## Lewis Creek Park Trails

## 2.3 Miles

Explore the headwaters of Lewis Creek as you walk in the footsteps of Phillip Lewis, the first person to survey this area in the 1860s. After the discovery of coal nearby in 1863, which ushered in the Newcastle coal mines, timber companies logged here leaving a patchwork of fir and hemlock stumps. Then, in 1921, the Peltola family started their family farm here.



Today the forests and wetlands in Lewis Creek Park help protect Lewis Creek and Lake Sammamish. The forest canopy acts like an umbrella, capturing rainwater to help decrease runoff and erosion. The headwater wetlands act like a sponge, absorbing and filtering pollution to help protect water quality. Step into the Lewis Creek Visitor Center to learn more and see what you can do to protect Bellevue's natural resources.

To reach the trailhead: 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE