



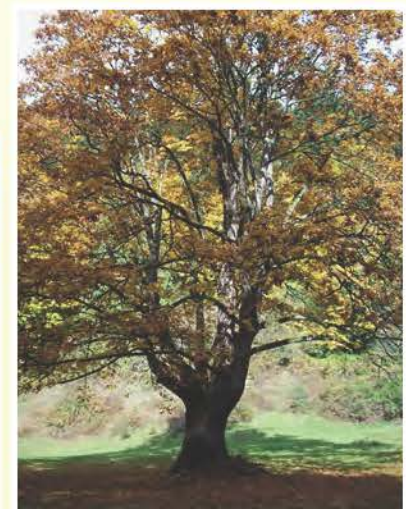
The Mary Olson Farm By the Numbers: *A MOST SURPRISING PARK!*

Did you know that the best preserved historic family farm in King County is nestled along Auburn's east hill—just north of the Auburn Golf Course—and that it is a park? This 67-acre landmark is operated as a limited-use park, featuring living history and environmental education programs. Here is a brief introduction to the Farm, *by the numbers!*

1897 The date when Mary Olson's brother, Jack Johnson, built the wonderful hay barn which is fully restored. Hay is cut on the Farm's north meadow and the bales are today stored in the barn, just like they were when the Olson's were in residence.

16,390 The number of Auburn School District students who have visited the Mary Olson Farm on fieldtrips! First graders learn about where their food comes from. They feed chickens, dig up potatoes, make cider, pet the resident cow and make lots of fun memories! Eighth graders study the water cycle, learn to identify native plants, and observe salmon actually spawning in Olson Stream.

30 & 32 The inches tall for Pip and Stinger, respectively. Miniature donkeys live on the Farm and serve as livestock ambassadors, welcoming preschool students who participate in the Farm Tots program, visitors and many, many first grade fieldtrip participants.





2.3 million The number of dollars it cost to fully restore the farm, 95% of which was raised through grants and donations over a 24-year period of time.

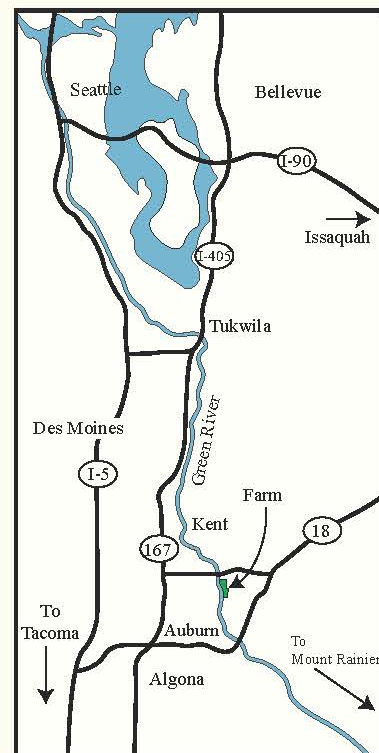
7 Today you can visit all seven historic buildings, a grouping that represents everything a subsistence farmer required to ... well, subsist! There is a farmhouse, barn, weaving house, outhouse, smoke house, chicken coop and garage.

4 The number of types of salmon that spawn in Olson Stream. In 1994, when the farm was purchased by the City, only Coho and Chum spawned in the stream. Today, after years of stream restoration efforts, these species are joined by Pink and the occasional Chinook salmon.

120+ The age of some of the apple trees still producing fruit in Mary's orchard. They are not the type you can find in today's produce aisle. The Olsons planted many varieties of apples typical of their time including Northern Spy, Red King, Rhode Island Greenling, Spitzenburg and many more apples, pears and cherry trees.

45 The approximate number of forested acres on the farm. The Mary Olson Farm is about ½ mile long. It is the forested hillside that defines the Auburn Valley to the east. You can see it clearly from Highway 167. This forest has not been logged since the 1870s.

2 The number of functioning wood stoves in the 1902 farmhouse. Mary did all of her cooking on a big wood cook stove. The parlor was also heated by wood. The Olsons lived on the farm through the late 1960s without electricity or plumbing. Farmhouse tours occur at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. during summer open hours.



If you think this is interesting, come see the farm in person! Auburn's most surprising park, the Mary Olson Farm, is open for free for drop-in visits on Saturdays and Sundays, June 24 through August 27, noon to 5 p.m. Bring the family and a picnic, wear your walking shoes and enjoy! The Mary Olson Farm is located at 28728 Green River Road SE. Parking is north of the main gate. For more information go to wrvmuseum.org.