

Dockton Historic Trail



The Dockton Historic Interpretive Trail begins here and continues west of the park along Dock Street.

The Dockton Historic Interpretive Trail Project began in October 2007 with a group of Dockton residents interested in preserving the unique history and rich culture of the community beginning in the late 1890's. Immigrants came here from the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia and Norway to participate in a growing maritime industry. Many of these original families' grandchildren and great grandchildren live here today.

The trail has ten interpretive signs summarizing the history and culture on a route that meanders through the community. The map on this sign will show you the locations of the signs. It is less than a mile and is an easy walk that takes about 45 minutes.

Dockton Park

The Dockton King County Park was created during the Great Depression as a project of the Works Progress Administration. Theo Berry was the local storekeeper and WPA administrator. The original structures, which included a bathhouse, a kitchen building, a bandstand, toilet facilities and a lifeguard residence, have since been replaced. The original floating dock and wooden bulkhead were replaced prior to World War II. Later the boat launch and marina were built to accommodate the growing boating community. The fresh water for the park facilities comes from springs across Dockton Road that were developed for the dry dock. These springs continue to serve the Dockton community.



Opening day of the park; note the log bulkhead.
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Dockton Park water carnival in 1961
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Dockton Park building in the 1930's
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