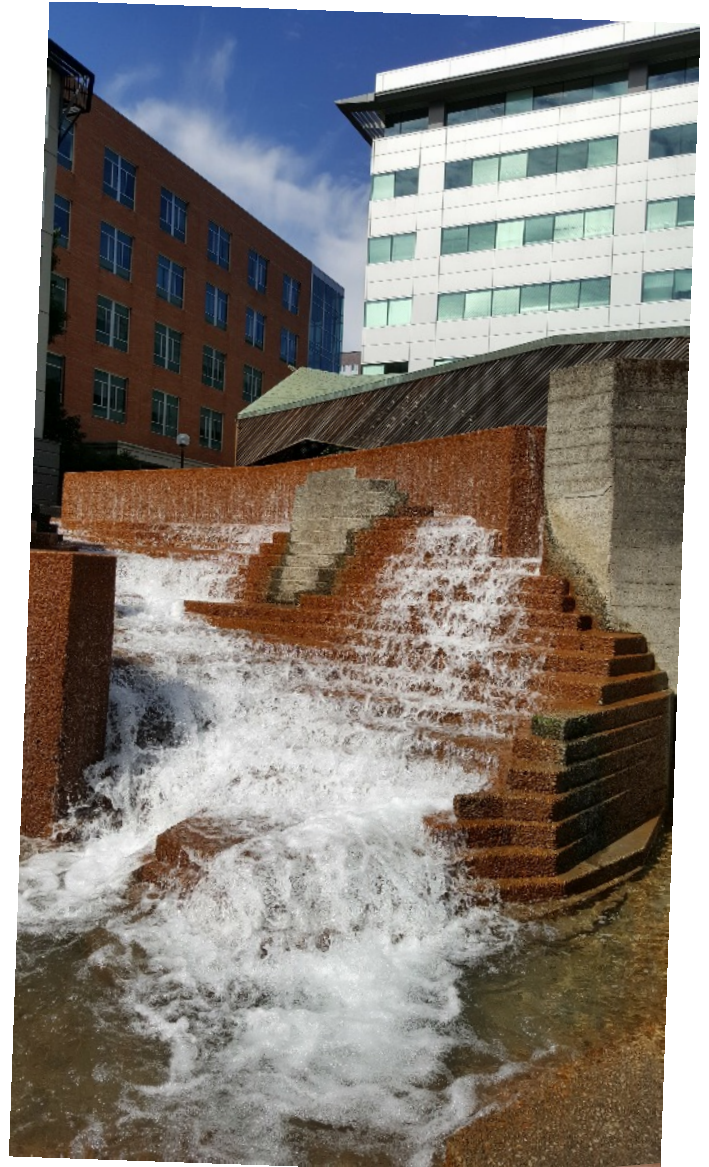
**THE SOUTH HIKE: Sat., Sep. 9. We'll leave at 10am from in front of the former Carnegie Library at 2909 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Av. (below).**



There is unlimited parking on the streets in the neighborhood on Saturday. (The parking signs are only in effect Monday through Friday.) Bus routes 12 and 44 serve stops at SW Barbur & Woods (southbound) and SW Barbur & Hooker (northbound). Both are less than 0.1 miles from our starting point.

*Note: There are no restrooms at the starting point of the hike. The first restrooms along our path come about 30 minutes into our hike.*

We will cover 4.1 miles on this loop hike which goes from the Lair Hill neighborhood to Pioneer Courthouse Square, and from Portland State to the downtown riverfront. Along the way we'll encounter 13 fountains ranging in size from Benson Bubblers to the



massive Keller Forecourt Fountain to the cascading Lovejoy Fountain. We'll also pass a few items of historic interest. We will stop at many of these landmarks briefly to learn more about them.

*(Routes on next page.)*



