

A WALKING TOUR OF HERITAGE PARK

This self-guided tour will take you back to Lynnwood's beginnings. City dwellers from Seattle and Everett traveled here on the Interurban trolley for the advantages of country living, with the amenities of the city less than an hour away.

WELCOME TO HERITAGE PARK!

You are invited to experience the history of Lynnwood from its roots as Alderwood Manor in the 1920s. Heritage Park has assembled some of Lynnwood's remaining historic structures in a village-like setting. The historic structures include the 1919 Wickers Building, Alderwood Manor's first mercantile and post office; the superintendent's cottage and water tower from the 1917 Demonstration Farm; the park site's original residence; and a 1910 Interurban trolley, Interurban Car 55. Brief histories of each are included on the following pages.

The first phase of park development began in 2003, and was funded by federal, state and local funds. Future phases will complete renovation of the historic structures, expand museum collections and offer community heritage programs.

PARK INFORMATION:

- **ADDRESS:** 19921 Poplar Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036
- **HOURS:** Heritage Park is open daily from dawn to dusk.
- **PARKING:** The parking lot will accommodate 32 cars, including 2 handicap & 3 bus stalls.
- **PUBLIC RESTROOMS:** Located behind the Wickers Building
- **PARK RESERVATIONS:** Please call City of Lynnwood Recreation Center, 425-771-4030
- **QUESTIONS?** Please call City of Lynnwood Parks Administration, 425-744-6478
- **CITY OF LYNNWOOD WEBSITE:** www.ci.lynnwood.wa.us/Parks

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

- **South on I-5:** Take Exit 181 (use 524 East). Merge onto 196th St. SW (524). Cross over I-5 and turn right on Poplar Way, center lane. Go one block to park and turn left into park entrance.
- **North on I-5:** Take Exit 181B. Take first right on Poplar Way. Turn left into park entrance.

PUBLIC ART:

Gentle Encounter

Bronze sculpture by Louise McDowell

The park's central sculpture of children playing with chickens pays tribute to the egg-producing history of Alderwood Manor. In 1921, with 200,000 laying hens, Alderwood Manor was the second largest egg-producing community in the nation. It was said that, laid end to end, an annual production of eggs would stretch from New York to San Francisco!



HERITAGE PARK SITE PLAN



← TO INTERSTATE 5

PLANT SUMMARY:

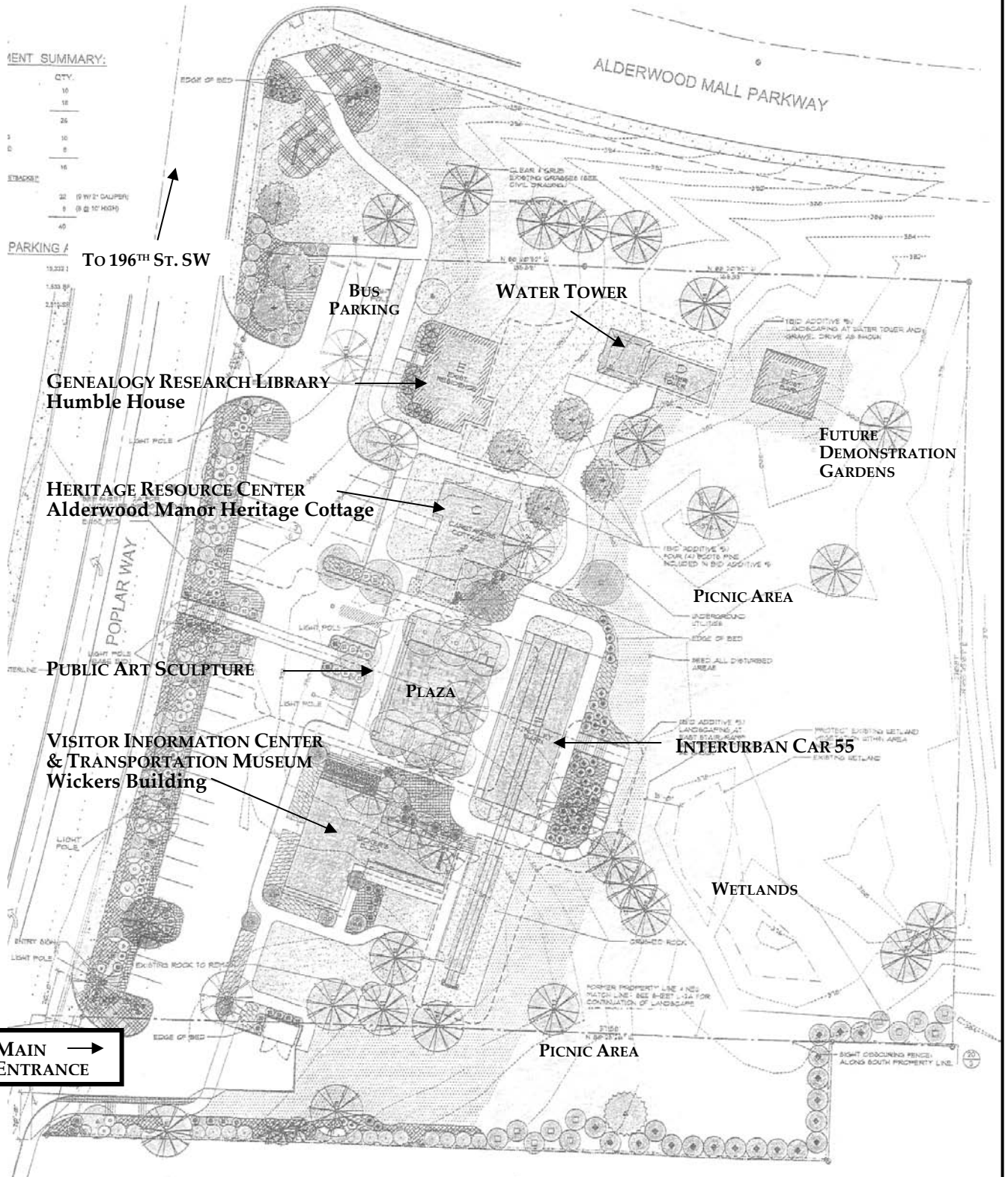
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STRUCK:

22	(9" W/ 2" GAULP)
8	(8" W/ 12" HIGH)
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PARKING #

13,222
1,533
2,715



To 196th St. SW

BUS PARKING

WATER TOWER

GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY
Humble House

FUTURE DEMONSTRATION GARDENS

HERITAGE RESOURCE CENTER
Alderwood Manor Heritage Cottage

PICNIC AREA

PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE

PLAZA

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER
& TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM
Wickers Building

INTERURBAN CAR 55

WETLANDS

MAIN ENTRANCE →

PICNIC AREA

WICKERS BUILDING

1919



"Situated in the town site of Alderwood Manor, within easy reach of the Interurban station and of the demonstration farm at the junction of the road, the new brick two-story store meets the eye of the visitor."

Alderwood Manor Countryside, May 1920

The Wickers Building is listed on the Washington Heritage Register of Historic Places.

The past...

The Wickers Building was built by the Puget Mill Company in 1919 on the old North Trunk Road in Alderwood Manor (now 196th Street SW in Lynnwood). Originally known as The Main Store, this handsome Tudor revival-style building included a grocery store and storeroom on the first floor, with living quarters for the storekeeper and his family on the second floor. The estimated construction cost of this two-story brick and stucco building in 1919 was \$15,000.

L.E. Moffat, the storekeeper from 1920-1923, ran the store on a strictly cash basis and averaged receipts of \$1,000 a week. Mr. Moffat was described in the May, 1920 issue of the *Alderwood Manor Countryside* newspaper as "an honest storekeeper, whose word is as good as his bond, and whose aim is to serve (the community) well at the lowest prices."

In 1920 the first Alderwood Manor Post Office was opened in the store, with L.E. Moffat as postmaster. Mail was delivered by Interurban trolleys which ran right behind the store. The Main Store was a familiar landmark half-way between Seattle and Everett to passengers on the Interurban.

In 1933 Herman Wickers purchased the store from then-owner Guy Parker and renamed it Alderwood Mercantile, however it was known by the community as Wickers' Store.

The building remained in its original location on 196th Street for many years. In 1997 freeway construction threatened to demolish the old building. The City of Lynnwood stepped in to rescue it, and in 2003, moved it to Heritage Park, where renovation began, faithfully restoring the building's distinctive features. Funding for the renovation was made possible by a federal Transportation Enhancement grant, local Hotel/Motel taxes, the City of Lynnwood and private donations.

...and the present.

The Wickers Building is now a museum that pays tribute to the transportation heritage of Alderwood Manor. It is also home to the South Snohomish County Visitor Information Center, offering information on travel, accommodations and community events to tourists and residents.

The 2nd floor will be renovated in 2007 to provide additional museum space.

Exhibits in the Wickers Building include:

- "Making Tracks: Linking Seattle to Everett by the Interurban Railway,"
- a photo gallery of historic Alderwood Manor,
- and donated artifacts displayed throughout the building to honor the building's past life as a general store and post office.

**VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER
AND TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM:
(425) 776-3977**

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat: 9 am - 5 pm

Sun, Tues & Thurs: 9 am - 3 pm

INTERURBAN CAR 55

1909



The past...

Car 55 is a 1909 Interurban single-ended wooden electric rail car that was constructed by the Niles Carbody Works and delivered to the Seattle-Everett Traction Company in 1910.

The electric Interurban railway was a fast, convenient and inexpensive way to travel in the early 20th century when automobiles were few and roads were poor. The fine richly upholstered electric coaches left Seattle every hour on the half-hour from 6:30 a.m. until midnight, and passed directly through Alderwood Manor – altogether a 45-minute trip.

The Interurban provided commuter service from Alderwood Manor to Seattle and Everett, and was a key element used to encourage people in the cities to relocate to ranchettes that had been created by the subdivision of former timberlands. The Interurban brought economic growth and business opportunities - land was sold, new homes and businesses were built, and the area prospered and grew.

In 1939, the Interurban line was dismantled and taken out of service. Better roads were being built by then, and Interurban riders turned to buses and automobiles which had dropped to an affordable level.

Car 55 was converted to a diner on Highway 99 in Everett - the Old '55' Café. In 1964, the car was donated to the Northwest Railway Museum and served as a ticket office for Snoqualmie's historic railway for about ten years. The car was used for storage several years later and left to deteriorate.

"Alderwood Manor folks are blessed with unusual transportation facilities said to be without equal in the Pacific Northwest."

*Alderwood Manor Countryside,
Spring 1919*

In 1993, the City of Lynnwood purchased Car 55 from the Northwest Railway Museum for \$600. In 1996, with federal and state grants, renovation began and the car was relocated to Heritage Park.

...and the present.

The Interurban, which provided mass transportation almost 100 years ago, is especially significant today as we move toward rapid transit.

Renovation of Car 55 will soon be completed with the addition of historic parts and accessories.

- Don't miss the pictorial story of Car 55's renovation inside the trolley,
- and the history of the Interurban exhibit in the Wickers Building.

TROLLEY TOURS SCHEDULE:

June-Aug: 2nd & 4th Wed & Sat - 10 am-2 pm

Sept-Nov: 2nd Sat / month - 10 am-2 pm

Dec-May: By appointment - (425) 744-6478



*Cartoon by Steve Greenberg, reprinted courtesy of
The Seattle Post Intelligencer.*

ALDERWOOD MANOR HERITAGE COTTAGE & WATER TOWER

1917



"The Alderwood Manor Demonstration Farm clears all doubt in the prospective settler's mind, because no matter how inexperienced a man or woman may be in horticulture or poultry-raising, there is provided an educational institution ... that today is known to be the largest and most scientific poultry college in the world."

By H.B. Reed, Poultry Expert & Superintendent, Alderwood Manor Demonstration Farm

Alderwood Manor Countryside, Spring 1919

The past...

The Alderwood Manor Heritage Cottage and the water tower are the only surviving structures from the Alderwood Manor Demonstration Farm.

The Demonstration Farm, a \$150,000 project covering 33 acres, was built in 1917 by the Puget Mill Company as a "free poultry college." Five and ten-acre tracts were sold to city folks who were encouraged to "drink in the uncontaminated invigorating fresh air of the countryside," learn how to raise poultry for profit and have a fine garden.

The Alderwood Manor Heritage Cottage was originally the residence for the superintendent of the Demonstration Farm. The superintendent's cottage was located on the highest point of the farm, and was equipped with an underground wiring system connected to the lines that powered the electric Interurban rail line. The well beneath the water tower was operated by an electric pump, and supplied water to the Demonstration Farm, as well as nearby homes and businesses until the Alderwood Water District began service in 1934.

F.C. McClane was superintendent until the Puget Mill Company closed the Demonstration Farm in 1933. The property was then leased to Norman Collins who established the Washington Breeders Hatchery on the central five acres. Norman and his wife Vera lived in the cottage for several years, and later used it as a residence for the managers of the hatchery. The Collins family owned and operated the hatchery until 1970.

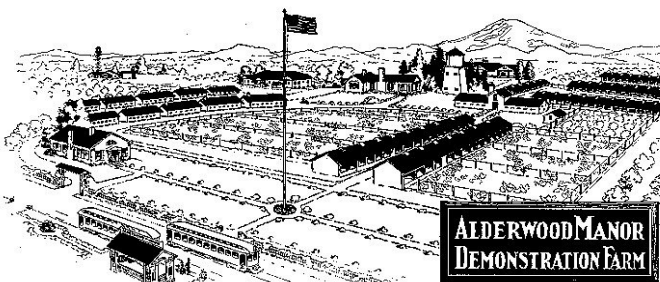
In 1997, the cottage and water tower were threatened with demolition during freeway construction. The City of Lynnwood and the Alderwood Manor Heritage Association rescued the structures and moved them to temporary locations.

...and the present.

In 2003, the cottage and the water tower were relocated to Heritage Park for renovation.

The cottage is owned by the Alderwood Manor Heritage Association and has been rehabilitated as the park's Heritage Resource Center with community donations and a state heritage grant.

Renovation of the water tower will begin in 2007, and future demonstration gardens will provide a living example of our agricultural heritage.



**HERITAGE RESOURCE CENTER:
(425) 775-4694**

Tues, Thurs and Sat: 11 am - 3 pm

www.info@alderwood.org

HUMBLE HOUSE

1919



1940's



"To me the ideal home is the five-acre tract, close to the city where work is to be had, where markets are good, where schools are of the best. A place with grounds spacious...enough to keep a few hens, and a cow; have a good garden and a few stands of bees and where fruits and berries can be grown."

By Harry H. Collier, Alderwood Manor Countryside, Spring 1919

The past...

The park site's original residence was built in 1919 and first owned by Joseph R. and Harriet B. Holt. In 1934, wanting to "live in the country," Albert and Mildred Humble and their two daughters, Janice and Mary, traded their Seattle home for the Holt's 2-room house on a five-acre tract. The Humble family's furnishings filled the little house to capacity, forcing them to sleep in the well house, which used to stand behind the main house. This house was typical of the minimal accommodations provided by the Puget Mill Company for the pioneering families.

The 2-room house grew over the next 20 years with additions that included two bedrooms, a dining room, basement and fireplace, allowing the Humble family to completely move into the house. Mr. Humble rode the Interurban to work every day in Seattle, a 45-minute trolley ride, but his family was truly living on a farm now. They all pitched in taking care of the animals, building chicken coops, and working in the cherry orchard.

Located across the road from the Alderwood Manor Demonstration Farm, this was a typical farm of its time, and a working example of the lifestyle the Puget Mill Company was selling to gentlemen farmers from Seattle and Everett.

...and the present.

The Humble House has been preserved in its original location, and is now home of the Genealogy Research Library operated by the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society. The library offers classes and community access to genealogy resources.

**GENEALOGY RESEARCH LIBRARY:
(425) 775-6267**

Tuesday: 10 am - 2 pm

Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 3 pm

www.rootsweb.com/~wasigs

Humble family on the front stoop.

*Photo courtesy of
Mary Humble
Wickstrom*

