Green River Natural Area

The Green River Natural Area is about seven miles east of Auburn and roughly six miles northwest of Enumclaw. The natural area is comprised of the former Metzler, O’Grady and Green River Waterway parks, which all lie along the Green River. The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks acquired these lands with funds from a variety of sources including Waterways 2000 and Washington State Salmon Recovery Funds, for the purposes of critical salmon habitat protection and preservation.

Area
1,230 acres

Trail length
7.4 miles

Trail uses
Visitors to Green River Natural Area can engage in activities such as walking, bicycling, nature observation and horseback riding, as well as fishing, rafting, tubing and kayaking.

Access
The O’Grady public access point is on the south side of the river, 500 feet north of the intersection of SE 373rd Street and 188th Avenue SE. There is limited parking in this location.

The Metzler public access point is on the north side of the river via an entry road and parking lot on SE Green Valley Road, two miles west of its intersection with 218th Avenue.

The Doreen Johnson public access point on SE Green River Road has a small parking area.

The 1,200-acre Green River Natural Area is a wonderful gateway to the middle stretch of the Green River. Composed of steep valley walls and a broad valley floor, the natural area provides trails for hiking and horseback riding as well as access to the most dynamic reach of the Green River in King County. Mixed evergreen and hardwood forests dominate the upper slopes while the mighty black cottonwoods cover much of the river banks. The Green River provides critical spawning and rearing habitat for coho, chum, Chinook salmon and steelhead.

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Contour interval: 50 feet

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