

Metro GreenScene

NEWS & THINGS TO DO

Summer 2000



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What's inside?

- Blue Lake Regional Park has something for everyone
- Summer fun for kids
- Great Blue Heron Week
- Paddling and bike trips
- Volunteer opportunities
- Activities for nature lovers of all ages


Metro – planning that protects the nature of our region

It's better to plan for growth than ignore it. Metro serves 1.3 million people who live in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and the 24 cities in the Portland metropolitan area. Metro provides transportation and land-use planning services and oversees regional garbage disposal and recycling and waste reduction programs. Metro manages regional parks and greenspaces and the Oregon Zoo, and oversees the trade, spectator and arts centers managed by the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.

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Welcome

to the "blue" summer GreenScene – bringing you great blue herons, a special focus on Metro's Blue Lake Regional Park and more than 300 cures for the summertime blues. (Maybe we should have called this one the BlueScene!) Whether summer finds you pumping up your bicycle tires, digging out your field guide, pulling on your work gloves, hunting for a place to put in your canoe or just craving a roasted marshmallow, Metro GreenScene has something for you. Find your place in Metro's regional parks and greenspaces . . . and enjoy!

GREAT BLUE HERON WEEK

June 3 – 11

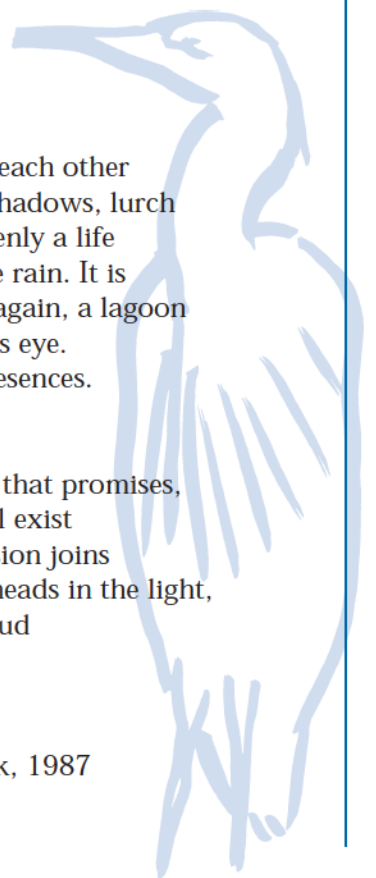
The great blue heron was adopted as Portland's official city bird in 1986 as a symbol of our commitment to protecting the region's quality of life for fish, wildlife and people. You'll find activities throughout this issue that celebrate great blue herons and explore places where they rest, nest and feed. For a complete schedule and more information, call Mike Houck of Audubon Society of Portland at (503) 292-6855.

Spirit of Place

Out of their loneliness for each other
two reeds, or maybe two shadows, lurch
forward and become suddenly a life
lifted from the dawn to the rain. It is
the wilderness come back again, a lagoon
with our city reflected in its eye.
We live by faith in such presences.

It is a test for us, that thin
but real, undulating figure that promises,
"if you keep the faith I will exist
at the edge, where your vision joins
the sunlight and the rain: heads in the light,
feet that go down in the mud
where the truth is."

William Stafford
for Great Blue Heron Week, 1987



Around the campfire at Oxbow

Campfire programs



Bring the family to Metro's Oxbow Regional Park for Saturday night campfire stories, nature programs, old-fashioned music and entertainment. Campfire programs are held at the outdoor forest amphitheater in the campground. It's a great way to spend the late evening when you're camping at Oxbow, but you don't have to stay overnight to enjoy them. Although the park closes at sunset, those who attend the campfire program and want to leave afterward can make arrangements to be let out at the gate by the rangers. Please park in the parking area at the campground entrance. Park entry fee is \$3 per car. No reservations required. For more information, call (503) 797-1728. ♿

The Fish That Walked and Other Tall Tales

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 1

With his wonderful voice and expressive ways, master storyteller Will Hornyak spins a great collection of yarns sure to entertain all.

Owls

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 8

What has a hooked beak, sharp talons and coughs up hairballs? That's right, owls! Investigate these mysterious and enchanting creatures with a naturalist from the Audubon Society of Portland. Enjoy slides of Oregon owls and handle real feathers, talons, eggs and skulls.

Bat Buffet

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 15

You'll go batty when you find out all the amazing things bats do that benefit humans. Park naturalist Elisabeth Neely, who once raised an orphaned giant fruit bat in Australia, will show slides of bats large, small and strange from around the world. We'll look for real live ones in the sky and sample some tasty treats brought to us by bats.

Four and 20 Million Blackbirds

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 22

James Davis, Metro naturalist and resident bird-clown, brings us an evening of blackbirds, the most abundant birds in North America. You'll be laughing as James (complete with costumes) tells all about this quirky clan of loud-mouthed birds.

Campfire Songs and Sing-along

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 29

Brad Price, guitarist for the Oregon Trail Band, will make a special appearance at Oxbow. He'll strum and sing favorites of his family and yours, including "Puff the Magic Dragon" and many other great campfire songs.

Birds of Prey of the Pacific Northwest

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 5

Live birds of prey will visit the campfire circle when Leslie Rapacki from Hawk Haven returns with her popular feathered friends. Find out some neat raptor facts and meet these beautiful hawks and falcons up close!

Wild, Wild Wildlife

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 12

Ever wonder how foxes and bears move through the woods unseen, or what those noisy birds are "talking" about? Would you like to have close encounters with animals? Animal tracker Tony Deis and Metro naturalist Elisabeth Neely team up to bring you a fun, interactive evening of ancient stories, wild sounds and movement sure to stir your imagination about the mysteries of nature.

Fire!

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 19

Fire fascinates people. What role does it play in the forests of the Pacific Northwest? Are forest fires always bad? Join us for an evening of slides, stories, legends and facts about fire. A demonstration of creating a fire using a bowdrill will be included.

Old-Time Campfire Tunes

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 26

If you like bluegrass, you won't want to miss Dave Trainer and Greg Mason. They'll play guitar and mandolin and sing old-time tunes around the campfire. Sing along or just sit back, tap your feet and enjoy the music.

Storytelling to the Beat of the Drum

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Gordon Munro combines the ancient arts of drumming and storytelling. For this Labor Day weekend campfire, you'll enjoy hearing folk stories from different cultures all around the world.

Grab your sleeping bags,

throw a tent in your trunk and head out to Oxbow Regional Park for a night under the stars that will make you forget how close you are to the city. Forty-five wooded campsites are open year-round and are available on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Each site has a cooking grill, picnic table and fire pit. Water faucets and vault-type toilets are nearby. A park ranger will be by in the evening to collect camp fees.

Mark your calendar!

The 17th annual Salmon Festival at Oxbow Regional Park will be Oct. 14-15.



Volunteer at the campfire programs!

For more information, see page 8.

Bike there!

Summer is a great time to jump on a bicycle and head out to your regional parks and greenspaces. It's good for the environment. It's good for you. And riding your bike gets you in free to Metro parks that charge a vehicle entrance fee. Travel safely, using the directions listed below. When you arrive, help us protect wildlife and their habitat by parking your bike or keeping it on appropriately marked paths and trails. For more information about bicycling in the region or Metro's transportation planning work, call (503) 797-1900.

Blue Lake Regional Park

Use the bike lane east on Marine Drive to Blue Lake Road or use the bike lane east on Halsey to 223rd Avenue and follow the signs north to the park. Exercise caution on 223rd Avenue and Marine Drive. Bicycles are welcome inside the park on paved paths.

Oxbow Regional Park

Travel east using bike lanes on Stark, Division or Powell, then continue east on Division to Gresham and follow the signs to the park. You can also take the Springwater Corridor Trail east and travel north to Division using the bike lanes on Hogan Road. Use caution while sharing the roads with cars. Bicycles welcome inside the park on paved roads and some marked trails.

Howell Territorial Park

Use the bike lane on Highway 30 from Vaughn Street in Northwest Portland. Or from North Portland, use bike lanes on Willamette Boulevard and the sidewalk on the St. Johns Bridge to Highway 30. Go north past Linnton and cross the Sauvie Island Bridge. Continue north one mile and turn right onto Howell Park Road. Exercise caution on the bridge and island roads.

Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area

A parking area and viewpoint are on the south side of Marine Drive, 2.5 miles west of Interstate 5. Use bike lanes on Marine Drive from the east or west. From North Portland, take Columbia Boulevard (which becomes North Portland Road) and travel north to Marine Drive; this intersection is just east of the lakes. For a more scenic ride from St. Johns, travel northwest on Lombard Avenue and come out west of the lakes on Marine Drive. Exercise caution on all of these roads. Bicycles are not allowed inside the wildlife area, but a bike rack is available.

Glendoveer Golf Course and Fitness Trail

Use bike lanes to travel east on Halsey and go south on 148th Avenue; or use bike lanes to travel east on Burnside and go north on 148th Avenue. Glisan can also be used, but exercise caution around cars. Bicycling is not allowed on the fitness trail, but bike racks are available.



BIKE Trips

Peninsula Crossing Trail Bike Ride

1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, June 3

Bring your bicycle and discover the Peninsula Crossing Trail, a 3-mile pedestrian and bicycle trail that crosses the North Portland peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia rivers. This guided tour will include two segments currently not open to the public. Meet at the Princeton trailhead at Princeton and Carey, two blocks north of Willamette Boulevard. For more information, call Pam Arden at (503) 289-9475. *Friends of Peninsula Crossing Trail*

Blue Lake to Larch Mountain

8 a.m.

Saturday, July 8

Vistas, varied terrain and a formidable climb make this 60-mile ride a metro area classic. Start at Blue Lake Regional Park and head out through Troutdale to the Historic Highway. A turn onto Larch Mountain Road begins a 14-mile climb on a narrow, two-lane road through forestland. Your hard work will be rewarded with a remarkable descent where turns are gentle enough to be taken without braking. We'll enjoy the beautiful views while we break for lunch, and then head back to Blue Lake. This is a difficult ride that demands both the cyclist and bicycle to be in good condition. Good brakes and a helmet are required. Extra


clothing, extra food, two water bottles and enthusiasm for climbing are highly recommended. You are welcome to drive to Blue Lake Regional Park and leave your vehicle there during the trip; there is a \$3 entry fee to the park. Registration is required. For more information and to sign up, call Marc Guichard at (503) 797-1944. *Metro Transportation Department*



Bike your way to a greener, cleaner community with help from Metro's regional bike map. Updated in 1999, the map features existing and planned bike lanes, multi-use paths and bicycle routes rated for bicycle suitability. It includes parks and greenspaces, shaded relief and elevation, detailed street information, major waterways and MAX stations. The map is available for \$6 at local bike, book and recreational centers and via the Metro web site at www.metro-region.org.

PROTECTING THE NATURE of our region

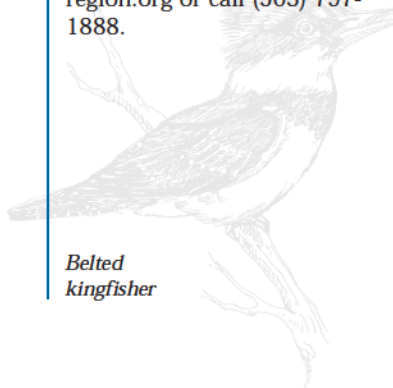
Get help with your greenspaces grant application

Come to a grant writing workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at Metro Regional Center. The greenspaces grant program is a partnership between Metro and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fund environmental education and restoration projects. For more information or to register for the workshop, call Lynn Wilson at (503) 797-1781. Application materials and program information are also available on Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org. 

Saving streamside habitat for fish, wildlife and people

Streams and rivers don't stop at city or county boundaries. Neither do the fish and wildlife that depend on them for their survival. That's why Metro and its partners are working together to develop regional strategies to conserve, protect and restore streamside fish and wildlife habitat.

For an update on the latest developments or to learn how to get involved, visit Metro's website at www.metro-region.org or call (503) 797-1888.



Belted
kingfisher



On April 1, the Friends of Barton Park and the Scenic Clackamas River, joined by other community volunteers, participated in a work party at River Island on the Clackamas River, a site they have been fighting to protect for fish and wildlife habitat for years. Volunteers are the key to successfully restoring many of our most important natural areas. Special thanks to the volunteers who pitched in – James and Michelle Cleaver, Scott Forrester, Sandra Hall, Kelli Hoffman, Nicole Hughes, Laila Hungerford, Jason Johns, Ernie Jones, Bill Kobialka, Vannessa McClelland, Tonia McConnell, Dan Meier, Larry Miller, Beth Moore, Stormy O'Rourke, Randy Roop, Kim and Gregory Saliba, Stanley and Hazel Stephens, Margie Twigger, Kristen Vineyard, Sara Winkler and Carol Witbeck.

Gardens of Natural Delights tour

**noon to 6 p.m.
Sunday, July 16**

What you do in your own backyard or garden makes a difference in the quality of our rivers and streams and wildlife habitat. See how beautiful and easy to maintain a pesticide-free garden can be by touring 17 area gardens. Register for the free tour by calling Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000. **Metro Regional Environmental Management Department**


East Buttes open house and tour

To date, Metro has acquired approximately 565 acres in the East Buttes/Boring Lava Domes area of east Multnomah and Clackamas counties through the open spaces, parks and streams bond measure, approved in 1995. Located close to rapidly urbanizing areas in east Portland and Gresham, the buttes are characterized by second-growth forests and creek headwaters that provide high-quality habitat for birds and mammals. Metro has begun to assemble a broad, forested corridor of open space from Gresham Butte in the north to Burt Butte in the south. To learn more, attend

an open house and/or take a tour of one of the new acquisitions.

Open house and slide presentation

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 27
Persimmon Country Club
500 SE Butler Rd.
Gresham 

East Buttes tour

9 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, July 29
Reservations required.

Call Amy Kirschbaum at
(503) 797-1713.

Open spaces

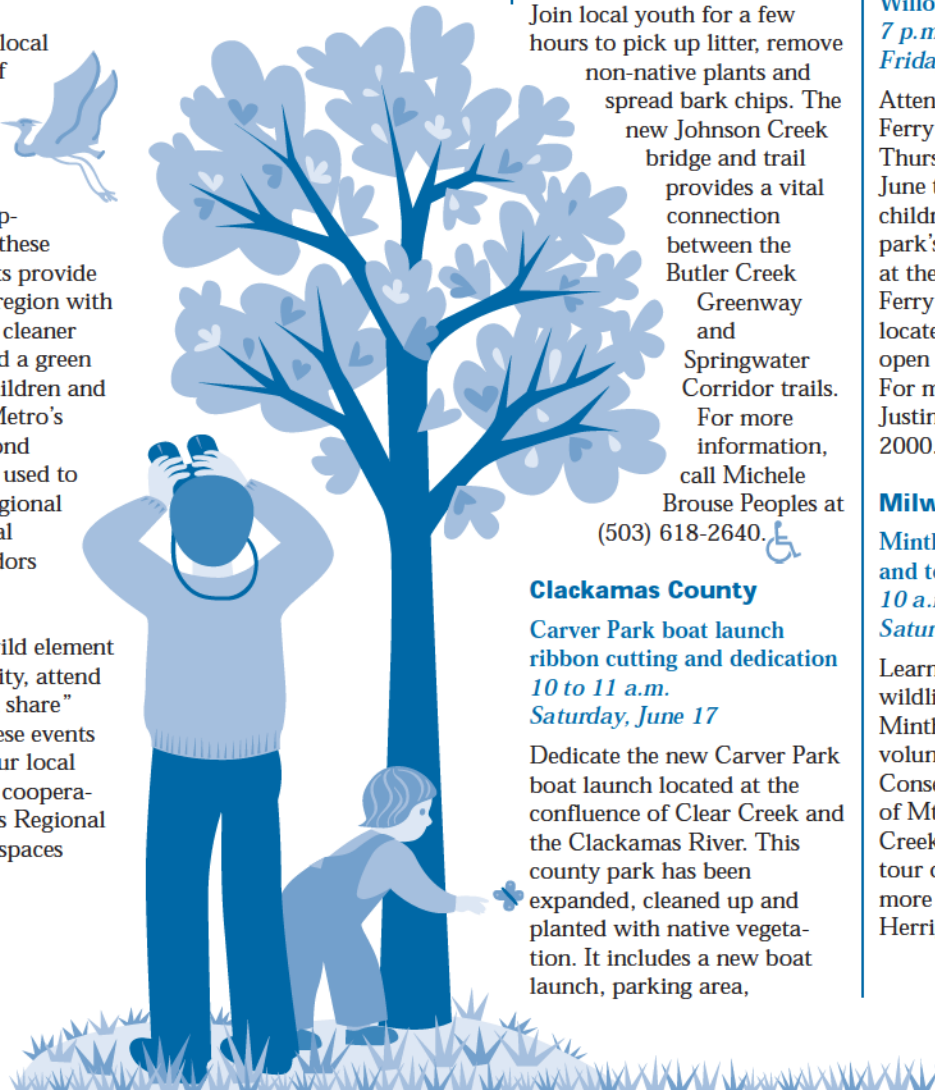
The neighborhood's turning wild

Yes, it's true. Many neighborhoods in the metropolitan region are a little wilder today than they were just five years ago.

That's because Metro's open spaces, parks and streams bond measure is funding more than 100 local park projects, located in almost every city, county and park district in the region. These park projects provide fish, critters, birds and bugs with places to live and grow. Wildflowers and native vegetation abound. In addition, new trails, footbridges, picnic shelters, fishing docks and boat launches give people an opportunity to escape into nature, right in their own neighborhoods.

Paid for by the "local share" portion of the \$135.6 million open spaces, parks and streams bond measure, approved in 1995, these new park projects provide residents of our region with access to nature, cleaner water and air and a green legacy for our children and grandchildren. Metro's portion of the bond measure is being used to acquire future regional park sites, natural areas, trail corridors and greenways.

To explore the wild element in your community, attend one of the "local share" events listed. These events are hosted by your local park provider in cooperation with Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department.



Troutdale

Trail dedication hike and optional ice cream social
11 a.m. Saturday, June 3

Participate in National Trails Day by dedicating Troutdale's newest trail, located between the Sandee Palisades neighborhood and Beaver Creek Canyon. Following the dedication, join others for a one-way hike (return transportation provided) along the trail across Beaver Creek to Glenn Otto Park for a no-host ice cream social. For more information, call Valerie Lantz at (503) 665-5175.

Gresham

Johnson Creek bridge and trail clean up
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10

Join local youth for a few hours to pick up litter, remove non-native plants and spread bark chips. The new Johnson Creek bridge and trail provides a vital connection between the Butler Creek Greenway and Springwater Corridor trails. For more information, call Michele Brouse Peoples at (503) 618-2640. ♿

Clackamas County

Carver Park boat launch ribbon cutting and dedication
10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 17

Dedicate the new Carver Park boat launch located at the confluence of Clear Creek and the Clackamas River. This county park has been expanded, cleaned up and planted with native vegetation. It includes a new boat launch, parking area,

restroom and picnic area. For more information, call Mike McLees at (503) 353-4421. ♿

Hillsboro

Discovery Day at Rood Bridge Park
9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 24

In conjunction with the Tualatin Riverkeepers' Discovery Day paddle trip, take a self-guided walking tour of Rood Bridge Park, Hillsboro's newest and largest park. This 60-acre park includes scenic woodlands and open areas along Rock Creek, the Tualatin River and a small lake. For more information, call Hillsboro Parks and Recreation at (503) 681-6120. ♿

Tualatin

Willowbrook Arts Festival
7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, June 28 to Aug. 4

Attend a free play at Brown's Ferry Park every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from June to August presented by children who attend the park's summer camp. While at the park, visit the Brown's Ferry Community Center, located on land acquired with open spaces bond funds. For more information, call Justin Patterson at (503) 692-2000. ♿

Milwaukie

Minthorn Springs workshop and tour
10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 1

Learn about the history, wildlife and hydrology of Minthorn Springs, and join volunteers from the Wetlands Conservancy and the Friends of Mt. Scott and Kellogg Creek watersheds for a guided tour of the wetland area. For more information, call JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508.

Wilsonville

Boeckman Creek Crossing
Trail walk and BBQ lunch
10 a.m. to noon
Saturday, July 15

Take a 1.5-mile journey that passes by a series of restoration projects conducted by students from Wilsonville's four schools. Enjoy a BBQ lunch at Memorial Park before returning on a different route to the east Boeckman Creek Trail trailhead. For more information, call Chris Neamtzu at (503) 570-1574.

Fairview

Salish Ponds walk
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 18

From Fairview's new city hall, take a walk on a summer evening past an environmental study area and a restored sedge-ash meadow to the new Salish Ponds Wetlands Park. Check out picnic areas, new fishing docks and beautiful views along the way. For more information, call Bill Cunningham at (503) 674-6205.

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District

Dedication and boardwalk tour of Moshofsky Woods
7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2

Moshofsky Woods is a 3-acre wooded park acquired by the city of Beaverton in 1997 and now part of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District system. Following the dedication, join others for a walk along the Willow Creek boardwalk, which provides a trail connection between Northwest 158th and Northwest 173rd avenues. For more information, call (503) 645-6433.



Tigard

Fanno Creek tree planting
10 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Aug. 12

Volunteer to plant trees, shrubs and plants on a new open space acquisition in Tigard. The property is on both sides of Fanno Creek and includes more than 986 feet of creek frontage. Tools and equipment will be provided. For more information, call Duane Roberts at (503) 639-4171.

Tualatin

Free paddle day at Brown's Ferry Park
All day Thursday, Aug. 17

Explore the Tualatin River by canoe or kayak. Boat rentals, available all summer at Brown's Ferry Park, are free for two hours on this day in August. Back on dry land, visit the Brown's Ferry Community Center, located on land acquired with open spaces bond funds. For more information, call Justin Patterson at (503) 692-2000.

West Linn

Lazy River open space restoration
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 19

Remove ivy and other non-native plants from the 15-acre Lazy River open space located in the Robinwood neighborhood of West Linn. This property, which had been slated for a town-home development, features streams, open fields and forested habitat. For more information, call Ken Worcester at (503) 557-4700.

Regional open spaces acquisition update

(as of May 1, 2000)

The goal of Metro's open spaces, parks and streams bond measure, approved in 1995, was to acquire a minimum of 6,000 acres of regionally significant natural areas, trails and greenways. Now, five years later and just shy of the minimum acreage goal, Metro continues to protect additional acreage including valuable creek and riverfront areas, wetlands and forested lands. In addition, 72 separate local parks projects have been funded through the "local share" portion of the bond measure (see article on local share summer events, beginning on page 6).

14 regional natural areas

Clear Creek Canyon
448 acres
Columbia River Shoreline
230 acres
Cooper Mountain
256 acres
East Buttes/Boring Lava Domes
565 acres
Forest Park Expansion
830 acres
Gales Creek
606 acres
Jackson Bottom/Dairy/McKay creeks
0 acres
Newell Creek Canyon
138 acres
Rock Creek
100 acres
Sandy River Gorge
1,018 acres
Tonquin Geologic Area
206 acres
Tryon Creek Linkages
43 acres
Tualatin River Access Points
384 acres
Willamette River Greenway
Canemah Bluff
62 acres
Multnomah Channel
326 acres
Willamette Cove
27 acres
Willamette Narrows
245 acres

6 regional greenways/trails

Beaver Creek Canyon Greenway
46 acres
Clackamas River Greenway
337 acres
Fanno Creek Greenway
28 acres
OMSI to Springwater Corridor
44 acres
Peninsula Crossing Trail
1 acre
Burlington Northern Rails-to-Trails
0 acres

Other sites (bond measure options, etc.)

Terwilliger Parkway/Marquam Woods
19 acres
Whitaker Ponds (in Northeast Portland)
14 acres

Total 5,974

For more information, visit our website at www.metro-region.org (click on "parks and greenspaces" under Metro departments, then on "open spaces") or call the open spaces hotline at (503) 797-1919.



VOLUNTEERING – *it's your nature*

New volunteer orientation

**noon to 1 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, June 6, July 11 and Aug. 1**

Start your Metro volunteer experience on the right foot and join us for new volunteer orientation – either during the lunch hour or in the evening in room 275 at Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave. Learn about Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, hear about the benefits of volunteering, receive information on volunteer job opportunities in the field and office, complete your volunteer application and enjoy the company of other new volunteers. Call Lupine Jones at (503) 797-1850, option 8 to register. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces* ♿



Volunteer VENTURES

First Saturdays at Oxbow
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturdays, June 3, July 1 and Aug. 5

Lend a hand at Oxbow Regional Park combating the spread of non-native plants. Bring gloves, snacks, long sleeves and water. For more information, call Josh D'Ancona at (503) 797-1863. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Forest Park Trail Maintenance

9 a.m. to noon

Every Saturday

Help maintain Forest Park by cleaning culverts, reinforcing waterbars and clearing dead branches, fallen trees and other trail obstacles. Meet at the field house at Lower Macleay Park at 29th and Northwest Upshur. For more information, call Marshall Miller at (503) 294-0961. *Friends of Forest Park*

SOLV Volunteer Action Training

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

Learn how to recruit volunteers and organize a project. This training is free to anyone who organizes a volunteer cleanup or restoration project within a year. Meet at Tualatin Hills Nature Park in Beaverton. To register, call (503) 844-9571. *SOLV* ♿

Cooper Mountain Work Day

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, June 10

Enjoy the views as you work to control erosion at this unique 300-acre greenspace near Beaverton. For more information and to register, call Sarah Anderson at (503) 797-1939. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Blue Lake Wetland Work Day

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, June 17

Don't get another tie for dad! Do something together that he will remember forever. Help with habitat restoration at Blue Lake Regional Park. (Dads not required.) For more information and to register, call Lupine Jones at (503) 797-1850, option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Workdays at Oxbow

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturdays, June 17 and July 15

Lend a hand at Oxbow Regional Park combating the spread of non-native plants. Bring gloves, snacks, long sleeves and water. For more information, call Josh D'Ancona at (503) 797-1863. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Neighborhood Planting Coordinator Training

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, June 17

Learn how to organize a street tree planting in your neighborhood. Meet in the Community Room at the Kennedy School. Call (503) 282-8846, extension 19 for more information. *Friends of Trees* ♿

Oxbow Park Host Training

1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

Do you enjoy people and nature? Volunteer to greet weekend visitors at beautiful Oxbow Regional Park on the scenic Sandy River. You can sit by the river or walk the trails, where you'll share information about the park's wildlife and natural history. For more information and to register, call Lupine Jones at (503) 797-1850, option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces* ♿

Gardening at Blue Lake

9 a.m. to noon

Wednesdays, July 5 and Aug. 2

Join staff, volunteers and members of the Ramblin' Sams RV Club for weeding, mulching and planting garden beds of all varieties at Blue Lake Regional Park. For more information and to register, call Lupine Jones at (503) 797-1850, option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Oxbow Campfire Host Training

6 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 8

Do you like to be on stage? Saturday evening campfire programs in the outdoor amphitheater are an Oxbow Regional Park tradition (see page 2). Campfire hosts start the campfire, set up the lights, introduce the performer to the audience and put away the equipment at the end. Stay free in the campground on the Saturday nights you volunteer. For the training, we will set up the "owls" campfire. For more information and to register, call Lupine Jones at (503) 797-1850, option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Canemah Bluff Work Day

9 a.m. to noon

Sunday, July 16

Work to pull Scotch broom on Canemah Bluff in Oregon City. For more information and to register, call Lupine Jones at (503) 797-1850, option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Wildflower Seed Collection at Cooper Mountain

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, July 22

Work with other volunteers at this unique 300-acre greenspace in Washington County to collect seeds from native wildflowers. The seeds will later be spread to other

areas of the property, helping to ensure the survival and health of our native species. For more information and to register, call Sarah Anderson at (503) 797-1939. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Work in the Wetlands

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, July 22

See another side of Blue Lake Regional Park by participating in habitat improvement and enhancement at the wetland area. For more information and to register, call Lupine Jones at (503) 797-1850, option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Cooper Mountain Work Day

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Aug. 12

Enjoy the scenery and a chance to work with other volunteers on much needed habitat improvement projects like erosion control and native grass seed collection on this 300-acre greenspace near Beaverton. For more information and to register, call Sarah Anderson at (503) 797-1939. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Peninsula Crossing trailhead clean up

Princeton Trailhead

6 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

Lombard Trailhead

9 to 11 a.m.


Sunday, July 23

Fessenden Trailhead

6 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 27

Help pull weeds and spread bark dust at the trailheads of the Peninsula Crossing Trail, a 3-mile pedestrian and bicycle trail that crosses the North Portland peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia rivers. Bring work gloves and tools. For more information, call Pam Arden at (503) 289-9475. *Friends of Peninsula Crossing Trail*

 by arrangement

HELP WANTED – Volunteer Classifieds

These jobs are exciting opportunities to work with Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department staff and volunteers. Training is provided with all positions, although some preferred qualifications are listed. The commitment for these positions varies and each opportunity can be matched with your particular skills and interests. Call Lupine Jones at (503) 797-1850, option 8 for more information.

"Blue Thumbs" wanted

Blue Lake Regional Park has everything from roses to wetlands. Whatever color your thumbs are, your help is needed with the care and feeding of the grounds at Blue Lake. Adopt your own flowerbed! Be independent or work with other gardeners. Help us beautify this regional park for thousands of yearly visitors.

Behind the scenes at Blue Lake

Help out Blue Lake Regional Park staff by answering visitors' questions at the main office, doing data entry and word processing,

answering phones and filing. Get involved with the park and its staff as you contribute. A commitment of one day or a half-day per week is requested from June through September.

Information blues

Where do I . . . ? When is the . . . ? How do you . . . ? There are hundreds of questions at Blue Lake Regional Park that need answering. Help inform visitors to the park about Slurpee the recycling machine, water activities, park history, the Wetlands Walk and a variety of other things to see and do. Needed mostly on the weekends through October.

Bilingual activity assistants

Do you speak a second language? Help make our programs more accessible by guiding walks, leading workdays or helping out at a park where many different languages are spoken. Enjoy working with a diverse population as you learn amazing things about our regional parks and greenspaces.

Seeking "Holly Hunters"

Do you walk the fitness trail at Glendoveer Golf Course? Help combat the invasive species problem and clean up this trail with other concerned and committed volunteers. Maybe we'll even find a golf ball or two. Fore!

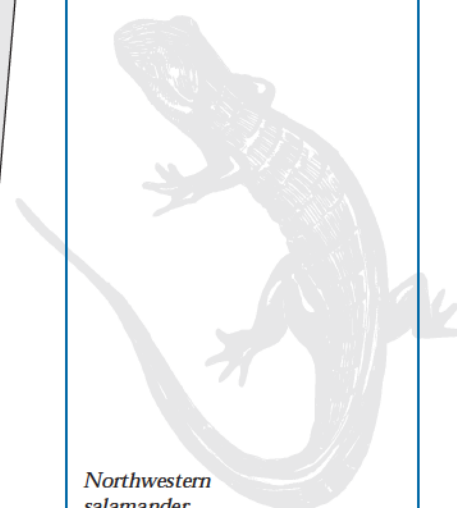
Fun in the sun

Hang out at the swim beach at Blue Lake Regional Park and assist rangers in enforcing the "under 5" rule. Help keep the beach safe and make sure everyone has a good time. No experience necessary, just a willingness to talk to people. Very flexible schedule. Volunteers are needed daily from mid-June through mid-September between noon and 8 p.m.

Amphibian monitors needed

Oxbow Regional Park and the Sandy River Gorge are home to several rare species of frogs and salamanders. Receive training in hands-on biological monitoring techniques and help collect data for an important conservation effort.

Northwestern
salamander



Blue Lake Regional Park . . .

You are invited!

Need an excuse to come out to Blue Lake? This "all- blue" issue of GreenScene offers dozens of special events and activities at Blue Lake Regional Park.

Fireworks – Join us for the first-ever Fourth of July fireworks show at Blue Lake. See *back cover*

Run, swim, ski – Blue Lake Regional Park hosts several exciting sports events including a water-ski tour featuring the world's top skiers. See *page 11*

Nature crafts – On Tuesday afternoons, kids meet at the Clatsop shelter to learn about nature and make crafts to take home including pioneer candles and animal masks. See *page 12*

Bike there – Find out how and why to ride your bike to Blue Lake. See *page 4*

Volunteer ventures – From flowerbeds to file cabinets, there are lots of ways to volunteer at Blue Lake. See *pages 8-9*

Especially for Kids – Spread out your blanket in front of the bandstand on Wednesday afternoons for puppet theater, undersea myths, spirited drumming and dancing and other great entertainment for youngsters. See *page 12*



Metro's Blue Lake Regional Park, located just 20 minutes from downtown Portland, offers a wealth of recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

A 64-acre natural lake fed by underground springs, Blue Lake provides opportunities for boating, fishing and swimming, and makes a beautiful backdrop for hundreds of family picnics, community events and special programs throughout the year.

Park highlights include a 400-foot swim beach and children's water play area, public fishing docks, playgrounds and sports fields, bike and boat rentals, reservable picnic shelters, walkways and bike paths, wetlands with a wildlife viewing platform and perimeter trail, and a growing variety of special events, outdoor activities and educational opportunities. The Lake House is an ideal setting for weddings, receptions or banquets.

Help plan the future of Blue Lake

In the 1920s, Blue Lake was a swimming hole in the country where Portlanders retreated to weekend cottages to escape the hustle and bustle of the city. These days, the hustle and bustle is not so far away, and Blue Lake Regional Park serves an average of 325,000 people every year. Metro is exploring the park's potential to better serve the recreational needs of the region's growing population on a year-round basis. It's your park . . . and we want you to help us shape its future. Get involved in upcoming public workshops and stay in touch with what's happening by getting on our Blue Lake mailing list. To learn more about this project or tell us your ideas, call project manager Jane Hart at (503) 797-1585.

... something for everyone

The Ramblin' Sams

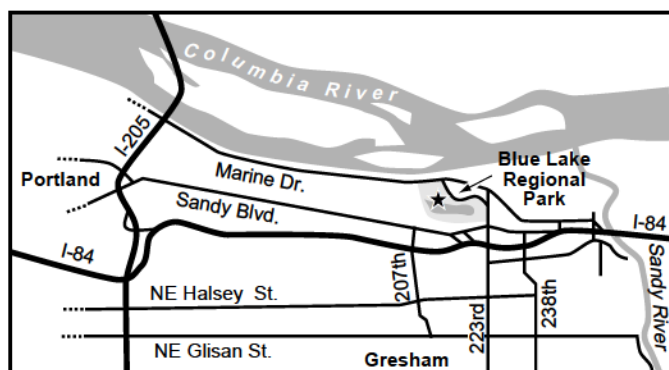
A local chapter of the Good Sam RV Club, has "adopted" Blue Lake Regional Park. This dedicated group of volunteers comes out once a month to help with weeding, planting and caring for many of the flowerbeds at Blue Lake. Metro gardener Mary McGaughey can't say enough about the sense of humor and

spirit of hard work they bring to their days at the park. "I just imagine how long it would take me to do this all by myself. We get so much done on the days with the Ramblin' Sam folks!" If this sounds like your kind of fun, the Ramblin' Sams will gladly make room for you among the daisies. For more information, call Lupine Jones at (503) 797-1733.

The Ramblin' Sams participating in the adopt-a-park program are Mari and Chris Adelhart, Gus Bippes, Dick and Leola Boyd, Phyllis Caldwell, Wilma Cioeta, Paul and Audrey Cox, Dennis and Fern Haugh, Arnold Hinman, Glenn and Emma Losey, Addie Miller, Bud and Evelyn Mulligan, Lyle and Carolyn Rider, Ann Springer and Dave Taylor.



Mildred Armstrong and her great-granddaughter Kaylee (and all the generations in between) have made Blue Lake Regional Park a part of their family history. The Armstrongs have been coming to the park for their annual family reunion for more than 30 years. If you would like to make a reservation at a Metro regional park, call Todd Olsen at (503) 797-1850, option 2.



Getting to Blue Lake

Blue Lake Regional Park is located between Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard off Northeast 223rd Avenue. From Interstate 84, take the Fairview Exit (14) and go north on 207th Avenue to Sandy Boulevard. Turn right onto Sandy and travel east to 223rd and turn left. Proceed north to Blue Lake Road and the park.

Blue Lake sports events

Blue Lake Triathlon

Sunday, June 11
AA Sports, (503) 644-6822

ORRC Ultra Relay

Sunday, June 25
Oregon Road Runner Club,
(503) 638-1315

Café de Columbia Water-Ski and Wakeboard Challenge

Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16
Active Water Sports,
(503) 643-5018

Mid-Summer Sprint Championship

Sunday, Aug. 6
AA Sports, (503) 644-6822

Note:

Pets are not permitted at Blue Lake Regional Park, and children younger than 5 are not allowed to enter the water or "wet sand" portion of the beach. There is a water play area for small children adjacent to the swim beach.



Summertime fun for kids



BLUE LAKE Nature Crafts

**1 to 2 p.m.
Tuesdays**

Join the fun at Blue Lake Regional Park learning about nature and making crafts to take home. Programs are held at the Clatsop shelter. Cost is \$2 per child for materials, payable the day of the event. Park entrance fee is an additional \$3 per car or \$6 per bus. Activities are suitable for ages 4-14. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Day care centers are welcome. Registration is required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve your space. ♿

Paper Making

June 27

Wasps do it – so can you. Make your own sheet of recycled paper. Recycling paper helps save trees.

Animal Masks

July 4

Let your imagination run wild as you create the likeness of the four-footed and winged ones and capture their images in masks made of feathers, fur, paper and paint.

Sand Painting

July 11

Create a painting using your imagination and colored sand. We will have Native American drawings on hand for examples and to use as templates.

Track Stencils on T-shirts

July 18

Bring a favorite t-shirt, bandana or some other piece of clothing that is easy to draw on. Draw your favorite animal tracks using fabric paint and glitter.

Pioneer Candles

July 25

Make a candle from scratch using an old-fashioned method used by the Oregon pioneers. We'll teach you techniques to make yours unique.

Clay Creatures

Aug. 1

Create your own animals from clay. Learn about some of our local critters and then make your favorite or make up your own fantasy animal.

Track Casting

Aug. 8

How many toes does a red fox have? What is the shape of a beaver's front foot? Find out as you make and paint plaster casts of animal tracks, then match the casts to a picture of the animal.

Pioneer Candles

Aug. 15

See description for July 25.

Paper Making

Aug. 22

See description for June 27.



ESPECIALLY for Kids

**2 to 2:45 p.m.
Wednesdays**

Join us at Blue Lake Regional Park for puppet theater, undersea myths, spirited drumming and dancing, and other great entertainment for youngsters. Focusing on fun, discovery and learning, these outdoor performances are designed for children ages 4-10. Programs are in the bandstand area. In case of rain, programs are held in the Chinook shelter. Day care groups are welcome. Especially for Kids is free with regular park admission of \$3 per car or \$6 per bus. No reservations required. For more information, call (503) 797-1728. ♿

Adventures in Asian American Drumming

Portland Taiko

June 28

Portland Taiko members deliver a high-spirited performance with dynamic drumming and humorous Asian folk tales. This interactive program will have the audience clapping, drumming and shouting in the Taiko way.

Northwest Birds of Prey

Hawk Haven

July 5

Meet some of the magnificent eagles, hawks and owls that live in the Northwest. Learn about the amazing role they play in maintaining a healthy environment.

Leapin' Louie Lichtenstein

July 12

This globetrotting comedy cowboy combines high-energy humor, trick roping, whip cracking, juggling and unicycle riding into an unpredictable and side-splitting show.

Jungle Book

Tears of Joy Theatre

July 19

This nationally recognized puppet company will have you howling (literally) at this performance of Jungle Book. Explore the Indian jungle with Mowgli as he tries to discover where he belongs and what it means to be a family.

Komedy 4 da Kids

Angel Ocasio

July 26

This zany and delightful comedy and magic show is presented by the award-winning clown, Angel Ocasio. Angel uses juggling, magic, comedy and audience participation to bring smiles and laughter to all ages.

Children's Folk Music

T&O Railroad

Aug. 2

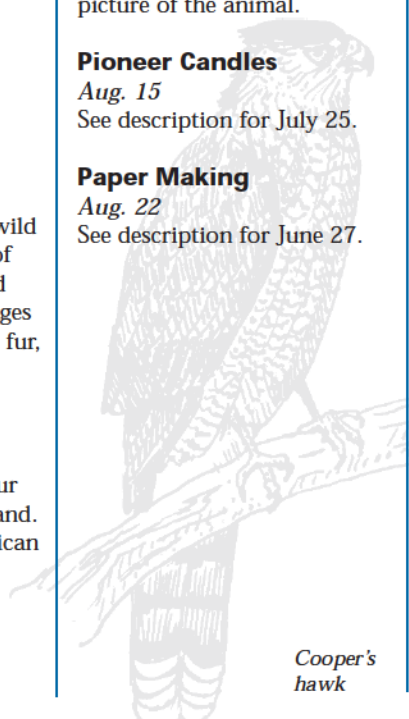
Refreshing toe-tapping renditions of traditional children's music from around the world are featured in this show that is sure to get everyone involved in joyful and funny rhythms and songs.

Native American Dance and Drumming

Rattling Thunder

Aug. 9

This Native American ensemble shares the culture, drumming, dance, stories and humor of the Dakota Sioux. A visually stunning performance showcases the pow-



Cooper's
hawk

wow dances, traditional costumes and instruments and oral culture of the past and present-day Sioux.

Undersea Journeys

*Storyteller, Dave Barrett
Aug. 16*


The mystery of the sea and lure of the ocean has stimulated tales around the world for centuries. Folk tales of the Pacific Rim are the focus for these imaginative and magical deep-sea travel stories.



OXBOW Adventures

1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays

The edge of an ancient forest at Oxbow Regional Park is the setting for this series of children's nature programs led by Metro naturalist Elisabeth Neely. Meet in the parking area across the road from Group Picnic Area A. Family groups and day care centers are welcome. Suitable for children 5 or older; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Programs are free with park entry fee of \$3 per car or \$6 per bus, but registration is required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to register.

 by arrangement (Beavers and River Roundup are not accessible)

Osprey Adventure

Tuesday, June 13

What does an osprey eat? How big are their nests? Where do they go in the winter? Find out all about osprey, then take a walk to see a real osprey nest – and with luck, the “fish-hawks”

themselves! Spotting scope provided for up close views.

Barefoot and Bear Feet

Tuesday, June 20

Summer is barefoot time, and we will check out some amazing and funny feet, including our own. Handle soft pelts and plaster casts of prints made by bear paws, elk hooves and eagle talons! Then treat your own two feet to a ticklish barefoot walk on the mossy forest floor.

Bird Detectives

Tuesday, June 27

Ever wonder what a bird is saying? Do you know a bird can actually tell you when your friends are coming down the trail – before you can even see them? Bring your ears to enter the fascinating world of our feathered friends and take home a secret bird decoder ring!

Beavers for the Fourth of July

Tuesday, July 4

Find out how this furry web-footed critter changed the course of American history. It's true! Handle beaver pelts, skulls, chews and footprints. Then we'll drive a short way to the riverbank and (shh! they're sleeping!) visit a real beaver lodge.

River Roundup

Tuesday, July 11

Discover firsthand the many aquatic creatures that live in the Sandy River. Hunt under rocks for lots of mayflies, caddis and crayfish. Scoops and magnifiers are provided for close-up looks.

Turkey Vulture Adventure

Tuesday, July 18

The homely “buzzard” is in fact a sensitive creature with some very cool adaptations for survival. We'll discover amazing vulture facts, search for them soaring in the sky and make a circling vulture mobile to take home.



WETLAND Explorers

10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays

Spend Wednesday mornings exploring the diverse wildlife at Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Meet naturalist James Davis in the parking area on North Marine Drive. Bring your own drinking water and snacks and binoculars, if you have them. These programs are for children accompanied by a parent. Not appropriate for youth groups or day care centers. Programs are free but advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve a space.



Bird Day

June 28

What birds nest at Smith and Bybee lakes? Why are they singing so much? What do the birds eat and how do they get it? Who's the smartest bird at the lakes? Be sure to bring your binoculars, if you have them, and we'll find the answers to these questions. *Age 9 or older.*

Bug Day

July 12

Summer is big time bug time and we should find lots of different kinds of insects, spiders and other creepy crawlies in the air, on the land and especially in the water. Come prepared to crawl around on the ground and get dirty. *Age 6 or older.*

Turtle Day

July 19

Smith and Bybee lakes have one of the largest remaining populations of the rare Western painted turtle. Why are these beautiful reptiles so rare? Why are they called “painted?” How big can they get? During the warm, sunny days of summer it is common to see dozens of these turtles out basking on logs. We'll keep our eyes out for other reptiles and amphibians as well. *Ages 6 to adult.*

Mammal Day

Aug. 9

Smith and Bybee lakes are home to an amazing variety of mammals such as beaver, otter, deer, raccoon and coyote. Mammals are very hard to see, especially during the day, but we often find evidence that they are around. We'll look for animal tracks and scat, beaver chews, mouse trails and many other signs that the mammals are there, even if we don't see them that often. *Age 8 or older.*

Wildlife Watching and Animal Camo Day

Aug. 16

Why don't most people see animals in the wild? Where do you look for animals? How can you see animals before they run away? Where do different animals make their homes? Can you tell what animals live at the lakes without really seeing them? Learn to see wildlife and read their signs as we look for all kinds of animals. *Age 9 or older.*

Wet Animals Day

Aug. 23

We will focus on the animals that live in the water – beaver, frogs, insects and our famous Western painted turtle. We'll also get down on our hands and knees and see if there's been a change in the bug life of the lakes since our first “bug day” in June. We are almost guaranteed to get a good look at some turtles. *Age 6 or older.*

Summer calendar



NATURE Discoveries

Evening Rambles in the Wetland

7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesdays, May 30-June 27

Come to Jackson Bottom for a leisurely ramble at the magical time of day between daylight and dark. Look for birds, beavers, deer, muskrats, bats, frogs and other creatures of the twilight hours. Families are welcome. Free. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Walk Around the Wetland

8 to 11 a.m.

Saturdays, May 27, June 24, July 29 and Aug. 26

Explore Jackson Bottom with a wetlands education specialist. Walks are free and open to all ages. Bring binoculars if you have them. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Whitaker Ponds Watershed Festival

noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 3

Meet your wild friends under the giant cottonwoods at this junkyard-turned-environmental-education-center. Whitaker Ponds is a 12-acre site with two freshwater ponds on the Columbia Slough (7040 NE 47th Ave., off Columbia Boulevard). For details, call

(503) 823-7185. *City of Portland and Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

Peninsula Crossing Trail

1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 4

Discover the Peninsula Crossing Trail, a 3-mile pedestrian and bicycle trail that crosses the North Portland peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia rivers. Tour will include two segments currently not open to the public. Meet at the Princeton trailhead at Princeton and Carey, two blocks north of Willamette Boulevard. For more information, call (503) 289-9475.

Friends of Peninsula Crossing Trail  by arrangement

Walking the Willamette River Greenway

6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

Come for a leisurely stroll from Heron Pointe wetlands to Willamette Butterfly Park and look for Anna's hummingbirds, bald eagles, purple martins and lots of wildflowers. \$5. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Evening Stroll at Oaks Bottom

6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, June 8

This leisurely 2-mile stroll around the wildlife refuge is especially for families. \$5. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Father's Day Hike and Brunch at Oxbow

10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 18

Bring Dad to Oxbow Regional Park for a special hike through the old-growth forest to the banks of the scenic Sandy River. We'll travel log footbridges over streams where salamanders hide, view an active osprey nest, and enjoy treats and beverages "al fresco." Hike is 1.5 miles and suitable for adults and children age 6 or older. Meet at the unmarked grassy picnic area 1 mile into the park. Park entry fee of \$3 per car and a \$2 per person donation to cover food expenses are payable the day of the event. Advance registration required. Choose the morning or afternoon hike, and call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Beaverton Powerline Trail Walk

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 22

Join us for an evening hike along the south portion of the Beaverton Powerline Trail. Be prepared to stretch your legs on moderate slopes. Meet in the PGE parking lot on Southwest Scholls Ferry Road. Program is free and open to all ages. Call April at (503) 649-4901 to register. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

Osprey Walk at Oxbow

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 25

Hike through the ancient forest to the edge of the Sandy River, where a pair of osprey has nested for many years. Discover their habitat and behavior with Metro naturalist Elisabeth Neely. Spotting

scopes and binoculars will be provided for a close-up view. Easy-to-moderate hike is suitable for adults and children 8 or older. Meet at Oxbow Regional Park at the parking area across the road from Group Picnic Area A. Program is free with a \$3 per car entrance fee to the park. No reservations required. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Nature Explorer's Club

June 26-Aug. 25 (except July 3-7)


The Nature Explorer's Club at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park is a half-day camp program that provides young children with a safe, adventurous and educational summer. Explore the magical secrets of nature including animal tracking, birds, plant life, insects, reptiles and our furry mammal friends. For ages 4-6, 9 a.m. to noon; \$56 in-district and \$99 out-of-district (per week). For ages 7-11, 1 to 5 p.m.; \$64 in-district and \$112 out-of-district (per week). Call 644-5595 for registration information. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

Nature Treks

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 26-Aug. 25 (except July 3-7)

Nature Treks is an eight-week series of eight week-long day-trip programs that give children age 8-12 a chance to study nature, hike, visit historical sites, catch critters, swim and explore a diversity of parks and natural spaces. Leaders and lifeguards will ensure a safe and fun experience. \$160 in-district and \$162 out-of-district (per week). Call 644-5595 for registration information. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*



Tuesdays and turtles at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area

Twilight Tuesdays

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. June 13, June 27, July 11, July 18,
7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 15 and Aug. 22

These relaxing evening walks at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area take advantage of those long summer days and give you a chance to unwind after work. Dusk is one of the best times to see wildlife, especially during the summer. It's about the only time you can see most mammals such as beaver, otter, muskrat, raccoon, nutria, deer and mink. Birds are more active then, too. We will discuss the basics of wildlife watching and identification. Dress for the weather and bring drinking water and binoculars, if you have them. All ages are welcome, but children must be able to be quiet, sneaky and patient. Program is free, but registration is required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces* ♿

Painted Turtle Walk 'n Talk

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturdays, June 3, July 8, July 22, Aug. 12 and
Aug. 26

Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area is home to one of the largest remaining populations of the Western painted turtle in Oregon. Why are they called "painted" turtles? Why has this beautiful reptile become so rare? What can be done to help them make a comeback? Find out all about these famous residents of the lakes and study them with binoculars and spotting scopes as they bask on logs. Suitable for adults and children 6 and older. Program is free, but advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces* ♿

Sandy River Exploration 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 8

Discover firsthand the many creatures that live in the Sandy River at Oxbow Regional Park. We'll have a great time hunting under rocks for mayflies, caddis and crayfish. Magnifiers will be provided for close-up looks. Osprey may make an appearance, too. Suitable for adults and children 5 or older. Includes a short walk across

rocks to the river. Meet across the road from Group Picnic Area A. No registration required. Program is free with park entry fee of \$3 per car. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Nature for Young Children

11 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, July 11

In this special nature program for ages 3-5, we'll listen to a story, take a short walk to

investigate sounds and colors in the forest, and make a nature craft to take home. Meet Metro park naturalist Elisabeth Neely at Oxbow Regional Park in the parking area across from Group Picnic Area A. Program is \$4 per child and registration is required by July 7. Call Troutdale Recreation (503) 665-5175 to reserve a space. There is an additional \$3 per vehicle entry fee, payable at the park. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces and Troutdale Recreation* ♿

Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Walk

9 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, July 15

Walk along the longest completed section of the 12-mile regional Fanno Creek Greenway Trail to see historic properties, wooded wetlands, wildlife and recreational activities along Fanno Creek. Walk begins at the Fanno farm house, 8405 SW Creekside Place, Beaverton. Walk is free and open to all ages. For more information, call Bob at (503) 244-7206. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

When is a Bug Not a Bug?

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 16

Explore what's underfoot at Oxbow Regional Park and discover a miniature world of predator and prey. Matthew Shepherd from the Xerces Society, an invertebrate conservation group, will lead this fascinating hands-on class about insects, butterflies and other "bugs." Nets and magnifiers provided. Suitable for adults and children 8 or older. Registration and payment of \$3 per person is required in advance. Additional park entry fee of \$3 per car is payable at the gate. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

Beaverton Powerline Trail Walk

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 27

Join us for an evening hike along the middle portion of the Beaverton Powerline Trail. Be prepared to stretch your legs on moderate slopes. Meet at Burntwood and Southwest 153rd Avenue. Program is free and open to all ages. Call April at (503) 649-4901 to register. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

Bull Run Watershed Tours

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 29 and

Friday, Aug. 25

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Portland's tap water at its source! Learn about the protected resources that provide Portland with unusually high quality drinking water. \$15. Advance registration required. Call (503) 823-7407 for more information. *City of Portland Bureau of Water Works*

♿ by arrangement

Turkey Vulture Adventure at Oxbow

1 to 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 30

The homely "buzzard" is in fact a sensitive creature with some very cool adaptations for survival. We'll discover amazing vulture facts, search for them soaring in the sky and make a circling vulture mobile to take home. Suitable for adults and children 5 or older. Meet across the road from Group Picnic Area A. Program is free with park entry fee of \$3 per car, but registration is required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces* ♿

Let's Head for the Gorge!

7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 5

Explore the incredible beauty of the Columbia River Gorge. Learn about the geology and natural history of the area as we travel by van to Oneonta Gorge, Tom McCall Preserve and Catherine Creek. Bring a sack lunch and binoculars, if you have them. Registration and payment of a \$50 fee are required in advance. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Nature for Young Children

11 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, Aug. 8

In this special nature program for ages 3-5, we'll listen to a story, take a short walk to investigate sounds and colors in the forest, and make a nature craft to take home. Meet Metro park naturalist Elisabeth Neely at Oxbow Regional Park in the parking area across from Group Picnic Area A. Program is \$4 per child; registration is required by Aug. 4. Call Troutdale Recreation at (503) 665-5175 to reserve a space. There is an additional \$3 per vehicle entry fee, payable at the park. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces and Troutdale Recreation* ♿

Wild for Watersheds Tour

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 19
Explore the beaches of the Columbia and Willamette rivers and the Columbia Slough with a guided tour of Kelley Point Park, North Marine Drive and Lombard Avenue. Bring binoculars if you have them. For more information, call (503) 823-7268. *City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services and Audubon Society of Portland*

Wapato Island Wild Food Expedition

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Aug. 19

Explore the edible plants of Sauvie Island as you investigate wild foods from marshes, fields and woods. To register, call (503) 775-3528. *Wild Food Adventures*

Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Walk

9 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 26

Walk along the longest completed section of the 12-mile regional Fanno Creek Greenway Trail to see historic properties, wooded wetlands, wildlife and recreational activities along Fanno Creek. Walk begins at the Fanno farm house, 8405 SW Creekside Place, Beaverton. Walk is free and open to all ages. For more information, call Bob at (503) 244-7206. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

Dirt Time

9 a.m. to noon

Sundays, May 28, June 25, July 30 and Aug. 27

"Dirt time" means spending time practicing the art of animal tracking. Join regional expert trackers and gain experience identifying and interpreting the subtle and complex clues left by wildlife. Meet at the floodplain parking lot at Oxbow Regional Park. Dirt Time is free with a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park. All ages and skill levels are welcome. No advance registration required. *The Tracking Club*



BIRD Watching

Lunch With the Birds

noon to 1 p.m.

Wednesdays, May 31-June 28

Meet a Jackson Bottom staff member at the north view shelter to check out waterfowl, birds of prey and seasonal migrants. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve* ♿

Great Blue Herons at Oaks Bottom

8 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, June 3

Visit Portland's first official urban wildlife refuge for a 2-mile walk. Look for song sparrows, Bewick's wrens, black-capped chickadees, bushtits and spotted towhees. As many as 100 great blue herons can be seen searching for prey in the bottoms to feed their young on nearby Ross Island. \$5. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Great Blue Heron Hike

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 3

Celebrate Great Blue Heron Week at Jackson Bottom with a hike to the rookery to see dozens of great blue herons on their nests. Advance registration is required. \$3 per adult; children are free. Call (503) 681-6419 to register. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Bird Watching at Smith and Bybee Lakes

8:30 to 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 3

Wander the trails at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area with Metro naturalist and birding expert James Davis. Nesting birds will be settled in and some migrants will still be passing through, making for lots of action. Songbirds will be singing like crazy and we'll spend some time learning to identify the most common by their song. Bring drinking water and insect repellent and binoculars, if you have them. Program is free, but advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces* ♿

Great Blue Herons and the Willamette River Greenway

5:30 to 7 p.m.

Monday, June 5

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck and wildlife photographer Michael Wilhelm at the Lucky Labrador Brewing Co., 912 SE Hawthorne Blvd., for a slide show and discussion about efforts to protect herons and finish the Willamette River Greenway in Portland. Free. No registration required. *Great Blue Heron Week* ♿

Early Morning Birding

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 10

Meet a ranger at the gazebo at Tualatin Hills Nature Park for a glimpse into the life of birds. Stop by anytime during the hour. Free. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

Early Morning Birding

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 18

Meet a ranger at the tadpole ponds at Tualatin Hills Nature Park for a glimpse into the life of birds. Stop by anytime during the hour. Free. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

Bird Watching at Smith and Bybee Lakes

8:30 to 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 8

Wander the trails at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area with Metro naturalist and birding expert James Davis. Nesting birds will be settled in and some migrants will still be passing through, making for lots of action. Songbirds will be singing like crazy and we'll spend some time learning to identify the most common by their song. Bring drinking water and insect repellent and binoculars, if you have them. Program is free, but registration is required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces* ♿

Understanding the Language of Birds

9 a.m. to noon

Sunday, July 9

What can you learn from the birds as they communicate with each other and other wild animals? Join Metro naturalist Elisabeth Neely for a hands-on class at Oxbow Regional Park that will introduce you to the fascinating art of interpreting the meaning of bird songs and calls, using techniques learned from Jon Young and generations of expert trackers. Suitable for adult and teen bird watchers and wildlife enthusiasts of all levels of experience. Dress for the weather, bring a notepad and something to sit on in the woods. Meet at the floodplain. Registration and a

program fee of \$5 per person are required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850, option 4 to reserve a space. There is also a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park, payable at the gate. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*



PADDLE Trips

Evening on the Columbia Slough

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 9

Bring your own canoe for a peaceful paddle through the upper three miles of the slough waterway. Launch at 16550 NE Airport Way in Portland. Trip is free. Some canoes available to borrow on a "first-come, first-served" basis by calling Susan at (503) 823-7268. *City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services and Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

Ross Island Herons

6:30 to 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 11

Meet at Willamette Park to join a flotilla of canoes and kayaks on this paddle trip around Ross Island and into the island's lagoon to view great blue herons on their nests. The trip is free and great for families. Bring your own craft; lifejacket is required. For more information, call Mike Houck at (503) 292-6855. *Great Blue Heron Week*

Rafting the Sandy River

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 17

Sundays, June 25 and July 16

Paddle your own four-person raft down the scenic Sandy River. A naturalist guide will teach you how to control your raft through the mild rapids and point out the natural wonders that you pass. Great trip for beginners. Participants need to bring lunch, water, rain gear and appropriate clothing. Registration due 10 days prior to trip date; \$40 fee includes guide, raft equipment and shuttle. Call Ken at (503) 624-4829 for more information. *Northwest Discoveries*

Columbia Slough Regatta

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, July 30

Bring your own canoe for a peaceful paddle through the upper 3 miles of the Columbia Slough. Launch at 16550 NE Airport Way in Portland. Trip is free. For more information, call Jay Mower at (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

Smith and Bybee Lakes paddle trips

Traveling by canoe or kayak is the best way to explore Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Meet at the parking lot on North Marine Drive. Trips are free. Bring your own kayak or canoe. *Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes*

6 to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21

Call Frank for reservations at (503) 283-1145.

9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 9

Call Troy for reservations at (503) 249-0482.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 11

Call Polly for reservations at (503) 285-3508.

Step into the past

The historic Bybee House at Metro's Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island was built in 1858 by James and Julia Bybee. Guests are welcome for guided tours provided by the Oregon Historical Society on Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day from noon to 5 p.m. An agricultural museum is also open for tours of 19th century farming and domestic artifacts.

The "Day in the Country" heritage series offers a glimpse into what life was like a century ago and includes lectures, hands-on activities and a tour. Sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society, these free programs are from 1 to 3 p.m. on the second and the third Sundays of June, July and August. Call the Oregon Historical Society at (503) 222-1741 for more information.

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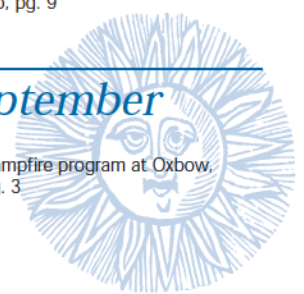
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See you there!

Metro regional parks, greenspaces and facilities

Blue Lake Regional Park provides archery, volleyball, softball, horseshoes, disabled-accessible playgrounds, food concessions, bike and boat rentals, swimming, fishing and large picnic shelters perfect for family reunions and company picnics. Bikers, runners and walkers enjoy the trails along the lake and throughout the park. The Lake House is an elegant site for weddings and other special events.

Location: Between Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard off Northeast 223rd Avenue. From I-84, take the Fairview exit (14) and go north on 207th Avenue to Sandy Boulevard. Turn right onto Sandy and travel east to 223rd and turn left. Proceed north to Blue Lake Road and the park.

Entrance fee: \$3 per car and \$6 per bus.

Oxbow Regional Park, a 1,200-acre natural area park located within the wild and scenic Sandy River Gorge, offers the opportunity to walk through an old-growth forest or watch a fall Chinook salmon swim upstream to spawn. The river draws swimmers, rafters, kayakers and anglers. Hiking trails, wooded campsites, reservable picnic areas, horse trails, playgrounds and play fields are also available.

Location: Eight miles east of Gresham. From I-84, take the Troutdale exit (17). Go past the truck stop to the light. Turn right on 257th, go 3 miles to Division Street. Turn left onto Division. Follow the signs 6.5 miles and turn left. Follow the road to the park.

Entrance fee: \$3 per car and \$6 per bus.

Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island is a scenic blend of natural and cultural history. The Oregon Historical Society provides interpretive tours of a pioneer house and agricultural museum on summer weekends. Picnickers and birdwatchers enjoy this idyllic site, which also includes nine acres of wetland and surrounding pastoral land.

Location: Take Highway 30 north past Linnton to the Sauvie Island Bridge. Cross the bridge, proceed north approximately 1 mile and turn right onto Howell Park Road.

Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area is the largest protected wetland within an American city. Home to beaver, river otter, black-tailed deer, osprey, bald eagles and Western painted turtles, this 2,000-acre wildlife area offers a paved trail with two wildlife viewing platforms. Non-motorized boats are welcome.

Location: On Marine Drive between the Expo Center and Kelley Point Park. Take I-5 to Marine Drive west exit (#307). Go west 2.5 miles on Marine Drive to the parking area on the south side of the road.

Beggars-tick Wildlife Refuge, a 20-acre greenspace located along the Springwater Corridor Trail, was named after a species of native sunflower. The refuge is home to a variety of native plant species and wildlife, and provides open water for migratory waterfowl in the winter.

Location: Southeast 111th Avenue, just north of Foster Road. Also accessible from the Springwater Corridor Trail.

Pioneer cemeteries in Multnomah County offer a unique look into the history of the region and are managed as operating facilities. Dating back as early as 1851, 14 pioneer cemeteries offer scenic tranquility and a glimpse into the past.

Chinook Landing Marine Park, a 67-acre marine park with six launching lanes on the Columbia River, is the largest public boating facility in Oregon. The park offers picnic and viewing areas, wetland and wildlife habitat, disabled-accessible docks, restrooms and a seasonal river patrol station.

Location: Adjacent to Blue Lake Regional Park on Marine Drive.

Entrance fee: \$4 per vehicle.

M. James Gleason Memorial Boat Ramp is a convenient public boat launch on the Columbia River, minutes from downtown Portland. Amenities include launch lanes, boarding docks, restrooms, river maps and a river patrol office.

Location: Northeast 43rd Avenue and Marine Drive.

Entrance fee: \$3 per vehicle.


Sauvie Island Boat Ramp enables boaters to enjoy the quiet waters and wildlife of Multnomah Channel. Picnic tables, parking and restrooms are available.

Location: At the junction of Burlington Ferry and Sauvie Island roads.

Glendoveer Golf Course provides challenging play for every level with two 18-hole golf courses. A two-mile fitness trail along the perimeter of the course draws joggers and walkers to the natural setting. There are also tennis and racquetball courts, a driving range and a restaurant.

Location: 140th and Northeast Glisan Street.

Note: In order to protect wildlife habitat, and for their own safety, **pets are not permitted** at any Metro park or greenspace.

 Except for Howell Territorial Park and Glendoveer Golf Course, the parks and facilities above each provide some wheelchair access. For more specific accessibility information, call (503) 797-1728.

Annual park pass

Purchase an annual park pass for unlimited entry and parking at Oxbow and Blue Lake regional parks, Chinook Landing Marine Park and the M. James Gleason Boat Ramp. Regular pass is \$35; senior pass is \$25; low-income/disability pass is \$10 (documentation required). Purchase passes at the Blue Lake or Oxbow offices, Metro Regional Center or by calling (503) 797-1850. MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Information numbers

General number
(503) 797-1850

Parks reservations
(503) 797-1850

Open spaces hotline
(503) 797-1919

Blue Lake Regional Park
(503) 665-4995

The Lake House
(503) 667-3483

Oxbow Regional Park
(503) 663-4708

Howell Territorial Park
(503) 665-6918

James Bybee House
(503) 222-1741

Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area
(503) 797-1515

Marine facilities
(503) 665-6918

Glendoveer Golf Course
(503) 253-7507

Pioneer cemeteries
(503) 988-3622



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For more information or to volunteer, call the East County Fireworks Committee at (503) 492-5170.

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