

WHO ARE **FRIENDS OF IRON MOUNTAIN?**

People who want to preserve and help restore public natural resource spaces in our neighborhood. Care for our gifted environment can be shown through supportive labor at work parties and by helping promote management plans for Iron Mountain Park.

WHERE?

The Iron Mountain Natural Area in Lake Grove is located along the north side of Iron Mt. Blvd. from the Lake Oswego Country Club to the Hunt Club. Although our first years concentrated on restorative work along the Brookside corridor in the west, we now embrace the whole Iron Mountain Park as our domain of responsible stewardship.

WHY?

In 2001, parcels west of the Hunt Club that have access to Iron Mt. trails, Springbrook Creek, and many old trees were proposed for residential development. A large number of neighbors galvanized, asking the city to purchase it as part of the green spaces acquisition for which taxpayers voted. Out of that grassroots process emerged a neighborhood desire to permanently adopt the natural area and restore it to a more original native habitat. Our valued urban forest lands are extremely threatened and are in poor condition as manifested in the Parks Plan 2025. We exist to help change the functional character of our park land so better habitat, water quality, and human enjoyment can occur.

WHEN?

Interested neighbors met in February 2003 to become an ongoing service group. We have a steering committee of six people, approximately 60 members and a website. We are supported as a sub-committee of the Lake Grove Neighborhood Association. We have events several times a year, such as ivy pull and re-planting work parties in the spring and fall. In spring of 2004 the city asked us to write and present a proposal to the Parks & Recreation and the Natural Resources Advisory Boards, and the City Council. They enthusiastically supported our goal to form Friends of Brookside. In 2011, as the City asked for our endorsement to obtain a Federal Parks grant for a natural resource inventory study, and as we plan to cooperatively help restore critical wetlands and riparian areas, we changed our name to be more inclusive of our goals: **Friends of Iron Mountain.**

HOW? Ways you can help:

1. Join the planning and organizing committee.
2. Come to our fall and spring restoration work parties.
3. Be on our email/phone list to keep informed of events.
4. Practice good stewardship and care for our lands.

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