

Mount Tolmie Park



Viewpoint on the water reservoir



Mount Baker from viewpoint



Legend

-  **Parking Lots**
-  **Main Park Trails**
-  **Elevation Viewpoint**
-  **Garry Oak Restoration Project Site (GORP)**



Photo: Marie O'Shaughnessy

Cooper's Hawk in Garry oak tree



Photo: Marie O'Shaughnessy

Lorquin's Admiral Butterfly



False pixie cup lichen



Photo: Dave Locke

GORP volunteers



Shooting star and western buttercup wildflowers

Garry Oak Ecosystem Restoration

The Garry oak ecosystem is ranked among the most endangered in the country. It is distinctive to Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands within Canada. Garry oak ecosystems support over 700 plant, 800 insect, 100 bird, and other wildlife species, many of which are rare or endangered. Preservation of these remaining sites is essential.

The Garry Oak Restoration Project (GORP) is an ecological restoration and education program, initiated in 1999 by the Municipality of Saanich. GORP is a partnership with staff, volunteers and researchers to carry out hands-on restoration activities. At Mount Tolmie the GORP site has been established on the north-facing slope.

In addition to GORP, ecological restoration activities are carried out by volunteers from the Mount Tolmie Conservation Society, including invasive alien plant removal and replanting with native species. The goal of these efforts is to restore some of the former native biodiversity of the park.

