

Bush's Pasture Park Salem

Residents of Salem are fortunate to have this ninety and one-half acre urban public park and botanical garden located just south of the capitol, Willamette University, and their downtown business district.

Mr. Asahel Bush was an influential pioneer, founder of the *Oregon Statesman* newspaper and the Ladd and Bush Bank. He donated fifty-seven acres to the City in 1917.

The Bush family lived on the remaining acreage until 1953. A City bond measure in 1947 purchased the property to add to the park.

Pictured are the paths through the beautiful oak groves, which are just part of the splendor that this park holds.

http://www.cityofsalem.net/departments/parks/bush_park.htm

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