



# PLANTS OF

# CAMP WAKOWITZ



A wide variety of delicate and amazing plants blanket the forest floor at Camp Waskowitz. As you explore the forest, see if you can spot these understory species, which are native to the Pacific Northwest.



**SALAL**  
*Gaultheria shallon*



**Description:** A dense shrub 1-4 feet high. Waxy, dark-green leaves year-round. Whitish-pink flowers in spring, followed by dark-blue berries. Berries are edible but a little bit bland. A staple food among many Coast Salish tribes.



**PACIFIC (TRAILING) BLACKBERRY**  
*Rubus ursinus*



**Description:** Trailing blackberry (a native species) can be found close to the ground, with a thin stem lined with small thorns. Leaflets are in clumps of three. Produces white or light pink flowers in spring, and hanging black berries in summer. Edible and delicious!



**LOW OREGON GRAPE**  
*Mahonia nervosa*



**Description:** 12-inch long leaves with 9-19 leaflets per leaf. Each leaflet has serrated edges, a bit like holly. Older plants have some red leaflets. In spring, has bright yellow flowers that turn to medium-blue berries in summer. Berries are edible but quite tart and better cooked.



**RED HUCKLEBERRY**  
*Vaccinium parvifolium*



**Description:** A fluffy-looking shrub, between 3-7 feet tall, often growing out of decaying stumps or logs. Stems are bright green and angular, with bright green nail-sized leaves that are oval-shaped and not serrated or toothed. Pink flowers turn into bright red berries in summer.



**EVERGREEN HUCKLEBERRY**  
*Vaccinium ovatum*



**Description:** An evergreen shrub reaching 3-6 feet, with waxy, dark green leaves. Leaves are oval to lance-shaped and irregularly toothed. Flowers are pinkish-white bells that turn to dark blue-black berries in the summer. Berries are edible.



**WESTERN SWORD FERN**  
*Polystichum munitum*



**Description:** A common evergreen fern 3-6 feet tall and wide in clump. Leaves (fronds) are 2-3 feet long and have alternate pointed, sharp -toothed leaflets with spores in rows of two underneath.