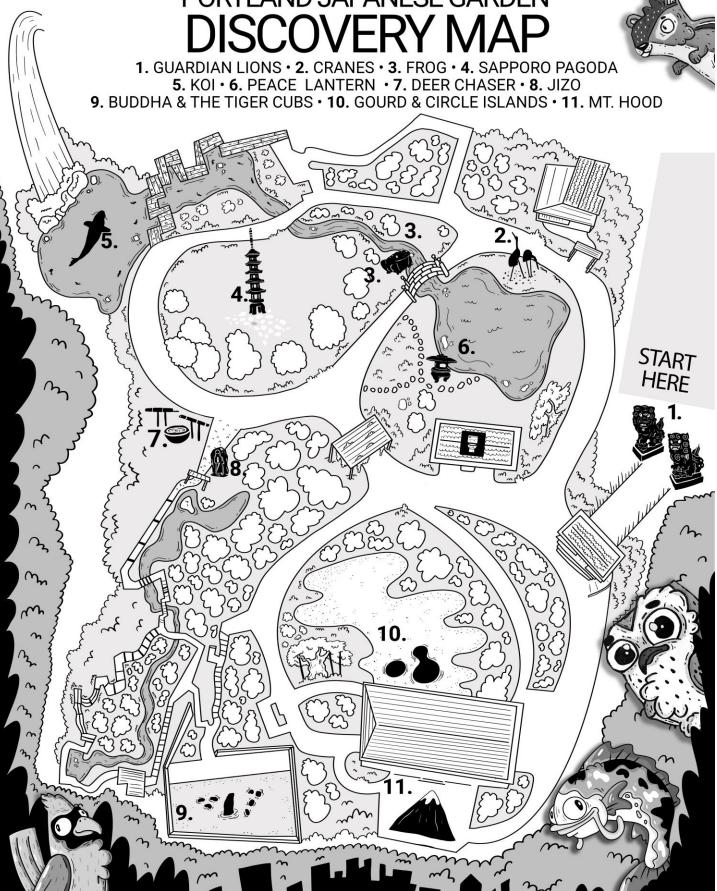
PORTLAND JAPANESE GARDEN





1. Guardian Lions (komainu) こまいぬ Komainu are mythical creatures (part lion, part dog). They love a good pet and don't even mind being sat on if you want to take a picture -just make sure you're gentle with them.



3. Frog かえる In Japanese, frogs are called kaeru, which also means "to return". We hope you return to Portland Japanese Garden again! It looks different in every season so there's always something new to see.



4. Sapporo Pagoda さっぽろごじゅうのとう Portland has a sister city in Japan named Sapporo, which is an official way of saying we're friends. This lantem is 18-feet tall. The stones in the front are a map of the Japanese island of Hokkaido. Thank you for helping protect the moss by not stepping on it!



5. Koi こい Did you know koi fish symbolize courage and determination? There is an old legend about a koi who swam upstream through powerful waterfalls and turned into a dragon. Which koi is your favorite?





In the 1950s, the mayor of the City of Yokohama, Japan, gave

Portland this lantern, with the message: "CASTING THE LIGHT OF EVERLASTING PEACE."

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7. Deer Chaser ししおどし Despite its English name, this object doesn't actually "chase" deer. It surprises them so they don't munch on the plants in the garden!



8. Jizo おじぞうさま

The sculpture features a jizo, known as a protector of children. Throughout Japan, you'll see statues of jizo, often wearing a red cap and bib. Have you seen the movie "My Neighbor Totoro?" When Mei gets lost, she stands next to a jizo to keep her safe!



6. Peace Lantern

10. Gourd and Circle Islands ひょうたんとわっか These "islands" of moss in the Flat Garden kind of look like a gourd (a large fruit) and a circle, which are symbols of happiness in Japan! What makes you happy?



11. Mount Hood フッドさん

Did you know it's actually a volcano? What you're looking at is the highest point in Oregon at 11,240 feet (3,426 meters)! The pointy shape of Mt. Hood reminds many people of Mt. Fuji in Japan. Can you see Mt. Hood or is it hiding behind clouds?