The Talking Stones were installed in December 2002 in the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park. Quarried from a basalt deposit in traditional Kalapuya territory, the Talking Stones were designed to serve as educational and cultural reference points, as well as being beautiful art objects. The stones reintroduce words of the Kalapuya language onto land where the people once hunted, and onto waters that carried their canoes.

Now the land is part of Alton Baker Park, a primary open-space component of the Willamette Greenway. In September of 2002, the park's eastern 237 acres were given the name “Whilamut Natural Area” in recognition of the environmental ethics of this area's first people and their descendants.
Ha-Yaba = camas field

De-Ha-Yaba = near a camas field

Camafeema = ferns on the ground

Illioo = joyful

Ga-Ach-Li = peaceful in daylight

Li-Yuu = prairie

Wha-lik = place by the water

Hal-Ba = downstream

Whilamut = where the river ripples and runs fast

Gudu-Kut = frog

Duucu-Ba = powerful place

Hi-Dwa = in a wooded area

Lak-Mi = near a fish trap

Kanaa = going across place

Gaw-Ni = trail through the woods