

Metro GreenScene

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Summer 2001



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Around the campfire at Oxbow Regional Park



Metro ranger Rachel Mortenson and the rest of the park staff invite you to enjoy a bigger and better campground at Oxbow Regional Park.

What are you waiting for? Grab your sleeping bags, throw a tent in your trunk and head out to the expanded and improved campgrounds at Metro's Oxbow Regional Park for a night under the stars. Since last summer, the park staff has been putting the finishing touches on a series of campground improvements including 22 new campsites, each with a table, fire pit, cooking grill and lantern pole. Two new restroom/shower buildings boast hot and cold running water, coin-operated showers, heated-air hand dryers, radiant floor heating

and Oxbow's first flush toilets. The new restroom facilities and two of the new campsites are accessible by wheelchair. New plantings of native vegetation and installation of several cedar fences help define site boundaries and establish privacy screenings between sites.

Oxbow's 67 campsites are open year-round and available on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Maximum occupancy is six people and two cars per site. Fee is \$13 per night.

Campfire programs

Bring the family to Oxbow Regional Park for weekend evening campfire stories, nature programs and old-fashioned entertainment. This year, in addition to the Saturday night programs, we're pleased to present an acoustic music series on

Friday nights in July. Campfire programs are held in the outdoor forest amphitheater across from the campground. It's a great way to spend the 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 will be let out at the gate by the rangers. Please park in the designated area near the boat ramp. Park entry fee is \$3 per car. No reservations required. For more information, call Metro at (503) 797-1850. 

Surefire Duet

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, July 6

Kick off the campfire season with Dave Elliott and Randy Oman, members of the Surefire Bluegrass Band. Young Buddy Elliott will join them on standup bass. Enjoy old-style brother duets and sing along with some favorites.

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.

Metro is governed by an executive officer, elected regionwide, and a seven-member council elected by districts. An auditor, also elected regionwide, reviews Metro's operations.

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On the cover

(clockwise from top left): lupine blooming on a Metro open space property, the old oak tree on the Wilsonville Tract property, Coffee Lake in the Tonquin geologic area and the newly improved Sauvie Island Boat Ramp.

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Birds of Prey of the Pacific Northwest

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 7

Live birds of prey will visit the campfire circle with Leslie Rapacki from Hawk Haven. Learn about these beautiful hawks up close. Tonight only: an eagle makes an appearance.

Old-Time Campfire Tunes

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, July 13

Greg Stone returns this year to play with Lon Jones. They'll play guitar and mandolin and sing old-time bluegrass tunes around the campfire. Tap your feet, dance with your kids, or just sit back and enjoy the music.

Tracking and Watching Wildlife

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 14

Metro chief naturalist Deb Scrivens will share secrets for observing wild animals and reading the amazing stories told by tracks in the sand. Deb has tracked foxes, cougars and other wild animals at Oxbow for 15 years.

Juliet Wyers

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, July 20

Join us for a special evening with folk musician Juliet Wyers. As one reviewer wrote, Juliet has "a masterful poetic sense with vibrant acoustic guitar work."

Whooo Goes There?

8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 21

Owls have always fascinated people with their huge staring eyes and mysterious nocturnal ways. Learn about the lives of Oregon's enchanting owls with this popular slide program by Metro naturalist James Davis.

Old-Time Campfire Tunes

8 to 9 p.m.

Friday, July 27

Greg Stone and Lon Jones bring us another evening of bluegrass favorites. They'll play guitar and mandolin and sing old-time tunes around the campfire.

Birds of Prey of the Pacific Northwest

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 28

Leslie Rapacki from Hawk Haven returns for a second evening with her popular feathered friends. Find out why raptors are essential to our ecosystem, and meet these beautiful birds up close.

Return of the Wolf

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 4

After a 50-year absence, are wolves returning to Oregon? Find out about these incredible predators and learn about wolf issues in the Pacific Northwest with Tom Buckley from Defenders of Wildlife. Enjoy slides of wolves and touch a wolf pelt and skull.

Wild, Wild Wildlife

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11

Have you ever wondered how foxes and bears move through the woods unseen, or what those noisy birds are "talking" about? Animal tracker

Tony Deis and Metro naturalist Elisabeth Neely bring you a fun interactive evening of stories, wild sounds and movement sure to stir your imagination about the mysteries of nature.

The Fish that Walked and Other Tall Tales

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18

With his wonderful voice and expressive ways, master storyteller Will Hornyak spins a collection of yarns sure to entrance and entertain both young and old.

Bats: Myth and Reality

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 25

Will a bat get tangled in your hair? How many bats fit in a bat house? Join Audubon Society of Portland's "Bat Man," Wolfgang Dempke, for an exciting campfire talk about the only flying mammal on earth.

Storytelling to the Beat of the Drum

8 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1

Gordon Munro returns, combining 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.

Volunteer at the Campfire Programs

The Oxbow Regional Park naturalist needs your help with the Saturday night campfire programs. Be part of a park tradition, and enjoy some good shows. Volunteer campfire hosts set up the lights, introduce the performer and put away the gear at the end of the program. Stay free in the campground the nights you volunteer. Volunteers must be available for two Saturday evenings this summer.

A campfire host training will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 7. Volunteers will set up the birds of prey show. For more information and to register, call Metro at (503) 797-1850 option 8.

Fourth of July fireworks and music

at Metro's
Blue Lake
Regional Park
in Fairview

Fireworks and music return to East Multnomah County this summer and they're better than ever!

Pack a picnic, load up your loved ones and join us at Blue Lake for a festive, good time for the whole family.

5:30 p.m.

T&O Railroad

Upbeat and hilarious folk music

6:30 p.m.

Boka Marimba

High-energy dance music

8 p.m.

Donna Jose Band

Good time pop, country and rock

Admission is \$6 per vehicle. No pets, alcohol or personal fireworks. 

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**Multnomah
Greyhound Park**

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Open spaces

230 acres protected in the Tonquin geologic area

Strolling among sword ferns and a majestic stand of Douglas fir, listening to the gentle gurgle of three nearby streams and gazing out over the adjacent wetland and field, it's easy to understand why residents and officials in Wilsonville worked passionately for years to protect this area as open space for future generations to enjoy. Metro purchased the 230-acre property, known to many as the Wilsonville Tract, from the Oregon Division of State Lands in early May with funds from the \$135.6 million open spaces, parks and streams bond measure approved by voters in 1995.

Located on the southwest edge of Wilsonville off Grahams Ferry and Wilsonville roads, the purchase culminates more than six years of negotiation. Metro fulfilled its promise to voters in the Wilsonville area, many of whom supported the bond measure in hopes that it would protect the tract. The property is in the southern portion of the Tonquin geologic area, one of the natural areas targeted for acquisition in the bond measure. A primary goal for the area is to acquire remaining examples of lands that exhibit unique geologic features of prehistoric glacial flooding (see article on page 5). With the new purchase near Wilsonville, Metro has acquired a total of 436 acres in the area, including the nearby Coffee Lake area to the north and a parcel on Corral Creek to the south.

"With its blend of forest, uplands and wetlands, the property will be a valuable open space," explains Wilsonville Mayor Charlotte Lehan, who has worked for many years to protect the property. "I'm very pleased to see the habitat protected for wildlife and as a future place for people to study and enjoy nature close to home."

The new Metro property includes a mix of forested canyons, seasonal wetlands and open farmland. The site has high wildlife habitat value due to the dominance of undisturbed native plants in the forested areas, the presence of wetlands and seasonal streams, and the site's connection to other habitats. It provides nesting, denning, foraging, escape cover and travel habitat for a variety of birds, mammals and fish.

Mill Creek that flows through the heavily wooded 73-acre forest is typical of the low gradient valley streams preferred by cutthroat trout. The property has more than a half-mile of frontage on the creek. The creek and its feeder streams are shaded by big-leaf maple, Douglas fir, red alder and Western red cedar, along with vine maple and Oregon hazel. Woodpeckers, nuthatches, warblers, flycatchers and other songbirds flit through the trees. A variety of woodland creatures, including deer, raccoons, opossums and bobcats, traipse through the forest.



Enormous Douglas fir trees rise up from the forest floor at a new Metro open space on the edge of Wilsonville. Some are taller than 100 feet and more than three and a half feet in diameter.

The property will also provide an outdoor classroom for local students and people from all over the region through two neighboring schools and an adjacent environmental learning center being built by the West Linn-Wilsonville School District.

Area residents are eager to begin the master planning process that will prepare the property for public access, and the city of Wilsonville has committed \$60,000 toward that effort. In the interim, the cultivated areas will continue to be farmed under a lease agreement.

Your help is needed

**9 a.m. to noon
Saturday, June 30**

Check out Metro's new property near Wilsonville and help protect it at the same time. A whole lot of English ivy is harming the trees and needs to be removed. Join in the fight! For more information and to register, call Metro at (503) 797-1850 option 8.

If these rocks could speak

by Metro intern Irene Boland

The rock features of the Tonquin geologic area tell a story of ancient floods with volumes of water 10 times the flow of all the rivers in the world today. One of the goals of Metro's open spaces bond measure is to help preserve this history.

Fifteen thousand years ago, a glacial ice dam gave way under the force of a giant lake, covering much of what is now Montana, sending a 50-mile-per-hour rumble of ice, rock, debris and water all the way to the Pacific. The deluge tore across eastern Washington and through the Columbia River Gorge along the way.

As recently as 60 years ago, geologists debated the cause of the unique formations of eastern Washington, where huge scars of bare basaltic rock are exposed among fertile farmlands and car-sized boulders composed of granite, schist, quartzite can be found at random, a long way from their origin. The view from an airplane confirmed the theories of geologists J. Harlen Bretz and Joseph Thomas Pardee, which were long thought preposterous. It became clear that as they had asserted, the configuration of twisting canyons and gouged channels were the remains of torrential floodwater erosion, complete with mile-long ripple marks. Since then, these events have become known as the Bretz Floods.

This 15,000-year-old flood story resonates today in the formations of the Tonquin

geologic area and in the striking Columbia River Gorge. Where mountain streams once flowed gradually into the Columbia, they now plunge over carved out valley walls in dramatic falls. Other astounding features were formed when floods backed up the Tualatin River forcing its path south through Tonquin – pocking the landscape with scores of pothole lakes called “kolks” and reversing the flow of Rock Creek. Below the flood line that inundated the Willamette Valley as far south as Eugene, soil is markedly thinner in some places, as it can take as long as 10,000 years to regenerate after being washed away.

(“Cataclysms on the Columbia” by John Eliot Allen and Marjorie Burns was a source for the information in this article.)

For an opportunity to check out a Metro open space property in the Tonquin geologic area, see below.

Coffee Lake Tour

10 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Aug. 4

Join Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens for the first public nature walk on one of Metro's new open space acquisitions in the Tonquin geologic area. Take a leisurely walk near Coffee Lake, a “kolk” or wetland formed by the Bretz Floods. Free. All ages welcome. Advance registration required. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4.

Acquisition Update

(as of May 15, 2001)

Metro has acquired more than 6,911 acres of open space around the region since voters approved Metro's \$135.6 million open spaces, parks and streams bond measure in 1995. In addition, Metro has constructed two and a half miles of the Peninsula Crossing Trail, stretching across the north Portland peninsula from the Willamette River to the Columbia River. For more information, visit Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org or call the open spaces hotline at (503) 797-1919.

Butterfly count on Cooper Mountain

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, July 14

Count butterflies at Cooper Mountain, Metro's 300-acre greenspace near Beaverton. Metro has formed a new partnership with the Xerces Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of butterflies and other invertebrates. Together, Metro and Xerces will launch a series of summer butterfly counts designed to collect information about regional butterfly populations and introduce the public to new Metro greenspaces acquired with funds from the open spaces, parks and streams bond measure. Bring binoculars, a butterfly field guide and a butterfly net if you have them (not required) and an interest in butterflies (required). If it rains, the count will be rescheduled for Saturday, July 21. For more information, call Tauna Wamsley at (503) 797-1939 or send e-mail to wamsleyt@metro.dst.or.us.

Help keep hazardous products out of rivers and streams

Many common household products you use in your yard and home can hurt people, fish and wildlife if used or disposed of incorrectly. Bring your paints, pesticides, solvents and household cleaners to a free Metro collection event in your community or to Metro's permanent facilities in Northwest Portland and Oregon City.

You'll also have an opportunity to learn about safer alternatives for the house and garden. Call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000 for a schedule of community collection and education events or information about natural gardening or visit www.metro-region.org.



VOLUNTEERING – *it's your nature*



Volunteer VENTURES

First Saturdays at Oxbow

*11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturdays, June 2, July 7 and
Aug. 4*
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 (503) 797-
1850 option 8. *Metro
Regional Parks and
Greenspaces Department*

Forest Park Trail Repair

*9 a.m. to noon
Saturdays, except holiday
weekends*
Get to know the trails of
Forest Park in a whole new
way. Join volunteers for trail
maintenance and repair. Bring
gloves, boots and water. Meet
at Lower Macleay Park at
Northwest Upshur and 30th.
For more information, call
(503) 823-3681. *Friends of
Forest Park*

New Volunteer Orientations

*noon to 1 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesdays, June 6, July 11
and Aug. 1*
Join us for new volunteer
orientation either during the
lunch hour or in the evening
at Metro Regional Center,
600 NE Grand Ave., room
275. Learn about Metro's
Regional Parks and Green-
spaces Department, hear
about the benefits of volun-
teering, receive information
on volunteer job opportuni-
ties in the field and office,

complete your volunteer
application and enjoy the
company of other new
volunteers. To register, call
(503) 797-1850 option 7.
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Monumental Evenings

*6:30 p.m. to sunset
Thursdays*
Last year Monumental
Evenings volunteers cared for
more than 400 gravestones at
Metro's Lone Fir Cemetery.
Join them this year as they
tackle "block one" of this
historic pioneer cemetery. Feel
free to bring a sack dinner.
Children are welcome, but
please leave pets at home. For
more information, call (503)
771-7737. *Metro Regional
Parks and Greenspaces
Department* ♿

Community Ivy Pull

*9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturdays, June 9 and July 14*
Volunteers gather at Tryon
Creek State Park on the
second Saturday of every
month to help rid the park of
invasive English ivy. Bring
gloves and wear sturdy shoes.
For more information, call
(503) 636-4398. *Friends of
Tryon Creek State Park*

Community Pioneers Work Days

*9 a.m. to noon
Saturdays, June 16, July 21
and Aug. 18*
Join the Friends of Lone Fir
Cemetery for invasive species
removal, monument cleaning
and other volunteer activities
at this historic pioneer
cemetery. Volunteers are
invited on a small tour of the
cemetery at the end of each
work party. Children are
welcome, but please leave pets
at home. For more informa-
tion, call (503) 771-7737.
*Metro Regional Parks and
Greenspaces Department* ♿



Laila Hungerford

A little more than a year ago, Laila Hungerford contacted Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department after a "Volunteer Classifieds" ad in the GreenScene caught her eye. Two hundred volunteer hours later, Laila still rides her bike to Metro Regional Center every Thursday to assist with a variety of data entry projects, from volunteer records to bird surveys.

Laila enjoys the time she spends at Metro. She particularly likes learning about the many parks and greenspaces Metro manages and the huge variety of volunteer opportunities available. Also, Laila likes to stay busy. "There is certainly plenty of work to do here," she says. Enough, she thinks, for lots of other people to join her in working to create a better community. Take a look at the volunteer classifieds and see if anything catches your eye.

Tualatin Hills Nature Park Project Days

*9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturdays, June 16 and Aug.
11 and Sunday, July 15*
Make the Tualatin Hills
Nature Park a better place for
wildlife and people. Help
park rangers remove invasive
species, plant native plants
and maintain trails. All
materials will be provided.
Ages 12-adult. For more
information and to register,
call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin
Hills Park and Recreation
District*

Newell Creek Canyon Work Day

*9 a.m. to noon
Saturdays, June 16 and
July 21*
Join Metro, John Inskeep
Environmental Learning
Center and Friends of Newell
Creek for a series of restora-
tion work days on a variety of
sites in Newell Creek Canyon.
Invasive plant removal, trash
pickup and trail work will be
included. For more informa-
tion, call Tauna Wamsley at
(503) 797-1939. *Metro
Regional Parks and
Greenspaces Department*

Wilson Creek Tree Care Day

9 a.m. to noon
Sunday, June 17

Help weed and mulch around new native trees and shrubs planted this winter along Wilson Creek in Clackamas County. Volunteers will also help crew leaders in assessing plant survival rates. For more information, call (503) 844-9571. SOLV

Cooper Mountain Work Day

9 a.m. to noon
Saturdays, June 23 and July 14

Enjoy the views as you work to remove invasive plants, control erosion and collect native wildflower seeds at this unique 300-acre greenspace near Beaverton. For more information and to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department

Oxbow Roving Naturalist Training

1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 24

Do you enjoy people and the outdoors? Roving naturalists are needed to greet and talk with weekend visitors at beautiful Oxbow Park on the Sandy River. You'll receive training to share information about the park's abundant wildlife and help rangers to educate visitors about the importance of taking care of this special place. For more information call (503) 797-1850 option 8. Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department 

Ambleside/Hogan Cedars

9 a.m. to noon
Saturday, July 7

Help save beautiful Hogan cedar trees from an invasion of huge English ivy. (Really huge.) Johnson Creek and the Springwater Trail border this special greenspace. Bring loppers if you have them and

lots of energy! For more information, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department

4-H Wildlife Stewards Training

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 20-22

4-H Wildlife Stewards are trained volunteers working to assist students and teachers in developing, using and sustaining wildlife habitat sites on school grounds. Training includes landscape design, native plant information, curriculum lessons and more. Cost for training, materials and snacks is \$45. For more information, call (503) 725-2048. OSU Extension 4-H and National Wildlife Federation  by arrangement

Salmon Watch Program Training

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25

Learn to lead streamside field trips for youth to view spawning chinook salmon with Oregon Trout's award-winning Salmon Watch program. Registration required. For more information, call (503) 222-9091 ext. 20. Oregon Trout

Tualatin River/Wanker's Corner

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 25

Take a break from the heat and work by the side of the Tualatin River. The banks of this Metro greenspace need both English ivy and Himalayan blackberry removed. Newly planted trees are relying on you. For more information and to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department

HELP WANTED – Volunteer Classified

These jobs are 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. For more information, call (503) 797-1850 option 8 or send e-mail to parkvol@metro.dst.or.us.

Historical gardeners

Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island has some history in need of repair. Work with the site coordinator from Oregon Historical Society on the herb, rose and perennial gardens. Help with weeding, planting, planning and maintenance of these historic gardens.

Photographers

We are looking for experienced photographers who are interested in visiting parks and greenspaces to document the beauty of our region, the people who visit these wonderful locations and the changes that occur when land is managed for the protection of native plants and animals.

Data base creator

Do you enjoy creating Microsoft Access data bases? We are looking for experienced data base wizards to create applications to store and report important information relating to program management, facility reservations, scientific research and trail planning.

Office support

Are you organized? Do you like to talk to people on the phone? Do filing projects excite you? Are you comfortable using computers? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we would love to talk to you. These positions are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We can accommodate any length of commitment and any amount of hours per week.

Monitors

Metro is looking for science-minded individuals to collect data on rare and/or sensitive species to determine the quality of their habitat and the effectiveness of Metro's restoration projects. If you are self-directed, interested in biology, willing to make a long-term commitment and have completed your high school education, then we can use your help in collecting data on fish, turtles, birds, plants and amphibians.

Fund raiser

Do you have a background in development that includes designing planned giving programs? Help Metro create a similar program for the preservation, restoration and development of our natural resources. Share your knowledge and help create a legacy!

Oral history program planner

Are you trained in collecting oral history? Do you want to share your knowledge and experience with others? If so, Metro needs your help to create a new volunteer program that will research and document the history of Metro greenspaces and the communities that surround them.

Research assistant

Help collect information that is vital to making well-defined, appropriate policies and decisions related to our greenspaces and parks. Must be available during normal business hours. Example projects include contacting other agencies to collect information on their policies or assisting with building demolition by talking with county officials and reviewing vital documents.

Are you a do-it-yourself type of person?

Do people call you handy? Do you like to putter in your garage, working on projects ranging from tool maintenance to carpentry, plumbing and painting? We would love to talk with you about ways to use your skills to benefit parks and greenspaces in your community.



Kid stuff



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. Suitable for children 5 or older. Family groups and day care centers are welcome. Free with park entry fee of \$3 per car or \$6 per bus, but registration is required in advance.

by arrangement (except River Roundup)

Osprey Adventure

June 19

What does an osprey eat? How big are their nests? Find out all about these big birds of prey, then take a walk to see a real osprey nest – and with luck, the “fish-hawks” themselves.

Barefoot and Bear Feet

June 26

Summer is barefoot time. How do your feet compare to the feet of a bear, a duck or a deer? Find out as you stencil life size pictures, examine real pelts and tracks, and treat your own two feet to a ticklish barefoot walk.

Bird Detectives

July 3

Have you ever wondered what a bird is saying? Bring your eyes and ears to enter the fascinating world of our feathered friends and take home a secret bird decoder ring.

Forest Food and Fashion

July 10

Are there poisonous plants at Oxbow? Would you believe stinging nettles are edible? Take a short hike in the woods and find out more surprising things about local green stuff. Make a nifty wood bead necklace using elderberry and horsetail to take home.

Turkey Vulture Adventure

July 17

The homely “buzzard” has 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.

River Roundup

July 24

Take me to the river! Discover firsthand the many creatures that live in and near the Sandy River. We'll have a great time hunting under rocks for waterbugs, crayfish and more.



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. Registration is required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve your space.

Clay Creatures

June 26

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.

Pioneer Candles

July 10

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

Track Stencils on T-shirts

July 17

Bring a favorite T-shirt, bandana or some other piece of clothing that is easy to draw on. Draw your favorite animal's tracks using fabric paint and glitter.

Track Casting

July 24

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 animals, then match the casts to a picture of the animal.

Animal Masks

July 31

This special two-hour class is from 1 to 3 p.m. Let your imagination run wild as you create the likeness of the four-footed and winged ones and capture their images in papier-mâché type masks decorated with feathers, fur, and paint.

Sand Painting

Aug. 7

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

Paper Making

Aug. 14

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



ESPECIALLY for Kids

2 to 2:45 p.m.* Wednesdays

Join us at Blue Lake Regional Park for magic, juggling, world beat music, tap dancing and other great entertainment for kids.

Focusing on fun, discovery and learning, these outdoor performances are designed for children 3-10. Programs are in the bandstand area. If it rains, look for us 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) 797-1850 option 5.

**On July 4, Especially for Kids is at 5:30 p.m. After the show, stay for more family fun and a fireworks display. Park admission on July 4 will be \$6 per vehicle.*

Amazing Magic

Arthur Atsma

June 27

A magician hero who enthralls kids, Arthur provides an enthusiastic show of unbelievable sleight-of-hand mixed with kid-friendly humor and lots of opportunities to volunteer in the act.

Children's Folk Music

T&O Railroad

July 4

**Special time – 5:30 p.m.*

This musical trio provides a blast of hilarity and fun as they deliver catchy, upbeat renditions of traditional folk music in a way that is sure to get everyone moving and feeling good. Audience participation a must.

Make a Ripple, Make a Wave

Sky in the Road
July 11

This folk-pop duo combines smart and fun lyrics written with a refreshing variety of country, reggae, rock and world beat rhythms, to teach about clean rivers, watersheds and habitats, and inspire children to make a difference.

The Hotshots

Tap dancers
July 18

This homegrown youthful troupe of three brothers and a sister perform all over the Northwest, delivering an energizing and masterful tap dancing performance to swing and jump-jazz music that absolutely sizzles.

Big World Beat Music Tour

Jay Harris
July 25

This multi-cultural performance will take you on a rhythm trip around the world with steel drums and a variety of percussion instruments to demonstrate South American, African and Caribbean rhythms. Youngsters are invited to join the musicians.

Funny Bunny Foo Foo

World of Wonders
Puppet Theater
Aug. 1

This high energy, silly and interactive puppet show draws children into the world of puppetry with humor and skill, while teaching the values of long-lasting friendship.

Jugglemania

Rhys Thomas
Aug. 8

Charmingly charismatic, absurdly versatile and great with youngsters and adults alike, Rhys combines stand-up comedy with daring feats of the circus to deliver his delightful "Jugglemania" show.

Northwest Birds of Prey

Hawk Haven
Aug. 15

Get up close and personal with 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.



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 drinking water and snacks and binoculars, if you have them. These programs are for school-age children accompanied by a parent. Programs are free but advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. ♿

Bird Day

June 27

What birds nest at Smith and Bybee Lakes? Why do they sing so much? Who's the smartest bird at the lakes? Bring your binoculars, if you have them, and we'll find the answers to these questions.
Age 9 or older.

Bug Day

July 11

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 18

Smith and Bybee lakes are home to the Western painted turtle. Why are these beautiful reptiles so rare? Why are they called "painted?" During the sunny days of summer it is common to see dozens of these turtles. We'll keep our eyes out for other reptiles and amphibians as well.
Age 6 or older.

Mammal Day

July 25

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 other signs of mammals that live at the lakes.
Age 8 or older.

Wildlife Watching and Animal Camo Day

Aug. 1

Why don't most people see animals in the wild? How can you see animals before they run away? 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. 22

We will focus on the animals that live in the water – beaver, frogs, insects and our famous Western painted turtle.
Age 6 or older.



SUMMER Camps

Nature Explorer's Camps at Tualatin Hills Nature Park

Half and full days
Weekly, June 25-Aug. 24
(except July 2-6)

Nature Explorer's Camps are full and half-day camp programs at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park that provide children 4-12 with an adventurous and educational summer.

Explore the magical secrets of nature, including animal tracking, birds, plant life, insects, reptiles and our furry mammal friends. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

4-H Junior Wildlife Stewards Camp

Overnight

Aug. 15-Aug. 18

Youngsters in grades 3-6 are invited to explore the wonders of nature in an outdoor setting. Enjoy wildlife tracking, fishing/aquatic studies, nature photography, canoeing, bird watching, crafts, campfires and more.

\$160. For more information and an application, call (503) 725-2044. *OSU Extension 4-H and National Wildlife Federation* ♿ *by arrangement*

Summer calendar



NATURE Discoveries

Ranger Programs

2 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays

Learn about the amazing plants, animals and history of Tualatin Hills Nature Park with a park ranger in these free interpretive programs. Topics will vary from week to week. If your group is larger than six, call ahead; otherwise, no registration is required. For more information, call (503) 644-5595 *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*  *by arrangement*

Free Naturescaping Workshop

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, June 2

Naturescaping helps protect water quality in the creeks, ponds and wetlands of the Tualatin River watershed. Workshops are free, but advance registration is required by Thursday, May 31. For more information, call (503) 797-1842. *Tualatin River Watershed Partners for Clean Water*  *by arrangement*

Willamette Park to Butterfly Garden and Macadam Bay

6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck for a leisurely stroll along the Willamette Greenway Trail from Willamette Park through the scenic Miles Street neighbor-

hood to Macadam Bay Club and Stephens Creek. Stop to look at the wildflowers and scenic vistas of the Willamette River at the Willamette Butterfly Park. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

City to the Sea: Jackson Bottom Wetlands

8 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, June 9

Explore a 650-acre complex of wetlands and uplands located at the heart of Washington County with naturalists Sarah Pinnock and Mike Houck. You'll see bald eagles and great blue herons. This trip is part of a special series exploring nature from the city to the sea. \$8. Advance registration required. For more information, call Portland Parks at (503) 823-5132. *Wild in the City*

Walk the Willamette

9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays

June 9

Heron Pointe to Willamette Park

June 23

East Bank Esplanade to OMSI

July 7

Water Pollution Control Lab to Willamette Cove

July 21

East Bank Esplanade to OMSI

This series of guided walks along the Willamette River will feature historical issues, wildlife viewing, management challenges and restoration efforts. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 823-7863. *Portland Bureau of Environmental Services* 

Trees of Tryon Creek

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 16

Join a naturalist for an informative guided hike through Tryon Creek State Park. Hikes will leave from the nature center at 10 a.m. Free. No registration required. For more information, call (503) 636-4398. *Friends of Tryon Creek State Park* 

Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Walk

9 a.m. to noon Saturdays

June 16, July 21 and Aug. 18

Enjoy historic properties, wooded wetlands, wildlife and recreation activities along completed sections of the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail. Each trip highlights a different section of the greenway. For meeting locations and more information, call Bob Bothman at (503) 244-7206. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* 

Father's Day Old-growth Forest Hike and Brunch at Oxbow

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

Sunday, June 17

Bring Dad to Oxbow Regional Park and enjoy a naturalist-guided hike. This year our focus will be Oxbow's old-growth forest, with its majestic 800-year-old trees, wildlife and wildflowers. Enjoy delicious picnic refreshments that we'll provide at the end of the hike, then return along the river at your own pace. Hike is 1 mile and suitable for adults and children five or older. Meet at the ancient forest trailhead 1.25 miles into the park. Space is limited, and advance registration and payment of \$3 per person is required. There is also a park entry fee of \$3 per car. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Tryon Creek Wildflowers

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 23

Join a naturalist for an informative guided hike through Tryon Creek State Park. Hikes will leave from the nature center at 10 a.m. Free. No registration required. For more information, call (503) 636-4398. *Friends of Tryon Creek State Park* 

From Salamanders to Stars

7 p.m. until after dark

Saturday, June 23

Rose City Astronomers and Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve are teaming up to present a night full of nature. Make your own star chart, create a comet and go for an evening stroll through the wetland with a naturalist. Discover the amazing world of nocturnal animals, investigate insects, look for amphibians and listen for bats. When the sun goes down, take a look at the night sky through a telescope. Families welcome. Advance registration and a \$2 fee per person; children 6 and younger are free. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Bull Run Watershed Tour

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

Saturday, June 23, Friday,

Aug. 3 and Saturday, 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 uniquely high-quality drinking water. \$15. Advance registration required. For more information, call Briggy Thomas at (503) 823-7407. *Portland Bureau of Water Works*  *by arrangement*

Ethnobotany Series

1 to 3 p.m.

Sundays, June 24, July 29 and Aug. 26

Would you like to be able to recognize the native plants of Oregon? Ever had a desire to safely snack on a salad made of wild greens or wondered how to make a medicinal tea or tincture? Join local native plant aficionados on the last Sunday of each month as we take time to wander in Oxbow Regional Park and identify native plants. Each class will cover the rules and ethics of safe and sustainable use of native plants and focus on all the uses of a few plants (such as stinging nettle or salal berry). Free and open to all ages. Advanced registration required. For more information, call (503) 797-1728. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Dirt Time

9 a.m. to noon

Sundays, June 24, July 29 and Aug. 26

"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 Metro's 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*

Oregon Nature Mapping

6 to 9 p.m. Thursday,

June 28, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 30

Nature mapping is an educational program that enlists bird watchers and wildlife enthusiasts in the process of monitoring wildlife in their favorite local greenspaces and reporting those observations to a centralized data base. Become part of this network of citizen scientists and learn to read

maps, analyze GPS data and interpret animal tracks.

Advance registration and a \$50 fee are required. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Animals of Tryon Creek

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 30

Join a naturalist for an informative guided hike through Tryon Creek State Park. Free. No registration required. For more information, call (503) 636-4398. *Friends of Tryon Creek State Park* ♿

The Great Lone Fir Cemetery Tour

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 30

Join Ken Jones on a tour through Metro's Lone Fir Cemetery. The tour will highlight prominent features of the cemetery, Portland's history and some surprises. Children are welcome, but please leave pets at home. \$5 suggested donation to Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery. For more information, call (503) 771-7737. *Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery* ♿

Clackamas River Island

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, July 7

In the 1996 flood, the Clackamas River cut a new channel and abandoned 3/4 of a mile of old channel. Visit a 239-acre Metro open space with Metro natural resources manager Jim Morgan and urban naturalist Mike Houck. See fish habitat forming and restoration projects in adjoining uplands, where heron rookeries and bald eagle perches are common. \$8. Advance registration required. For more information, call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132. *Wild in the City*

Animal Palm Reading Workshop

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 14

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve is home to many species of mammals including otter, deer, beaver, mink, coyote and raccoon. Although these animals are primarily nocturnal, they often leave footprints behind. This workshop, led by local tracking expert Terry Kem, will introduce the basics of track identification and interpretation. Learn to focus your awareness and master the skills needed to watch wildlife at close range.

Advance registration and a \$10 fee are required. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Newell Creek Canyon

8 to 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 21

Newell Creek Canyon still harbors remnants of the area's former natural grandeur – a few ancient trees among the second growth canopy, an occasional black bear and steelhead fighting its way through the urban environment. Visit some of Metro's open space acquisitions with Metro natural resources manager Jim Morgan and urban naturalist Mike Houck. \$8. Advance registration required. For more information, call Portland Parks at (503) 823-5132. *Wild in the City*

Amazing Arachnids

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Aug. 4

Although they creep a lot of people out, spiders have some of the most incredible behaviors, adaptations and engineering capabilities of any animals on the planet. Join recovering arachnophobe and wetlands specialist Sarah Pinnock in the classroom and then on a spider search in the wetland. Advance registration and a \$5 fee are required. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Bug Fest

12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 25

It's not money that makes the world go round. It's bugs. These tiny critters help recycle fallen trees, pollinate flowers and get eaten by larger animals. Celebrate bugs and discover more about our little friends at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park where games, displays, live bugs and guided activities await the whole family. Admission to the festival is \$1 per person. For details, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District and Xerces Society* ♿

The Oregon Tour at Lone Fir

10 to 11:30 a.m.

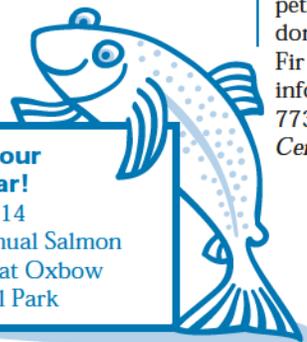
Saturday, Aug. 25

Join Joe Lyons on a tour through Metro's Lone Fir Cemetery. The tour will highlight famous (and not-so-famous) individuals that shaped our state. Children are welcome, but please leave pets at home. \$5 suggested donation to Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery. For more information, call (503) 771-7737. *Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery* ♿

Mark your calendar!

Oct. 13-14

18th annual Salmon Festival at Oxbow Regional Park





BIRD Watching

Birds and Blossoms

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, June 2

Take a walk to the east side of the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve for a morning of great blue herons and wildflowers. Learn about wetland plants and see herons on their nests. Binoculars, spotting scopes and field guides will be provided. Advance registration and a \$3 fee are required. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Virginia Lake Bird Walk

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 3

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Meet at 8101 NE Parkway Drive in Vancouver and then carpool to the site. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (360) 253-5771. *Backyard Bird Shop*

Mt. Tabor Bird Walk

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 3

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Meet at 3574 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, and carpool to the site. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 230-9557. *Backyard Bird Shop*

Mary S. Young State Park

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 9

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Meet at 352 B. Ave. in Lake Oswego and carpool to the site. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 635-2044. *Backyard Bird Shop*

Vancouver Lake Lowlands and Frenchmans Bar Heronry

5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 9

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck on a driving tour of the wildlife-rich Vancouver Lake lowlands. More than 200 heron nests can be seen from Frenchmans Bar Park. Meet at the state wildlife area on the south end of Vancouver Lake. From I-5 North, take Exit 1D (Fourth Plain Avenue) and go west about 2 miles to Fruit Valley Road. Take a right on Fruit Valley Road and then a left on La Frambois Road and park on either side of the road at Fruit Valley Park. For more information, call (503) 292-6855. *Great Blue Heron Week*

Bird Language Club at Oxbow Regional Park

9 a.m. to noon

Sundays, June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12

Want to get out to enjoy the birds and learn more about their lives? Would you like to become more aware of the bird alarm system so you can move through the forest without scaring wildlife away? Join local naturalists for a monthly field experience focusing on the fascinating language of birds.

Bring binoculars, notebook, pencil, snack and a pad to sit

on. Previous classes helpful but not required. Meet at the floodplain parking area. Free with park entrance fee of \$3 per vehicle. Advance registration required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Sandy River Delta Bird Walk

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 16

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 661-4944. *Backyard Bird Shop*

Pittock Mansion Bird Walk

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 17

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Meet at 3574 SE Hawthorne Blvd. in Portland and carpool to the site. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 230-9557. *Backyard Bird Shop*

Discovery Trail Nature Walk

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 23

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Meet at 8101 NE Parkway Drive, Vancouver, and then carpool to the site. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (360) 253-5771. *Backyard Bird Shop*

Lunch with the Birds

noon to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27

Meet a Jackson Bottom staff member at the North View shelter and spend your lunch hour with waterfowl, seasonal migrants, bald eagles and other birds of prey. Free. For

more information, call (503) 681-6278 or send e-mail to SarahP@ci.hillsboro.or.us. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Oaks Bottom Bird Walk

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 7

Learn about wild bird identification and bird behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Meet at 3574 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, and carpool to the site. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 230-9557. *Backyard Bird Shop*

Fernhill Wetlands Bird Walk

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 15

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Meet at 11429 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy., Beaverton, and carpool to the site. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 626-0949. *Backyard Bird Shop*

Lewis and Clark State Park

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 21

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 661-4944. *Backyard Bird Shop*

Oaks Bottom Bird Walk

8 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 22

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Meet at 3574 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, and carpool to the site. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 230-9557. *Backyard Bird Shop*



Lewisville Park Nature Walk

8 to 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, July 29

Learn about wild bird identification and behavior on a nature walk with Backyard Bird Shop. Meet at 8101 NE Parkway Drive, Vancouver, and carpool to the site. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (360) 253-5771. *Backyard Bird Shop*

See the back cover for summer bird watching at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area.



Paddle TRIPS

City to the Sea: Tualatin River

8 a.m. to noon
Saturday, June 2

Explore the lower reaches of the scenic river that meanders through some of the state's most productive farm land and much of the urbanized portions of Washington County with the Tualatin Riverkeepers and urban naturalist Mike Houck. This trip is part of a special series exploring nature from the city to the sea. \$8. Advance registration required. For more information, call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132. *Wild in the City*

Rafting the Sandy River

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 16

9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday, June 24

2 to 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 24

8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday, July 14

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 and wildlife along the way. \$40 fee includes guide, raft equipment and shuttle. Registration due 10 days prior to trip date. For more information, call Ken at (503) 524-9192. *Northwest Discoveries*

Father's Day Paddle Trip

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, June 17

Traveling by canoe or kayak is the best way to explore Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Bring your own kayak or canoe. Advance registration is required. Call Troy at (503) 249-0482 to reserve a space. *Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes*

Smith and Bybee Lakes

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 21

Traveling by canoe or kayak is the best way to explore Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Bring your own kayak or canoe. Advance registration is required. Call Polly at (503) 285-5208 to reserve a space. *Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes*

Rafting the Lower Clackamas River

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 28

1:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 28

Paddle your own four-person raft down the scenic Lower Clackamas River. A naturalist guide will teach you how to control your raft through the mild rapids and point out the natural wonders and wildlife along the way. \$40 fee includes guide, raft equipment and shuttle. Registration due 10 days prior to trip date. For more information, call Ken at (503) 524-9192. *Northwest Discoveries*

Columbia Slough Small Craft Regatta

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday, July 29

The seventh annual Small Craft Regatta celebrates the Columbia Slough, a waterway with unique history, abundant wildlife and many recreational opportunities. Human-powered boats are featured at this "unrace" to see the slough. Bring the whole family for paddling, short hikes, and information about the watershed. Participants will receive a free regatta T-shirt and recreation maps of the watershed. Launch at the closed St. Johns Landfill road at 9363 N. Columbia Blvd. For details, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council* & by arrangement

Tualatin River Access

8 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Aug. 4

Paddle the green ribbon of the Tualatin River from Brown's Ferry Park to Stafford Bridge and back with Metro natural resources manager Jim Morgan and urban naturalist Mike Houck. This leisurely 4-mile flat-water paddle will

feature future access points purchased by Metro and a native prairie project. \$8. Advance registration required. For more information, call Portland Parks at (503) 823-5132. *Wild in the City*

Blue Lake sports events

Blue Lake Triathlon (USAT Regional Club/ Team Championships)

Sunday, June 3
AA Sports, (503) 531-3140,
www.racecenter.com

ORRC Ultra Relay

Sunday, July 15
Oregon Road Runner
Club, (503) 638-1315

Café de Columbia Water-Ski and Wakeboard Challenge

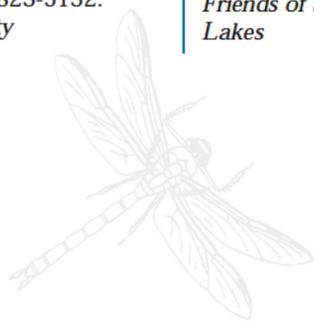
Saturday, July 21, and
Sunday, July 22
Active Water Sports,
(503) 643-5018

Women's Sprint Triathlon

Saturday, Aug. 4
AA Sports, (503) 531-3140,
www.racecenter.com

Blue Lake Mid- Summer Triathlon (USAT Regional "Sprint" Championship)

Sunday, Aug. 5
AA Sports, (503) 531-3140,
www.racecenter.com



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There are **so many outdoor activities** in the region this summer,



we couldn't fit

them all on these pages. Check out the **GreenScene e-Zine** on the Metro web site at



www.metro-region.org for twice as many ways to discover and enjoy the nature of the region. You can

also sign up to receive an e-mail calendar that will bring you a comprehensive and up-to-the-minute



listing of things to do each month. For more information, call (503) 797-1850 option 3 or send e-mail

to metroparks@metro.dst.or.us.



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 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 2-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

Metro's web site:
www.metro-region.org



Summer at the lakes

Join us at Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area for free summer programs. Bring drinking water, insect repellent and binoculars, if you have them. Advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. ♿

Twilight Tuesdays

7 to 9 p.m. June 12, 26 and July 10, 17
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 31 and Aug. 21

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 also more active. We will discuss the basics of wildlife watching and identification. All ages are welcome, but children must be able to be quiet, sneaky and patient.

Painted Turtle Walk 'n Talk

noon to 1:30 p.m.
Saturdays, June 9, 30; July 14, 21; Aug. 11, 25 and Sept. 15
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 these turtles 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.

Bird Watching at Smith and Bybee Lakes

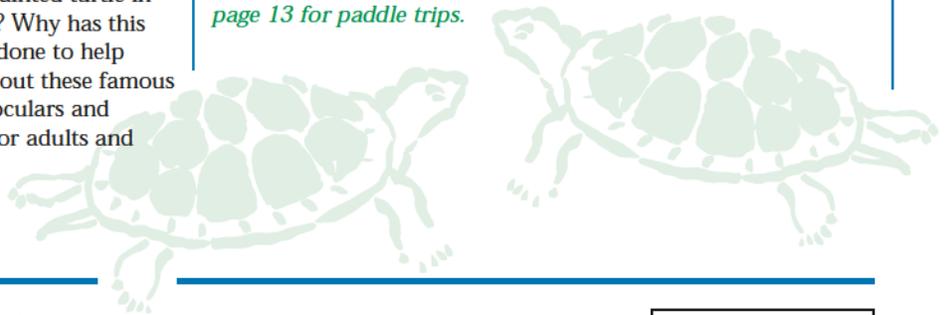
9 to 11 a.m.
Saturdays, June 9, 30 and
July 14, 21

Wander the trails at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area with Metro naturalist and birding expert James Davis. The nesting birds will be settled in and some migrants will still be passing through, making for lots of action. Songbirds will be singing and we'll spend some time learning to identify the most common by their song. Suitable for adults and children 12 and older.

See page 9 for Wetland Explorers – a summer series for families at the lakes. See page 13 for paddle trips.

Stewardship Days at Smith and Bybee Lakes

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sundays, June 10 and Aug. 5,
and Saturday, July 7
Help restore this 2,000-acre North Portland wetland by weeding around native plantings, removing invasive species, collecting native plant seeds and picking up trash. We'll take a break to check out the wildlife that we are helping. For more information, call Metro at (503) 797-1850 option 8.



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