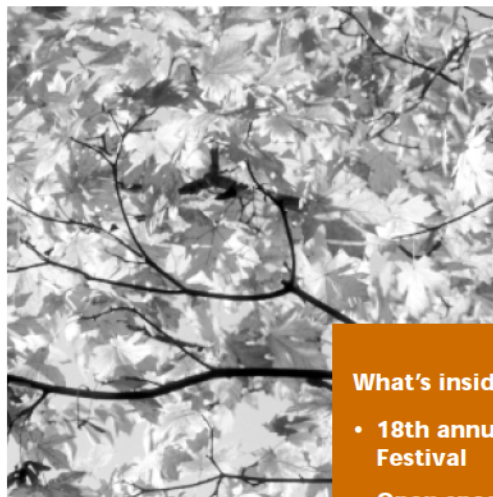


Metro GreenScene

NEWS & THINGS TO DO

Fall 2001



METRO
PEOPLE PLACES
OPEN SPACES

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Let's talk



Your opinion is needed now to help make decisions that will shape the region for the next 50 years. Next year, Metro will be making decisions about expanding the urban growth boundary, protecting fish and wildlife habitat and providing parks and greenspaces. To make these critical decisions, the Metro Council needs the opinions of the people who call this place home – your opinion.

Metro and its partners, including Northwest News-Channel 8, Portland Tribune and Community Newspapers, Inc., are kicking off a public conversation this fall to discuss the trade-offs and costs involved in guiding growth and managing its effects. Small group discussions (called “coffee talks”), surveys, an enhanced web site, a regional conference and a town hall are all part of the conversation.

As you know, Metro coordinates efforts to fight sprawl and help create livable neighborhoods. This region is known nationally – and internationally – for planning ahead for growth rather than ignoring it.



The region's 50-year strategy for managing growth, called the 2040 growth concept, was developed five years ago with considerable public input – probably from many of you.

Since then, the rubber has hit the road so to speak. Change is more visible than ever. More people live here. A lot more people. Different types of housing are being built, land is being gobbled up at a rapid pace, public open space is being purchased, old warehouses have become places to live and work, traffic congestion slows us down daily and concerns about protecting the natural environment are growing.

So Metro needs to know what you think now about future growth. Get involved. Let's talk.

Visit www.kgw.com to learn more, sign up to host a small group discussion and get on an e-mail list for timely updates. For more information, call (503) 797-1877.

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.

Executive Officer – Mike Burton;
Auditor – Alexis Dow, CPA;
Council: Presiding Officer – David Bragdon, District 7;
Deputy Presiding Officer – Susan McLain, District 4; Rod Park, District 1; Bill Atherton, District 2; Carl Hosticka, District 3; Rex Burkholder, District 5; Rod Monroe, District 6.

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On the cover

(clockwise from top left): a shaggy mane mushroom, bird watchers at Oxbow Regional Park, autumn leaves, a human mushroom enjoying the Salmon Festival's children's activities.

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WHERE DO WE GROW FROM HERE?



COMPACT DEVELOPMENT OR LONG COMMUTES AND SPRAWL?



BUY MORE OPEN SPACES OR INVEST IN MORE REGIONAL TRAILS?



PROTECT FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT OR HOLD THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY?

LET'S TALK

In 2002, the Metro Council will make important decisions about where we grow from here. Be part of the conversation. Host a coffee talk to let Metro know what you and your friends and neighbors think about the issues and what trade offs you are willing to make. *This project is a partnership of Metro, Northwest NewsChannel 8, Portland Tribune and Community Newspapers, Inc.*

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OPEN SPACES

www.metro-region.org

Open spaces

Metro delivers on its promises:

*7,100 acres and 51 miles
of streams*

"They are located just minutes away from the frenetic pace of urban life. Gems of green, nestled amid the hustle and bustle of advancing technology and growing populations . . . These 'gems' are our region's greenspaces and natural areas – meadows, forests, riparian areas, wetlands, trails, rivers and streams . . ."

Thus begins Metro's Open Spaces Land Acquisition Report to Citizens, released in early August following the sixth anniversary of the \$135.6 million open spaces, parks and streams bond measure approved by voters in 1995. This biennial report summarizes the remarkable progress Metro has made in fulfilling its promises to voters. As of Aug. 15, 2001, Metro has purchased more than 7,100 acres of regionally significant open space in 216 separate "willing seller" property transactions. This includes more than 51 miles of stream and river frontage and thousands of acres of natural area properties, including wetlands, riparian areas, meadows and forests. Metro has far exceeded the 6,000-acre minimum goal set forth in the bond measure (see the adjacent listing of target area acquisitions for more detail).

Metro's "gems" of green are located throughout the region, most of them just minutes from city centers and neighborhoods, protected in perpetuity. The properties are well distributed among the different cities and counties, with an even split of sites east and west of the Willamette River. These special places provide opportunities for people to connect with nature and to recreate; they also provide valuable habitat for mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, insects and plants. Additional land purchases will continue as we spend the now very limited remaining bond funds.

In addition to the regional land acquisitions, Metro has administered more than 100 local park acquisition or improvement projects. Each local jurisdiction received money under the \$25 million "local share" portion of the bond measure. Metro has also constructed the 3-mile Peninsula Crossing Trail in North Portland extending from Willamette Boulevard to Marine Drive.

The purchase of these natural areas represents a tremendous investment by you, the residents of our region. As this area continues to grow, these valuable natural areas will provide important recreational opportunities, links to the natural environment and quiet places of beauty and solitude.

The report is available on Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org. You can also request a copy to be mailed to you by calling (503) 797-1555 or sending e-mail to openspaces@metro.dst.or.us.



Visitors to the Tualatin Hills Nature Park in Beaverton enjoy a 22-acre forested addition purchased by Metro, the city of Beaverton and the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. Protected from planned development, the site is within walking distance of the Merlo Road MAX light-rail station.

CLACKAMAS RIVER OPEN SPACE TOUR *10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 3*

Be among the first to explore the new open space along the Clackamas River known as River Island. Metro naturalist James Davis will help you find evidence of beaver, nutria, deer and coyotes while enjoying and identifying the birds of the area. The tour is free and open to all ages. Advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to register.

The thrill and the promise of greenspaces

A note from David Bragdon, Metro Council presiding officer

Walking along a promontory overlooking the Clackamas River at Metro's land-banked River Island property, I was startled when a bald eagle rocketed overhead, hauling tail feathers as if they were on fire. "Whoa," someone yelled, "what's chasing him?" We scanned the sky just as an osprey hurtled by in hot pursuit.

The eagle continued to ascend, the osprey gaining. The osprey swooped upward, then dive-bombed the eagle, evidently warning the eagle away from the osprey nest. The eagle twisted and rolled, bearing its talons in mid-flight, and the two skirmished high above the rushing Clackamas.

An hour later I was back in one of the most livable urban neighborhoods in America, sitting at a sidewalk café and reliving the vivid memory of these raptors' remarkable aerial display. It was the perfect example of inspiration found in nature close to the city. Spiraling and tumbling over one of Metro's properties, the eagle and osprey reminded me that more Metro-area residents should have the opportunity to enjoy the remarkable sites that our regional government has acquired as greenspaces forever.

Soon thereafter, the Metro Council approved a resolution to create a Green Ribbon Committee of local citizens and officials to help identify eight to 10 natural area sites to be opened for public enjoyment, and to recommend a funding source to pay for them. When the Green Ribbon Committee makes its recommendations to the Metro Council this fall, I will still be thinking of the eagle and osprey I saw last summer.

Celebrate the past – look into the future

Metropolitan Greenspaces Celebration

7 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 11
Oregon Zoo, Cascade Crest Banquet Center

Join us in celebration of six years of open space protection and local park projects and meet the members of the Green Ribbon Committee who are working to identify the best newly acquired greenspaces to be improved for public access. RSVP to Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department by calling (503) 797-1919 option 5 or sending e-mail to openspaces@metro.dst.or.us.



Mike Houck photo

Metro Council presiding officer David Bragdon (right) and Metro natural resources manager Jim Morgan show an aerial photograph of River Island to a group on a public tour of the Metro open space property.

David Bragdon

Open spaces acquisition update

Acquisition update as of Aug. 15, 2001

14 Regional Natural Areas

- Clear Creek Canyon
492 acres
- Columbia River Shoreline
271 acres
- Cooper Mountain
256 acres
- East Buttes/Boring Lava Domes
730 acres
- Forest Park Expansion
830 acres
- Gales Creek
606 acres

- Jackson Bottom/Dairy/McKay creeks
73 acres
- Newell Creek Canyon
145 acres
- Rock Creek
109 acres
- Sandy River Gorge
1,048 acres
- Tonquin Geologic Area
448 acres
- Tryon Creek Linkages
43 acres
- Tualatin River Access Points
384 acres

- Willamette River Greenway
Canemah Bluff
129 acres
- Multnomah Channel
326 acres
- Willamette Cove
27 acres
- Willamette Narrows
439 acres

6 Regional Greenways/Trails

- Beaver Creek Canyon Greenway
47 acres
- Clackamas River Greenway
608 acres
- Fanno Creek Greenway
30 acres
- OMSI to Springwater Corridor
44 acres

- Peninsula Crossing Trail
1 acre
- Burlington Northern Rails-to-Trails
2 acres

Other sites (bond measure options, etc.)

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

Total
7,121

hazel nut

VOLUNTEERING – *it's your nature*

Volunteer ventures

See page 9 for Salmon Festival and salmon field trip volunteer opportunities

New Volunteer Orientation

noon to 1 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesdays, Sept. 5, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7

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. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 7 or send e-mail to parkvol@metro.dst.or.us. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

De Vine Intervention

9 a.m. to noon
Saturdays

Join other ivy foes for a drop-in work party and removal clinic at Forest Park. Families welcome. Groups of 5 or more are asked to register in advance. Bring work gloves and a conquering attitude. Meet at No Ivy League Field House at the end of Northwest Upshur just past 29th. For more information, call (503) 823-3681 or visit www.noivyleague.com. *Forest Park Ivy Removal Project*

Neighborhood Tree Liaison Training First Class

9 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Sept. 8
Join Portland's Urban Forestry Division at Grant High School (2245 NE 36th Ave.) for an in-depth look at the city's trees. Learn about the urban forest and develop projects to improve your neighborhood's trees. In exchange for 25 hours of training over six weeks, liaisons work on tree improvement projects in their neighborhoods. \$10 fee. Advance registration required. For more information and to register, call (503) 823-1650. *Portland Parks and Recreation*

Tree Care with Friends of Trees

9 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Sept. 8
Help weed, water and monitor newly planted native trees at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. Tools and training are provided. For directions and other details, visit www.friendsoftrees.org or call (503) 284-TREE. *Friends of Trees*

Stewardship Days at Smith and Bybee Lakes

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturdays, Sept. 8, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3
Help restore this 2,000-acre North Portland wetland by removing invasive species and caring for native plantings. At the end of the morning, you'll get a chance to check out the animals that call the lakes home. For more information and to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Salmon Watch Program Training

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15

Learn to lead streamside field trips for youth to view spawning chinook salmon with Oregon Trout's award-winning Salmon Watch program. Learn about water quality, aquatic insects, riparian zones and working with children. Registration required. For more information, call Mary Ann Schmidt at (503) 222-9091 ext. 20. *Oregon Trout*

Watershed Restoration at Newell Creek Canyon

9 a.m. to noon
Saturdays, Sept. 15 and Oct. 20

Help improve water quality and fish habitat in the Newell Creek Canyon watershed by removing invasive species. Advance registration required. For more information, call Tauna Wamsley at (503) 797-1939. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Errol Heights Wetlands

9 a.m. to noon
Saturdays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17

Help restore this 10-acre wetland by removing invasive plants and cleaning up debris. Meet at the corner of Southeast 52nd and Tenino. Bring water, gloves and sturdy shoes. For more information, call (503) 823-6131. *city of Portland*

Tualatin Hills Nature Park Project Day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturdays, Sept. 15 and Nov. 10, and Sunday, Oct. 14
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. Ages 12 to adult. For more information and to register, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

Eastside Stream Team Captain Training

6 to 9 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 18
(also meets 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29)

This new program provides an opportunity for volunteers to become more involved in watershed restoration at the leadership level. Volunteers have the opportunity to receive watershed restoration training in return for helping lead volunteer events involving plant identification, invasive removal, planting native plants, mulching and watering. Must attend all three sessions. Free. To register, call Cindy (503) 844-9571. *SOLV*

Wilsonville Tract

9 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Sept. 29
Help Metro and the city of Wilsonville tear down fences to allow for easier travel for wildlife and to open up areas for invasive species removal. We will be working along the boundary of a 73-acre forest that includes several streams that are shaded by big-leaf maple, Douglas fir, red alder and Western red cedar. To register and receive directions, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Gardening at Blue Lake

2 to 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Join the gardening staff at Blue Lake Regional Park for an afternoon of fall composting, bed work, pruning, mulching and more. Learn while you work about the wide array of plants and how to care for them. If you are already an expert, take on your own project and adopt a flowerbed. For more information and to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*
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Oaks Bottom Clean-up

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Oct. 20

Help clean up debris and remove invasive non-native species at Oaks Bottom. Meet at the parking lot in Sellwood Park. Bring water, gloves and sturdy shoes. For more information, call (503) 823-6131. *city of Portland*

Clear Creek Canyon

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Oct. 27

Located in Clackamas County, east of Oregon City, this creek is one of the healthiest tributaries to the Clackamas River. Volunteers will focus on tearing down fences to allow for improved access for wildlife and people and removing invasive scotch broom. To register and receive directions, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Glendoveer Fitness Trail

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Oct. 27

A 2-mile fitness trail along the perimeter of Glendoveer Golf Course in Northeast Portland draws joggers and walkers to the natural setting. Trail work needed includes exotic plant removal, sign installation (to mark trail mileage), trimming of bushes and brush, and litter patrol. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8.

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Tonquin Geologic Area

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Nov. 10

Help cut down a field of scotch broom that has taken over a hillside in this scenic area between Wilsonville and Tualatin. This invasive species can send its prolific seeds more than 100 feet from each plant. Let's take the land back from the weeds and allow native species to prosper. To

Volunteer helps visitors connect to the nature of Oxbow



Volunteer naturalist Tasha Murray helps a young nature enthusiast identify a water bug at Oxbow Regional Park.

“Wow, I didn’t know beavers really live here!” “How old are the trees in the ancient forest?” “Why shouldn’t we feed the deer?”

If you want to know more about the nature of Oxbow Regional Park, you’ll find volunteer naturalist Tasha Murray ready to answer your questions with a friendly smile.

A former naturalist for British Columbia Parks and a graduate student at Portland State University, Tasha came to a Metro volunteer orientation shortly

after moving to Oregon with her husband in spring 2000. Six days later, Tasha was helping out at Oxbow, and she hasn’t stopped since.

As the first volunteer to conduct our summer roving naturalist program, Tasha has been a tireless ambassador for the park. Carrying nature items to share with children and GreenScenes for the adults, she has talked with more than 1,000 park visitors. She has also completed Metro’s seven-week naturalist training program, volunteered at the Salmon Festival, led school field trips and interpretive walks and hosted campfire programs.

“The most rewarding part of my naturalist experience,” says Tasha, “has been creating a new awareness in children and adults that the importance of the environment is not only based on its value to humans, but – more important – its own intrinsic value.” Tasha’s commitment to environmental education, her naturalist skills and her enthusiasm for Oxbow have made her indispensable. Thank you, Tasha.

For more information about the volunteer naturalist training or Metro’s other volunteer opportunities, call (503) 797-1850 option 7 or send e-mail to parkvol@metro.dst.or.us.

register and receive directions, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Chinook Landing Marine Park

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Nov. 17

Are you a boater or do you love spending time by the water? Don’t miss this chance to help plant native plants at this 67-acre marine park, the

largest public boating facility in Oregon. To register and receive directions, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

18th annual Salmon Festival



One good return
deserves another
10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Oct. 13 and 14

The 18th annual Salmon Festival celebrates the return of the fall chinook salmon to the Sandy River and inspires protection of native salmon and their habitat. The two-day event takes place at Metro's Oxbow Regional Park located in the scenic Sandy River Gorge 8 miles east of Gresham. Native salmon have migrated for thousands of years from the Pacific Ocean to the Sandy River and may be viewed spawning at Oxbow Regional Park during the festival and throughout October.

Guided salmon viewing walks are a highlight of the festival. Experienced naturalists and biologists lead the walks and explain the migration and spawning story. The Salmon Festival provides activities and exhibits that help us better understand the challenges of protecting the region's fish, wildlife and water resources while balancing the needs of a growing metropolitan region.

The festival also features great entertainment, children's activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, a salmon bake, arts and

crafts, environmental exhibits and a food court. Don't be afraid of those clouds; an overcast day is best for great salmon viewing. The festival is "weatherized" with entertainment, exhibits, children's activities and food areas under cover.

Festival admission is \$6 per vehicle. Please help us protect resident wildlife by leaving your pets at home. Call Metro at (503) 797-1850 for more information. ♿

Festival hosts: Metro, Mt. Hood National Forest, Oregon Trout and Portland Water Bureau

Sponsors: Bureau of Land Management, Portland General Electric, KKJZ FM 106.7, Columbia Sportswear and Portland Family Magazine

Entertainment schedule

This year's entertainment will feature the following artists:

Sky in the Road, folk music

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

-Rene Corbin, Celtic folk
1 to 2 p.m. Saturday

John Nilsen, pianist
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday and 1 to 2 p.m.
Sunday

Rattling Thunder, Native American dancers

3:45 to 4:45 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday

Grupo Condor, Latin American music

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

Boka Marimba, music from Zimbabwe

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday

Will Hornyak, storyteller
Throughout the festival



Visitors to the Salmon Festival learn about the Sandy River watershed and the life cycle of salmon at the School of Fish, one of the festival's many educational activities.

Nominations sought for the River Stewardship Award

Each year the partners of the Salmon Festival honor one person for her or his commitment to the conservation of native salmon and river habitats with the River Stewardship Award. To nominate someone, contact Lora Price at (503) 797-1846 or send e-mail to pricel@metro.dst.or.us by Sept. 25. Include the candidate's name, phone number and a summary of his or her stewardship activities.

at Oxbow Regional Park

Grant program funds salmon flip-book

Visitors to Metro's Oxbow Regional Park will enjoy great salmon information and artwork packed into an outdoor flip-book, which will be installed this October at the river overlook near picnic area D. The book is the result of a collaboration between Metro naturalist Elisabeth Neely and students from Elizabeth Draper's seventh and eighth grade science class at Sunnyside Family Co-op School.

The salmon flip-book was made possible by a grant from the Metropolitan Greenspaces Program, a partnership between Metro and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Environmental education grants for up to \$10,000 are offered to build environmental education programs around urban natural areas that encourage hands-on learning experiences for citizens of all ages. Conservation and restoration grants for up to \$40,000 are also available.

Application materials and more information are available on the Metro web site at www.metro-region.org. For help with an environmental education grant application (due Sept. 25), call Deb Scrivens at (503) 797-1852 or send e-mail to scrivensd@metro.dst.or.us. For help with a conservation and restoration grant application, call Jennifer Thompson at (503) 231-6179 or send e-mail to Jennifer_Thompson@fws.gov.

Salmon Field Trip Leader Training

10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 30

Are you interested in inspiring children to learn about salmon, wildlife and healthy rivers? Join us this fall as we welcome migrating salmon returning to the Sandy River. Working with Oxbow Regional Park naturalists, volunteers will help lead a minimum of two weekday school field trips in October and November. Natural



SALMON FESTIVAL HELP WANTED Volunteer Classifieds

A large part of the spirit of the Salmon Festival comes from the generosity and stewardship of more than 250 volunteers who contribute their time and energy every year to making it a success. Volunteer shifts are 3.5 hours. Volunteers receive free admission to the festival and a token of appreciation. Call (503) 797-1850 option 5 for more information.

Food tent

Assist in preparing and serving salmon dinners and keeping the dining area clean.

Information booth

Provide general festival information about activities, events, facilities and sale of merchandise. Individuals who like to interact with the public are encouraged to participate.

Children's activity tent

Assist with arts and crafts projects and games for youngsters, and help them get dressed up in animal costumes in the story-telling tent.

Booth sitters

Be a big relief for the exhibitors who come to display their materials at the Salmon Festival. Get a chance to "booth sit" a variety of booths so the owners can take 15-minute breaks.

"Passport" volunteers

Encourage young visitors to take a passport with them to take stations throughout the festival and discover answers to the fun and educational questions inside. Then be there at the end to award them a prize for their completed passport.

Event set-up and takedown

For those with some time available during the week and an interest in some light physical work. Assist park staff with exhibitor move-in, seating area set-up and other duties.

School of Fish instructors

The School of Fish, located at the riverbank, is a series of fun, fast-paced activities designed to teach people about watersheds and the life cycle of salmon. Energetic volunteers who enjoy talking with youth and adults are needed. Training, script and props are provided.

Salmon Walk leaders

Lead groups to the salmon viewing areas and discuss life cycle and spawning behavior, history of the runs and causes of decline, and the importance of the riparian zone. Training, props and a script are provided.

Parking management

Assist with parking of vehicles and public safety and security.



Fall calendar



BIRD Watching

See back cover for Metro's autumn bird watching series

Lunch with the Birds

noon to 1 p.m.

Wednesdays

Meet a Jackson Bottom naturalist and spend your lunch hour learning to identify all the migrating waterfowl and other cool birds at Jackson Bottom Wetlands. Meet at the north viewing shelter next to the Clean Water Services sewage treatment plant on Highway 219 south of Hillsboro. Free. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve* ♿

Fall Bird Walk

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Sept. 22

Join Sarah Pinnock, wetlands education specialist at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, for a free morning bird walk around the south end of the wetland. Look for migrating waterfowl, birds of prey and other signs of fall. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars. Meet at the gravel parking lot next to the Clean Water Services water quality lab, 1 mile south of Hillsboro on Highway 219. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Bird Migration Walk

8 to 11 a.m.

Saturdays, Oct. 6 and 20

Join Jim Olson on an early morning bird walk at Tualatin Hills Nature Park. Listen for calls and search for birds with a focus on fall migrants. Meet in front of the Interpretive Center. Bring binoculars and a bird book if you have them. Free. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

Bird Feeding Basics

7 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1

You can have a variety of colorful birds regularly visiting your yard at very little cost. This class covers bird feeding basics that will make it easy for you to attract birds. You'll also see a slide show of all the common birds that visit bird feeders during fall and winter. Appropriate for adults and older teens. Meet in room 370 at Metro Regional Center. Registration and payment of \$8 are required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to register. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Sauvie Island Birds of Prey

8 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Nov. 10

Join Audubon Society of Portland's Mike Houck on a driving and walking tour of the state-owned 12,000-acre Sauvie Island refuge. Look for sandhill cranes, Northern harriers, rough-legged hawks, bald eagles, tundra swans and snow geese. Sauvie Island parking permit required. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*



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 at 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 or visit www.thprd.org. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿ *by arrangement*

Wilsonville Trolley Tours

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8, and

Monday, Sept. 10

Parks, historical spots, and other points of interest will make up these tours on Wilsonville's open-air trolley, "The Boones Buggy." Participants of all ages are invited to learn more about the environmental and historical significance of a variety of places. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 570-1522. *city of Wilsonville* ♿

Walk on the Wild Side of the Wilsonville Tract

10 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Sept. 8

Get acquainted with the new Metro greenspace near Wilsonville. As you hike, tour guides will introduce you to the various flora and fauna that make the Wilsonville Tract such a magical spot. A free barbecue will follow the tour. Advance registration

required. For more information, call (503) 570-1522. *city of Wilsonville*

Evenings in Newell Creek Canyon

6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays

(except Thanksgiving)

Enjoy an evening nature walk through Newell Creek Canyon, the jewel of Oregon City. This forested canyon is the largest intact greenspace in the southern metro area and home to a number of threatened species including coho, cutthroat trout and red-legged frogs. Learn about species diversity and non-native plants and how you can get involved. Advance registration required. For more information, call Tauna Wamsley at (503) 797-1939. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Bull Run Watershed Tour

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

Saturday, Sept. 15, and

Tuesday, Oct. 16

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 Briggly Thomas at (503) 823-7407. *Portland Bureau of Water Works* ♿ *by arrangement*

Painted Turtle

Walk 'n Talk

noon to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, 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. Free. Advance registration required. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Green-spaces Department* ♿

Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Walk

*9 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Sept. 15*
Enjoy historic properties, wooded wetlands, wildlife watching and recreation activities along the complete section of the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail between Denney Road and Tiedeman Avenue. Meet at the Fanno Farm House at 8405 SW Creekside Place in Beaverton. For more information and to register, call Bob Bothman at (503) 244-7206. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

Wintering-In Harvest Festival

*11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday,
Sept. 22-23*
Come to Metro's Howell Territorial Park for Wintering-In, a Northwest tradition for more than 30 years. The festival features a variety of local artists and traditional crafts makers, music performances and picnic-style food. Hands-on fun for all ages includes candle making, cider pressing and pumpkin painting. Enjoy the nature park and take a tour of the 1858 Bybee House and the historic pioneer orchard. Metro naturalist James Davis will lead wildlife watching walks to the wetland on Sunday at noon and 2 p.m. Suggested admission donation is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and younger. For more information, call (503) 306-5198 or visit www.ohs.org. *Oregon Historical Society*

Beyond The "H's" and "O's"

*10 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Sept. 22*
Do you ever wonder what's in your tap water besides "H's" and "O's"? Are you curious about what determines your water pressure? Test your tap water at the water quality laboratory, visit the control center and learn about the distribution system from our interactive physical hydraulic model. Free. Advance registration required. Call Briggy Thomas at (503) 823-7407 for more information. *Portland Bureau of Water Works* ♿ *by arrangement*

Bryant Woods and Canal Acres

*9 a.m. to noon
Sunday, Sept. 23*
Join Audubon Society of Portland's Mike Houck and park staff to explore these Lake Oswego natural area parks. You are almost sure to see pileated woodpeckers. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Wild in the City at Mt. Tabor

*8 to 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 26*
Join urban naturalist Mike Houck for a leisurely stroll around this 640-foot butte to look for fall birds. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Cooper Mountain Nature Walk

*10 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Sept. 29*
Join Metro volunteer naturalists for an autumn nature walk on Cooper Mountain. The autumn season provides a vibrant change in colors as well as plant and animal activity. Learn about the management

of Metro's 256-acre greenspace while enjoying the views from this 700-foot mountain. For information and registration, call Tauna Wamsley at (503) 797-1939. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Wild in the City at Tryon Creek

*8 to 11 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 2*
Join urban naturalist Mike Houck and Lake Oswego park staff in exploring the state-owned Tryon Creek State Park. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Archaeology of Smith and Bybee Lakes

*6:30 to 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3*
Join the Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes for the group's monthly meeting and enjoy a special presentation by David Ellis of Archeological Investigations Northwest. Meet at the BES Water Pollution Control Lab at 6548 N. Burlington Ave. near Cathedral Park in St. Johns. For more information, call Frank Opila at (503) 283-1145. *Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes* ♿

National Wildlife Refuge Week Celebration

*9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6*
Celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. Guided land and river tours will be run all day. For more information, call (503) 974-7712. To register for canoe trips, call Tualatin Riverkeepers at (503) 590-5813. *Friends of the Refuge* ♿ *by arrangement*

Night Hike at Jackson Bottom

*7 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6*
Come and explore the amazing nocturnal world at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. Take a leisurely hike to the east side of the preserve to listen for owls, coyotes and other nighttime creatures. Meet at the gravel parking lot next to the Clean Water Services water quality lab, one mile south of Hillsboro on Highway 219. Children are welcome, but strollers do not navigate well on the trails. Free. For more information, call Sarah Pinnock at (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Salmon Viewing Walk

*1 to 3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7*
Come to Oxbow Regional Park for an easy guided walk to observe the spectacular fall chinook salmon spawning in their natural habitat. Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens will lead the walk and share some of what she has learned from many autumn seasons with the salmon of the Sandy River. Meet at the boat ramp. All ages are welcome; an adult must accompany children. The walk is free and no reservations are necessary. There is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park. *Metro Regional Parks and Green-spaces Department* ♿ *by arrangement*

Exploring Lake Oswego Natural Area Parks

*9 a.m. to noon
Wednesday, Oct. 10*
Join Audubon Society of Portland's Mike Houck and park staff to explore George Rogers, Waluga and Springbrook parks and the plants and animals of the Lake Oswego area. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Johnson Creek Watershed Tour

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Get to know Johnson Creek Watershed. This urban treasure is home to salmon and trout as well as 165,000 people. Visit beautiful parks and restoration areas and find out why Johnson Creek is considered Portland's best chance for salmon recovery. The tour will include hands-on water-quality monitoring, macroinvertebrate sampling and plant identification lessons. All ages are welcome (with supervision for those under 12). To register, call (503) 239-3932. *Johnson Creek Watershed Council*

Ancient Forest Frog and Salamander Walk

1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Find out about red-legged frogs, ensatina salamanders and many other fascinating amphibians (including some rare species) that live in the old-growth forest at Oxbow Regional Park. Metro biologist Curt Zonick will lead this special class, which includes a 1.5-mile moderate walk. Fall is the start of the rainy season and amphibians love to be wet, so it's the perfect time to look for them. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Suitable for adults and youth 12 and older. Registration and a \$5 per person fee are required in advance. There is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Walk

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Oct. 20

Enjoy historic properties, wooded wetlands, wildlife and recreation activities along a paved, multi-use section of the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail between Garden Home

and Highway 217. Meet at the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Recreation Center at 7475 SW Oleson Rd. in Garden Home. For more information and to register, call Bob Bothman at (503) 244-7206. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

Fall Colors in Memorial Park

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Arborist Floyd Peoples will guide you through Wilsonville's Memorial Park and teach you about various forms of native plants and animals and how they interact and contribute to the park's ecosystems. This activity is designed for people of all ages who are interested in learning more about nature and the environment. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 570-1522. *city of Wilsonville*

Newell Creek Canyon Nature Walk

10 a.m. to noon

Sunday, Oct. 21

Enjoy a nature walk through Newell Creek Canyon, the jewel of Oregon City. This forested canyon is the largest intact greenspace in the southern metro area and home to a number of threatened species including coho, cutthroat trout and red-legged frogs. Learn about species diversity and non-native plants and how you can get involved. Advance registration required. For more information, call Tauna Wamsley at (503) 797-1939. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Animal Tracking Workshop

2 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 21

Oxbow Regional Park is rich in tracks at this time of year when beaver, otter, fox, mink, mouse and deer leave clear footprints in the sand. With

practice, you can learn to read the ground like a book. Let local tracker Terry Kem introduce you to the basics of track identification and interpretation and the awareness and stealth skills needed to watch wildlife at close range. You'll make plaster casts of tracks to take home. Registration and a fee of \$7 per person are required in advance. There is also a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park payable at the gate. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to register. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Johnson Creek Summit

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27

The Johnson Creek Watershed Summit 2001 is an opportunity for everyone who cares about creating strong and safe creek-friendly communities to gather in the name of turning such a vision into reality. Tell your elected officials about your concerns and priorities and learn about projects that your neighbors are doing for the benefit of the creek. To register or for more information, call Kasandra Griffin at (503) 238-1799. *Johnson Creek Watershed Council* ♿

Clear Creek Open Space Tour

1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28

Join Metro naturalist James Davis for our first public tour of one of the most beautiful new Greenspaces purchased with the 1995 bond funds. This forested tributary of the Clackamas River has excellent water quality and significant wild fish runs. Be among the first to explore this area. The tour is free and open to adults and youngsters 5 and older. Advance registration required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to register. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Oregon Nature Mapping

6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

Nov. 3

Nature mapping is an educational program designed to engage citizens in the process of monitoring wildlife in their favorite local greenspaces and wild areas and reporting those observations to a centralized data base. Classes are held at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. Advance registration and a \$50 fee are required. Call (503) 939-7174 for more information and to register. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Wild in the City at Oxbow

noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 4

Join Audubon Society of Portland's Mike Houck on a walking tour of Metro's Oxbow Regional Park. Program fee is \$8; there is an additional \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

9 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Join Audubon Society of Portland's Mike Houck on a walking tour of Oaks to Woodland Trail at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge just north of Ridgefield. The trail is approximately 2.5 miles and passes through groves of Oregon white oak, Douglas fir forest and basalt outcrops that overlook open water and wetlands. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Exploring Clark County Greenspaces

9 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, Nov. 14

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck in exploring two of Clark County's hottest natural areas. Whipple Creek exhibits three distinct habitats of dense second growth forest, meadows and shrub-scrub thickets in its 375 acres. The 125-acre La Center Bottoms is part of a larger 1,200-acre wetland area along the lower east fork of the Lewis River next to the town of La Center, Wash. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Walk

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Nov. 17

Enjoy historic properties, wooded wetlands, wildlife watching and recreation activities along a completed section of the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail between Denney Road and Tiedeman Avenue. Meet at the Fanno Farm House at 8405 SW Creekside Place in Beaverton. For more information and to register, call Bob Bothman at (503) 244-7206. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

Thanksgiving Walk

1 to 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 18

Take time out to appreciate and celebrate the simple gifts of nature at Oxbow Regional Park with Terry Kem, Deer Dance School instructor, and Elisabeth Neely, Metro park naturalist. On an easy walk along the river, we'll focus on opening our senses and noticing how wildlife responds to the changing season. Then gather around the campfire circle and enjoy the "Thanksgiving Address," passed down and shared by the Iroquois Nation. This is a simple and moving way of expressing

appreciation for our connections to nature, which can be shared by people of all backgrounds. Hot drinks will be provided. Meet at the boat ramp. Suitable for all ages. Free with park entry fee of \$3 per vehicle. Advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Exploring Clark County Greenspaces

9 a.m. to noon

Sunday, Nov. 25

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck for a walking tour of Burnt Bridge Creek and Discovery Trail from Stewart Glen to Leverich Park. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City* ♿

Creekside Marsh and Fanno Creek Greenway

9 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck for a walking tour of Koll Wetlands and Fanno Creek Greenway trail system. Creekside, home to nesting great blue herons, is a favorite winter waterfowl site in the heart of Beaverton. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City* ♿

Fernhill Wetlands

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Dec. 1

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck for a 2-mile walking tour around Dabbler's Marsh, Eagle's Perch Pond and Fernhill Lake. Fernhill Wetlands near the confluence of Gales Creek and the Tualatin River in Forest Grove has grown to more than 600 acres. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City* ♿

Ancient Forest Mushroom Class

2 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2

Join mycologist Gary Slone for a two-hour class that ends with a walk on an easy trail in the old growth forest of Oxbow Regional Park. Gary will discuss mushroom classification and edibility, and then participants will gather, identify and compare specimens. Experienced and beginning "shroomers" are welcome. Meet at picnic area A. Registration and a fee of \$8 per person are required in advance. There is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Tualatin Hills Nature Park

9 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck on a nature hike through the nearly 220-acre nature park, including the

newly acquired "in-holding" that was purchased by Metro's open spaces acquisition program. Walk through the park to explore wetlands, riparian areas and Douglas fir forest. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Exploring the Springwater Corridor

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck, Friends of Zenger Farm and other local naturalists for a tour of three of the Johnson Creek watershed's most significant greenspaces along the Springwater Corridor Trail, Metro's Beggars-tick Marsh, Zenger Farm and Powell Butte. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City* ♿



Oregon Watershed Weeks (Sept. 15-Oct. 21) links dozens of water-related events within individual watersheds across the state. Events range from family paddle trips and tide pool walks to community fairs and streamside restoration projects – all designed to help children and adults get to know their local waters and learn how to make a difference within their own watershed.

Many Watershed Weeks events are listed in GreenScene. For the complete listing, look for copies of the Oregon Watershed Weeks event guide at your local library or other community locations, or call (888) 854-8377 for a copy. You can also visit the Oregon Watershed Weeks web site at www.seagrant.orst.edu/watershedweeks.html.



PADDLE Trips

Paddling West Hayden Island

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, Sept. 15

Join Audubon Society of Portland's Mike Houck and Bob Sallinger on this kayak and canoe trip that will explore the Port of Portland's West Hayden Island property from the water. You must provide your own canoe or kayak and life jackets are required. \$8. Advance registration required. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Smith and Bybee Lakes Paddle Trips

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

To register, call Polly Knox at (503) 285-5208.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 18

To register, call Troy Clark at (503) 249-0482.

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. Trip is free. Bring your own kayak or canoe. The trips may be canceled or changed to a different location due to seasonal fluctuations in the water level. *Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes*

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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 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.

Reserve early for group picnics

Beginning Oct. 1, reservations will be taken for group picnics at Oxbow and Blue Lake regional parks for 2002. Make reservations by calling (503) 797-1850 option 2 or stop by the office at Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland. All messages are time- and date-stamped and will be returned in the order they are received.

Information numbers

General number
(503) 797-1850

Picnic reservations
(503) 797-1850 option 2

Registration for Metro activities
(503) 797-1850 option 4

Open spaces
(503) 797-1555

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



Autumn bird watching series

Join Metro naturalist James Davis for a series of Thursday evening classes and weekend field trips highlighting the autumn bird activity at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Learn the basics of how to find and identify birds and become familiar with the natural history of many of our most common birds. These programs are for beginners and experienced birders alike, adults or teens. Recommended field guide for all classes and trips is "Field Guide to Western Birds," 3rd. Ed. by Roger Tory Peterson. Read the registration information carefully. You must sign up for each individual class and field trip you wish to attend. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve your space.

Classes

Classes are held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays at Metro Regional Center (see individual classes for room number). Registration and payment of \$8 are required in advance. ♿

Field Trips

Field trips meet in the Smith and Bybee lakes parking lot on North Marine Drive. The length of the trips will be somewhat dependent on weather and bird activity. Dress for the weather and bring water, snacks and binoculars if you have them. Free. Advance registration required. ♿

Introduction to Bird Watching Class

Thursday, Sept. 13
Have you been interested in birds and bird watching but not known where to start? This introduction to the basics is highly recommended for beginners who are planning to take other classes or field trips. Room 370.

Basic Bird Watching Trip

9 to 11 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area provides a good sample of common autumn, resident and wintering birds. We will emphasize the basics

of bird identification covered in the introduction class.

Birds of Autumn Class

Thursday, Sept. 27
This class will be an overview of the most common birds seen in the metropolitan area from September through December. We will concentrate on songbirds and briefly discuss birds of prey and waterfowl. Room 501.

Birds of Prey Class

Thursday, Oct. 4
Hawks, eagles, falcons, vultures and owls have always fascinated people. Find out how to tell these major groups of raptors apart and the key points for identifying the most common species. Room 370.

Waterfowl Class

Thursday, Oct. 25
Waterfowl are among the region's most abundant and diverse groups of wintering birds. Find out who's who in this large group of beautiful birds. Room 370.

Autumn Birds of Smith and Bybee Lakes Field Trip

9 to 11 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
See wintering waterfowl, birds of prey and all the resident birds at Smith and Bybee lakes.

Raptors, Cranes and Whatever Field Trip

noon to 3 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 4
As the leaves fall from the trees, the birds of prey arriving for the winter become easier to see. We'll start at Smith and Bybee lakes and then carpool to sites on Sauvie Island.

Waterfowl Field Trip

noon to 3 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 18
It is possible to see more than a dozen different species of waterfowl on a good fall or winter day. We will start at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area and then carpool to other sites on Sauvie Island.

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