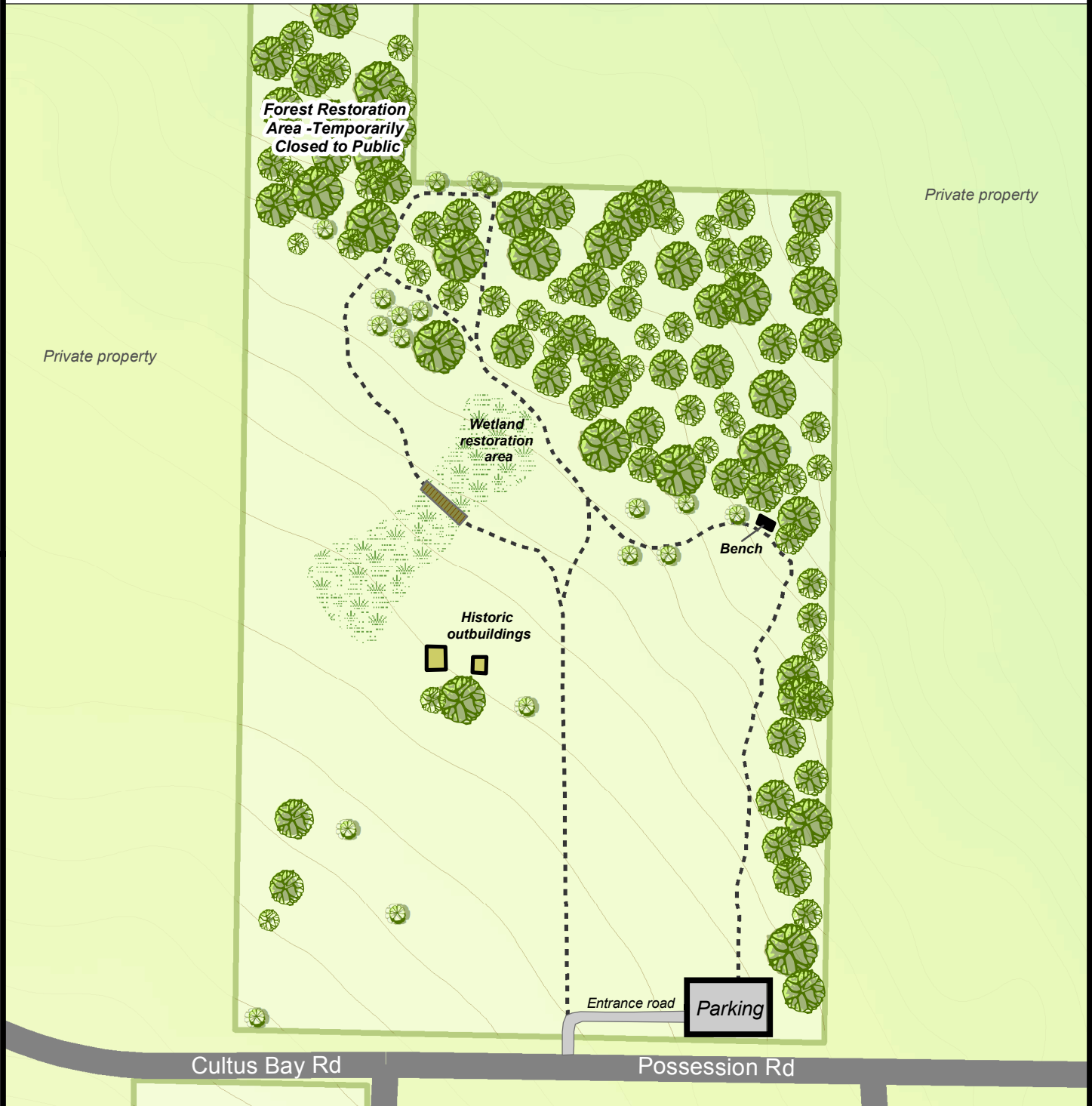


Welcome to the Hammons Preserve







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Legend

-  5-ft Contour line
 -  Wetland restoration area
 -  Trail
- 0 50 100 Feet
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Preserve Rules

- Keep pets leashed at all times for their safety and the safety of others. Remember to pick up after your dog.
- This is a wildlife preserve. No hunting, bicycles, camping, horses or ATV's allowed.
- Respect the property. "Pack it in, Pack it out"

The Hammons Preserve

Property at a glance

Acres: 9.5

Year protected: 2006

Features: Scenic vistas, walking trail, historic apple orchard, wetland

Trail information

Trail length: .2 mi (small loop)

.3 mi (big loop)

Elevation change: gentle uphill/downhill



History/Overview

Long-time Whidbey Island resident, Alvin Hammons was a veteran of World War II and a retired railroader. He lived on the family farm for 40 years and found beauty and serenity there surrounded by fields, forests, and sweeping unobstructed views of Cultus Bay. Al's wish was to keep this land as a place where others could come and enjoy the quiet beauty, raptors, and deer that gave him so much pleasure. His dream was to have his farm turned into a wildlife refuge where all would be welcome to come and "rest their souls awhile." His family donated his farm to the Land Trust and the community.

After several years of volunteer restoration efforts that included removing dilapidated farm structures, restoring a wetland, and controlling blackberries, it's easy to see that the community has continued to put love and energy into this beautiful place. From the foot bridge you can watch a stream quietly meander its way through the wetland restoration area and disappear into the lush grasses below. Look up from there, and you can savor scenic views of Cultus Bay or watch birds soaring overhead. We are proud to continue Al's legacy and hope you enjoy your time at the Hammons Preserve.

Permitted uses

This is a wildlife preserve, so we ask that you follow the preserve rules listed on the front of the map. The field is actively farmed for hay each year, so please stay on the trail, keep your dog on a leash, and pick up after your dog. Please park only in the designated parking area. Help keep the property beautiful by remembering to pack out whatever you pack in.

Volunteer!

Volunteers are an important part of our land stewardship program. Volunteers help with trail maintenance, controlling invasive species, and restoration work at our protected properties throughout Whidbey and Camano Islands. If you're interested in helping out please email Jessica Larson, Stewardship Associate at Jessica@wclt.org or call 360-222-3310.

About the Whidbey Camano Land Trust

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust is an effective and widely respected private non-profit land conservation organization. For more than 25 years, we've been protecting land by working with landowners, community groups, and public agencies.

The day-to-day work of the Land Trust focuses on permanently protecting our islands' most important lands by negotiating and completing real estate transactions, writing grants to obtain land protection funding, managing our land, and monitoring our conservation easements. Governed by a voluntary board of directors and staffed by experienced land trust professionals, the Whidbey Camano Land Trust is one of more than 1,700 land trusts across the country.

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Directions to the Hammons Preserve

From Highway 525, turn south onto Cultus Bay Road. Continue on Cultus Bay Road to the intersection of E. Possession Road. Continue straight on E. Possession Road about 50 yards (Cultus Bay Road turns right). The Preserve and parking area are on the north (left) side of the road.