

Metro GreenScene

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Spring 2002



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OPEN SPACES

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- Protecting Scouter Mountain
- Turtles, birds and wildflowers
- Nature activities for everyone



Where do we grow from here?

Let's talk

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS AND TOURS

Saturday, March 16, 2002

This year, your elected Metro Council will decide whether to expand the urban growth boundary, which marks the separation between rural and urban areas. The council also will make decisions about protecting fish and wildlife habitat, providing parks and greenspaces for people and investing in our transportation system.

These important decisions are the focus of Metro's Let's Talk community workshops. Join your neighbors at a community workshop near you for this lively discussion about regional issues with a local focus. At the workshops you will be asked to work with others to consider tradeoffs, options and costs and provide the Metro Council with your thoughts. Community workshops are sponsored by Metro in cooperation with local government partners.

Activities continue in the afternoon with a variety of opportunities, also located all over the region. Hop on a bus for an informative tour, go on a nature walk, take a closer look at a regional trail project, or dig in to some restoration work at one of Metro's greenspaces.

For more information, go to www.metro-region.org.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Workshops begin at 8 a.m. and are free. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Advance registration required. You will receive a participant's guide to the issues. Call (503) 797-1850 option 5 to register.

Let's Talk East Metro

Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village and Maywood Park

St. Henry Catholic Church
346 NW First, Gresham
Bus line 9

Sponsored by Center Oaks Development

Let's Talk Southeast Metro

Oregon City, Milwaukie, Rivergrove, Johnson City, Gladstone, Happy Valley and Damascus

LaSalle High School
11999 SE Fuller Rd.,
Milwaukie

Bus lines 79 and 31

Let's Talk Southwest Metro

Wilsonville, West Linn, Lake Oswego, Sherwood, Tualatin, Tigard, Beaverton, King City and Durham

Fowler Middle School
10865 SW Walnut, Tigard
Bus line 45

About Metro

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 owns 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 – Carl Hosticka, District 3; Deputy Presiding Officer – Susan McLain, District 4; Rod Park, District 1; Bill Atherton, District 2; Rex Burkholder, District 5; Rod Monroe, District 6; David Bragdon, District 7.

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On the cover

(clockwise from top left): a paddler at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area, a young nature lover at Oxbow Regional Park, cheerful daisies at a Metro greenspace and a Western painted turtle.

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and need accommodations, call (503) 797-1850, or call Metro's TDD line at (503) 797-1804. If you require a sign interpreter, call at least 48 hours in advance. Activities marked with this symbol are wheelchair accessible: 

Bus and MAX information:

(503) 238-RIDE (238-7433).

To be added to the mailing list (or to make any changes), call (503) 797-1850 option 3.

Let's Talk West Metro
Hillsboro, Forest Grove and
Cornelius
Washington County Public
Services Building
155 N. First Ave., Hillsboro
Bus lines 46 and 57
Hatfield Government MAX
station

Let's Talk Portland
Third annual Neighborhood
Association Summit 2002 –
*Continuing a vision and
increasing participation for
Portland's neighborhood
association system.* Metro
workshops for Portland
residents will be offered at the
summit sponsored by the city
of Portland Office of Neigh-
borhood Involvement.
Cleveland High School
3400 SE 26th Ave., Portland
Bus lines 9 and 10

TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE TOURS

Step on board and take a look
into the future. Participants
will have a first-hand look at
the building blocks of Metro's
2040 plan. The tours will visit
innovative redevelopment
projects, regional parks and
greenspaces, transit-oriented
development projects, fish-
friendly "green" streets and
the urban growth boundary.

Tours depart from each of the
community workshop
locations at 1:30 p.m. (except
the Portland tour, which
departs at 2:30 p.m.). Please
arrive 15 minutes in advance
to check in and board the bus.
Tours are \$5 for adults and
free for children ages 8-18

(not recommended for
younger children). Space is
limited; registration and
payment are required in
advance. Call (503) 797-1850
option 5 to register.

NATURE WALKS, TRAIL TOURS AND HANDS ON ACTIVITIES

Look for these activities in
this issue of Metro Green-
Scene. All begin at 2 p.m.
and have been designed to
enhance the experience of
participants in the community
workshops. Take one of these
opportunities to see the
nature of the region up close.

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east Multnomah County

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. YOUR FUTURE.

Be sure to watch live Northwest
NewsChannel 8 town hall at 7 p.m.
Friday, March 15

2002 Let's Talk regional conference

7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday, March 15

The Oregon Convention Center
Registration at 7 a.m., breakfast at
7:30 a.m.

The conference will feature speakers with a
diverse range of views on the issues and
interactive workshops that allow partici-
pants to weigh in on the issues with
electronic voting. Jack Ohman, author and
internationally syndicated political cartoon-
ist, will draw from two decades of "uncom-
promising, pointed and sharp-witted"
political satire to provide the conference
keynote speech.

Conference fees range from \$50-\$100;
some scholarships are available. Call (503)
259-0739 for registration information or to
request a scholarship packet. Register for
the conference online at Metro's web site
www.metro-region.org.

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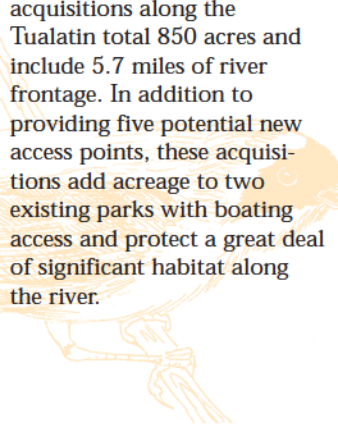


Open spaces

Metro protects 5.7 miles of the Tualatin River

The Tualatin River flows languidly through a mosaic of agricultural and urban land for 78 miles from the coast range to the Willamette River. Winding its way through dozens of bends and twists, the river earned its name, which means “lazy river,” from the Atfalati people who lived in the Tualatin Basin before European settlement. The low gradient and water speed make it ideal for canoes and kayaks, but with little public access along the 30-mile stretch from Forest Grove to West Linn, few have been able to experience its lush beauty.

Providing more public access to the Tualatin River was one of the goals of Metro’s open spaces, parks and streams bond measure, approved by voters in 1995. Metro’s acquisitions along the Tualatin total 850 acres and include 5.7 miles of river frontage. In addition to providing five potential new access points, these acquisitions add acreage to two existing parks with boating access and protect a great deal of significant habitat along the river.

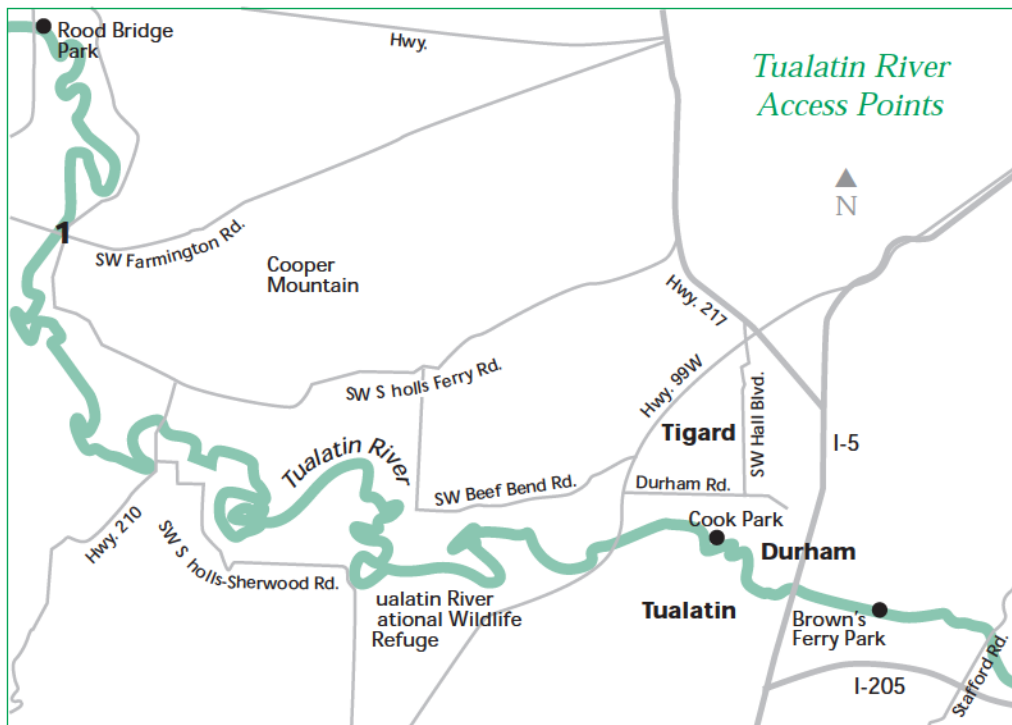


Together with existing access points, Metro’s acquisitions along the Tualatin River will provide access at intervals of five to 10 river miles, excellent for day trips by canoe or kayak.

Access points

(Numbers correspond to map on page 5.)

- 1.** The westernmost potential new access point is a 5-acre site at the Farmington Road Bridge, also known as the Harris Bridge, near the intersection with River Road. It is about a 2- to 3-hour canoe trip from Hillsboro’s Rood Bridge Park and its new boat ramp, funded in part by the “local share” portion of the bond measure.
- 2.** Downstream, one mile south of the Scholls Bridge on Scholls Ferry Road, Metro purchased a second potential access point with 114 acres and more than a half-mile of frontage on the river. Draining from Chehalem Mountain, Baker and McFee creeks flow through the property before entering the Tualatin. The site has riparian forests covering the creeks and riverbanks. Metro is working with the Tualatin Riverkeepers to reduce the amount of this land drained for agriculture and replant it with native vegetation as wetlands.
- 3.** Off Scholls-Sherwood Road and Munger Lane, Metro acquired a third potential access point with 91 acres and more than a mile of frontage on the south bank of a large oxbow. The property was owned by the Munger family and managed as a farm for more than 70 years. It includes a 16-acre mature cedar grove that may one day beckon campers and picnickers. Across the river from the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, the parcel is teaming with wildlife such as beaver, nutria, black-tailed deer, red-legged frogs, green herons and a host of songbirds. In 2001, Metro planted 5,340 trees to further enhance the site.
- 4.** Moving 13 miles down the river, Metro acquired 148 acres and nearly a mile of river frontage in Sherwood, off Highway 99W near Beef Bend Road as another potential new access point. Just three miles upstream from Cook Park, the site is well situated for a leisurely paddle. Clearly visible to many residents who live on the south side of Bull Mountain in Tigard, the property will offer visitors a variety of nature-related learning and recreational experiences close to home. River otter have been spotted cavorting on the riverbanks and a lone Ponderosa pine in one of the low-lying fields is reportedly the largest of that species west of the Cascades. Recently the US Fish and Wildlife Service agreed to restore and manage the floodplain portion of the property.



5. The fifth potential access point is south of Lake Oswego off Borland Road, near its intersection with Stafford Road at Wanker's Corner. With an existing boat dock, the 18-acre site has already been used by the Tualatin Riverkeepers as a take-out site for Discovery Days, an annual paddle with more than 250 participants. Teachers and administrators at the adjacent Stafford Elementary and nearby Athey Creek Middle schools have expressed interest in using the property as a living laboratory for classroom and after-school programs.

Three other metro acquisitions near the confluence of the Tualatin River with Gales Creek (outside Forest Grove) attract thousands of resident and migratory birds every year. Another acquisition in Hillsboro is being managed by staff of the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve for water quality benefits and wildlife habitat. In the future, it will provide environmental education opportunities and public access to the river and the preserve.

Metro's acquisitions along the Tualatin are currently "land-banked" – closed to general public use until funds are

available for a public planning process. But thanks to the vision of the people of the region who passed the bond measure and Metro's successful acquisitions, generations to come will be able to access this great river and paddle its gentle waters, observing the fish and wildlife thriving in the protected areas.

Spring activities on the Tualatin

Want to get a sneak preview of some of Metro's acquisitions along the Tualatin? Keep an eye on the GreenScene for opportunities like these:

Tualatin River Work Day at Wankers Corner

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, May 4

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

Tualatin River Paddles

noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, and

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Join Metro naturalist James Davis and members of the Tualatin Riverkeepers for a leisurely paddle down a section of the Tualatin River that ends at a new Metro greenspace and future river access point west of Tigard. Explore the habitats of the greenspace property looking for wildlife and wildflowers. Beaver, nutria and river otter are common in this stretch of the Tualatin and we'll see plenty of evidence of their activities even if we don't see the critters themselves. Bird life is abundant. Registration fee for members of the Tualatin Riverkeepers is \$5 and canoe use is free. Non-members pay \$10 to register for the trip with their own boat and can rent a canoe for an additional \$20. Advanced registration and payment are required. Space is limited. For more information and to register, call Tualatin Riverkeepers at (503) 590-5813. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department and Tualatin Riverkeepers*

Migratory Songbird Festival Paddles

10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Tualatin Riverkeepers teams up with Friends of the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge for two exciting paddles trips during the Migratory Songbird Festival. The refuge is not yet open to the public, so this is a great opportunity to check it out. There will also be walking tours, environmental exhibits, activities for youngsters, a silent auction, food and music. To register for the paddle trips, call the Tualatin Riverkeepers at (503) 590-5813. *Friends of the Refuge and Tualatin Riverkeepers*

Local projects improve river access

Local cities, counties and park districts received \$25 million in the "local share" portion of the bond measure for open space acquisition and capital improvement projects in existing greenspaces. The cities of Hillsboro, Durham, Tigard, Tualatin and Rivergrove all used local share funds to acquire lands or make improvements to existing parks on the Tualatin River. The "local share" has funded more than 100 projects, located in every city, county and park district in the region. Most are complete and open to the public. For a copy of the Local Share GreenScene special edition, call (503) 797-1728.

Contributions help protect the nature of the region



A gift from the Autzen Foundation helped protect this 70-acre parcel on Scouter Mountain in Southeast Portland. Metro spends the last of the funds from the 1995 open spaces, parks and streams bond measure, it is seeking additional funding sources to protect as many natural areas as possible for the benefit of people, fish and wildlife throughout the region.

Wildflowers reach from the carpet of ferns for the sun filtering through the dense second growth forest of fir, cedar and deciduous trees. Mitchell Creek gurgles through a lush ravine. With assistance from a generous Autzen Foundation grant, Metro and the city of Portland purchased an extraordinary 70-acre parcel of native habitat on Scouter Mountain at Southeast 162nd Avenue and Clatsop Street.

Between rapidly growing Happy Valley and Pleasant Valley, where hundreds of acres have been or are expected to be developed for housing, this greenspace was previously planned for construction of 159 homes. Instead, the acquisition will protect nearly half a mile of Mitchell Creek and its three tributaries that feed Kelly Creek and ultimately Johnson Creek. A recent aquatic

inventory shows that the large wood, undercut banks, cool temperatures and boulders make this one of the most pristine areas in the salmon-bearing Johnson Creek watershed. Rising to more than 700 feet, the Scouter Mountain site offers views of the Cascades and the surrounding Pleasant Valley. With up to 5,500 new residences expected in the area in the next 20 years, the protected forest may become a natural area park. The city of Portland contributed 25 percent of the purchase price and will manage the property.

Having acquired more than 7,358 acres – far exceeding the 6,000-acre minimum acreage goal – Metro is drawing to a close its successful open spaces acquisition program. However, remaining parcels targeted for acquisition represent more than double

the funds available to purchase them. Metro is working diligently to attract foundation grants and private donations that will help stretch the few remaining bond dollars. Additional gifts and grants will help protect as much regionally significant open space in our region as possible, and Metro invites your participation.

If you would like to make a contribution of any size to Metro's open spaces acquisition effort or would like more information about how you can help protect the nature of the region, call Jeff Hawthorne at (503) 797-1545. Tax-deductible contributions can be made payable to Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department and mailed to 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232.



Show off your garden at Metro's Gardens of Natural Delights™ tour

- Do you control garden pests using organic and/or natural methods?
- Do you use techniques to conserve water?
- Do you maintain your own garden?

If you answered "yes" to these questions and your garden is within the Metro boundary, you can help showcase the benefits of using natural techniques to grow healthy, attractive gardens. Metro will select residential gardens in the Portland metropolitan area for a public tour on July 14, 2002.

For more information and an application to be part of this year's Gardens of Natural Delights tour, call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, March 15.



Reserve your favorite picnic

area now for this year's company picnics, family reunions, weddings and other gatherings at Metro's Blue Lake and Oxbow regional parks. To make a reservation, call (503) 797-1850 option 2. Price information, park maps and site descriptions are available on Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org/parks/parks.html.

Spring calendar



BICYCLE Trips

Ride the Willamette River Greenway

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck on a bicycle tour of the east bank of the Willamette River Greenway. This is a leisurely 15-mile ride for the whole family. \$8. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*

Spring to Garden Home

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, March 9

Travel the Fanno Creek Trail to the Garden Home Recreation Center and participate in a flower planting exercise at one of the trails or parks along the route. The ride is 10-12 miles in length with comparatively flat terrain; all ages and abilities are welcome. Meet at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park parking lot. Helmets required. For more information, call (503) 643-5396. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Trails Advisory Committee*

Tax Relief Ride

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 13

Pedal the rugged hills of the southwest quadrant of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. The ride is 10-12 miles in length and includes some steep climbs; all ages and abilities are welcome. Meet at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park

parking lot. Helmets required. For more information, call (503) 643-5396. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Trails Advisory Committee*

Ride on the Wild Side

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 27

Join Lisa Hamerlynck of Lake Oswego Parks and urban naturalist Mike Houck for a ride along the Willamette River on the old river road bicycle path from George Rogers Park. \$8. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to reserve a space. *Wild in the City*



Metro's award-winning Bike There! bicycle map will be available soon

The updated 2002 bike map will be on sale for \$6 this spring in local bike shops, outdoor stores and bookstores. It will also be available at Metro's map counter. For a list of retail outlets, check Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org or call (503) 797-1900 option 6.



BIRD Watching

Lunch with the Birds

noon to 1 p.m.

Every Wednesday

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* ♿

Bird Watching Basics for Beginners

7 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

Metro naturalist James Davis will discuss the basics of bird identification, talk about field guides and binoculars and present a slide show of the "top 30" birds of Portland. This class is an excellent preparation for the Saturday field trips and other bird classes. Class is held at Metro Regional Center in room 370. Registration and payment of \$8 per person are required in advance. For adults and interested teens. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Understanding the Language of Birds

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

Join naturalists James Davis and Elisabeth Neely at Oxbow Regional Park for this introduction to the fascinating art of interpreting the meaning of bird songs and

calls, using methods learned from well-known tracker Jon Young. This popular class combines modern birding tools and techniques with ancient awareness skills. Class will be indoor/outdoor; bring a notepad, sack lunch and something to sit on in the woods. Meeting location dependent on weather; ask at the gate. Registration and program fee of \$5 per person are required in advance. There is also a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park, payable at the gate. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Bird Migration Walk

7 a.m. every Tuesday

beginning April 2

Enjoy an early morning bird walk at Tualatin Hills Nature Park. Look and listen for birds during the peak of spring migration. Meet in front of the Interpretive Center. The walks are free and will last until people have to leave for work. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿ by arrangement.

Smith and Bybee Lakes Spring Bird Walks

9 to 11 a.m.

Saturdays, April 6, April 27, May 18 and June 8

Spring brings more than 25 different songbirds to join the resident birds nesting at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Learn to identify birds by sight and by their songs. Meet Metro naturalist and expert birder James Davis in the wildlife area parking lot. Bring drinking water and binoculars if you have them. Suitable for adults and interested teens. Free. Advance registration is required. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Bald Eagles at Jackson Bottom

9 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, April 6

Join wetlands education specialist Sarah Pinnock to explore the fascinating world of bald eagles. Spend some time in the classroom, then head to the north end of the preserve to see the eagles at their nest. There is a \$3 per person fee and advance registration is required. For details, call Sarah at (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve*

Spring Birds Identification Class

7 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

Get ready for some great spring birding with this guide to identification of our spring migrants and summer breeders. Naturalist James Davis will show slides and play recordings of bird songs and simplify what seems like a confusing variety of birds to many beginners. This class is excellent preparation for upcoming bird walks at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. For adults and interested teens. Class is held in room 370 at Metro Regional Center. Registration and payment of \$8 per person are required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Mt. Hood Songbird Celebration

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day at the ninth annual Mt. Hood Songbird Celebration at Wildwood Recreation Area. The event includes bird walks, banding demonstrations, field ecology activities, bird conservation exhibits, live hawks and owls, activities for youngsters, music and food. For details, call (503) 239-1820. *WolfTree, Inc.* ♿



NATURE Discoveries

Animal Adventures

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Mondays, March 4, 11 and 18

Naturalist Elaine Murphy brings the animal world closer with stories, crafts, games and rhymes. This program is for children ages 3 to 5 with a parent. Classes meet at United Christian Church in Lake Oswego. \$7 per day for Lake Oswego residents; \$11 for all others. Advance registration required. Call (503) 675-2549 to register. *Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation* ♿

Early Birds and Turtles

2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

March is major transition time at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Will the turtles be out of hibernation yet? What birds are passing through during their spring migration? Find out on this easy afternoon walk in the middle of the most dynamic time of the year. Meet Metro naturalist James Davis in the parking area on North Marine Drive. Free. Advance registration is required. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Let's Talk Fanno Creek Greenway Trail

2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

This 15-mile trail corridor weaves through five cities between the Willamette and Tualatin rivers. Only about half of the trail has been constructed, but it already links thousands of people in surrounding neighborhoods

to schools, shopping, work and recreation. Meet trail advocate Bob Bothman at Fowler Middle School for an informative trek along the trail. Free. Advance registration required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro and Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Trails Committee* ♿

Connecting to the Springwater Trail

2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

The Springwater Trail extends 16 miles from Southeast Portland to the Clackamas County border. Work is now underway to complete a 3-mile trail along the east bank of the Willamette River from OMSI to the Sellwood Bridge. Metro and the city of Portland also have obtained federal funds to build three trail bridges to connect to the Springwater Trail. Meet Metro trail planner Mel Huie at Sellwood Marine Park for a free tour. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Ancient Forest Walk

2 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Spend an afternoon in an 800-year-old cathedral forest at Oxbow Regional Park. Naturalist Deb Scrivens will guide this easy 1-mile hike. The pace will be slow and quiet. Meet in the parking area across from Group Picnic Area A. Best for adults and older children. The hike is free with a \$3 entry fee to the park. Advance registration is required. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Trillium Walk in Memorial Park

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 23

The wet Northwest winters are the perfect climate for trillium, and these lovely

flowers should be in bloom in time for this early spring walk at Wilsonville's Memorial Park. Meet in the main parking lot. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 570-1522. *city of Wilsonville* ♿

Spring Break Animal Tracking Adventure

10 a.m. to noon

Wednesday, March 27

Discover how to read the stories left by wild animal tracks and try special techniques that you can use to get close to animals at Oxbow Regional Park. Handle track casts, fur and real skulls – if you dare. Then try out your new skills on a short walk. Led by park naturalist Elisabeth Neely, this outdoor class is for children in grades 1-5, accompanied by an adult. Meet at Group Picnic Area A and bring a sack lunch if you want to eat at the playground after the program. Registration and a program fee of \$2 per person are required in advance. There also is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park, payable at the gate. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Spring Break Ancient Forest Adventure

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

Hike over mossy footbridges into the ancient old-growth forest of Oxbow Regional Park, where you'll meet towering 800-year-old trees and taste wild plants. Search for giant banana slugs, a tiny bird that sings the fastest song in the world and other amazing animals. Then go indoors with Metro naturalist Elisabeth Neely to find out the good side of stinging nettles, learn how native peoples make household items with plants and create a souvenir necklace that you can take home. For children in grade 2 and up, accompanied by an adult. Meet at

Group Picnic Area A and bring a sack lunch in a backpack. Registration and program fee of \$5 per person are required in advance. There also is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Barton Park Easter Egg Hunt

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 30

You are invited to this free family event at Barton Park, 9 miles east of I-205 off Hwy. 224. Enjoy egg hunts, meet the Easter Bunny and visit Muriel's Traveling Petting Zoo. For more information, call (503) 353-4414. *Clackamas County Parks Department*

Dirt Time

9 a.m. to noon Sundays, March 31, April 28 and May 26

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

Ancient Forest Walk

2 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 31
Spend Easter afternoon in an 800-year-old cathedral forest at Oxbow Regional Park. Naturalist Deb Scrivens will guide this easy 1-mile hike. The pace will be slow and quiet. Meet in the parking area across from Group Picnic Area A. Best for adults and older children. The hike is free with a \$3 entry fee to the park. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Tryon Creek Hikes

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturdays beginning April 6
Join a naturalist for an informative guided hike through Tryon Creek State Park. Meet at the nature center. Free. No registration required. For weekly topics, call (503) 636-4398. *Friends of Tryon Creek State Park* ♿

Trillium Festival

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7

Celebrate spring at the Trillium Festival at Tryon Creek State Park. The festival features a native plant sale, a photography contest, storytelling, snacks and guided tours of the park to see hundreds of trillium in bloom. Free. For more information, call (503) 636-4398. *Friends of Tryon Creek State Park* ♿

Turtle Walks

noon to 1:30 p.m.

Saturdays, April 6 and 27, May 18 and June 8

Oregon's turtles are hard to find, but Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area is home to one of the largest populations of Western painted turtles in the Northwest. Come see these beautiful reptiles with the help of Metro naturalist James Davis, who will have small telescopes for a close look. Suitable for adults and children age 5 and older. Meet in the parking area on North Marine Drive. Free. Advance registration required. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Cooper Mountain Birds and Wildflowers

12:30 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

Cooper Mountain is a great greenspace to explore with Metro naturalist James Davis. Controlled burns have encouraged a proliferation of native wildflowers, including

a rare larkspur. Breeding birds will be in their best plumage and singing their hearts out, making them easy to find and identify. Bring a snack and plenty of water. Terrain is steep and rough in some places. For adults and children age 6 or older. Free. Advance registration required. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. You will receive directions to the meeting place and other details after you register. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Animal Tracking

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Oxbow Regional Park is rich in tracks at this time of year, when beaver, otter, fox, mink, mouse and deer often leave clear footprints in the sand. With practice, you can learn to read the ground like a book. Get started in this three-hour workshop with local tracker Terry Kem. The workshop includes basics of track identification and interpretation, awareness and stealth skills needed to watch wildlife at close range and a chance to practice with an expert. Suitable for adults and families. Bring a snack and meet at the floodplain parking area. Registration and a \$10 fee are required in advance. There also is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Canemah Bluff Birds and Blooms

9 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 13

Join Metro naturalist James Davis on an exploration of Canemah Bluff, a Metro greenspace overlooking the Willamette River just south of Oregon City. We'll identify a myriad of singing birds, wildflowers, and native conifers, including the famous Pacific yew. Wear shoes that can get wet and muddy.

Advance registration is required. You will receive directions to the meeting place and other details after you register. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Fantastic Flora: Mosses, Lichens and Liverworts

1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 14

Oxbow Regional Park is deep in the Sandy River Gorge where the cool, rainforest-like microclimate is ideal for these fascinating yet overlooked "plants." Join Mike Houck, urban naturalist for the Audubon Society of Portland, and Metro naturalist Elisabeth Neely on a stroll through an ancient forest ecosystem. We'll search for the lush flora of mosses, liverworts and lichens that festoon the old growth forest, while keeping an eye out for the abundant birds and other wildlife. Suitable for adults and teens. Bring a snack and drink. Registration and payment of \$5 per person are required in advance. There also is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Ancient Forest Frog and Salamander Walk

1 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

Explore the world of red-legged frogs, red-backed salamanders, torrent salamanders and many other fascinating amphibians that live in the old-growth forest at Oxbow Regional Park. Researchers Noel Arnold and Noelle St-Cyr of The Nature Conservancy will lead this discovery hike, which includes a 1.5-mile moderate walk. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. Suitable for adults and youth age 12 and older. Meet at Group Picnic Area A. Registration and payment of \$5 per person are required in advance.

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There also is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Fanno Creek Greenway

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 20

Tour the completed Beaverton/Tigard section of the 15-mile Fanno Creek Greenway Trail. Begin at the Fanno Farm House at 8405 SW Creekside Place and walk through Greenway Park to Woodard Park. For more information and to register, call Bob Bothman at (503) 244-7206 or Nathalie Darcy at (503) 452-4320. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Trails Committee* ♿

Earth Day in Lake Oswego

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

Celebrate Earth Day at Millennium Plaza Park in Lake Oswego. Presentations and booths will provide timely information on energy conservation, water conservation, endangered species, erosion control, fertilizer and chemical pollution, waste recycling/composting, and organic gardening. Entertainment and refreshments for the entire family will be available. For more information, call (503) 675-2549. *city of Lake Oswego* ♿

Muddy Waters

9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.

Thursday, April 25

Join the Community Watershed Stewardship Program for this free all-day workshop on how to avoid the common pitfalls of restoration projects. Get advice from a variety of experts on making your restoration project a success. For more information and to register, call Markelle Smith at (503) 823-7753. *Portland Bureau of Environmental Services*

Soup on the Slough

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday and Friday,

April 25-26

You are invited for lunch, slough stories and a tour of Whitaker Ponds, the junkyard-turned-environmental-education center located on the Columbia Slough. Advance registration required. For details, call Joe Annett at (503) 823-4513. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services* ♿

Earth Day Celebration and Plant Sale

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 27

Go native at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park. Oregon grape, beaver and trillium are some of the most well known Oregon "natives." The area is also home to a lot of non-natives like Himalayan blackberry, nutria and starlings. Discover what's a native, what's not, and why our native plants and animals are so amazing. There will be displays, crafts, discussion stations and hands-on activities for the whole family. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

Wildflower Identification

1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 28

Learn how to use plant families and field guides to identify wildflowers at Oxbow Regional Park. Half of this class is indoors, and the other half is an outdoor exploration of a flower-rich trail. For adults and interested teens. Group size will be limited to 15. Advance registration and payment of \$5 per person are required. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Invertebrates in Your Watershed

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 1

Invertebrates perform vital services such as pollination, seed dispersal, and nutrient recycling, and serve as food for countless other animals. Scott Hoffman Black, executive director of the Xerces Society and educator Lynn Vanderkamp will present information. Meet at the Southwest Community Center at Southwest Vermont and 45th. Free. For details, call (503) 823-2862. *Portland Bureau of Environmental Services and Portland State University* ♿

Kids' Night Out at Tryon Creek

6 to 9 p.m.

Friday, May 3

Give a hoot at this evening workshop for children 8-12. Start with a cookout followed by "owl explorations." Dissect an owl pellet, observe an owl skeleton, learn owl calls and take a night hike in search of wild owls living in Tryon Creek State Park. \$20 members; \$22 non-members. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 636-4398. *Friends of Tryon Creek State Park*

Mammals of Metro Parks

7 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

Did you know you can see mink and river otter at both Oxbow and Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area? How about flying squirrels? And what kind of squirrels are those, anyway, running around Blue Lake? How in the world can you tell muskrat, nutria, and beaver apart? James Davis will take you on a basic survey of the mammals that live in our Metro parks and greenspaces, with an emphasis on how to see them and identify them in the wild. For adults and interested teens. Registration

and an \$8 program fee are required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to reserve a space. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Mother's Day Birds and Blooms

1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 12

Instead of bringing flowers to Mom, bring Mom to the flowers. Stroll along the forest trails at Oxbow Regional Park and learn about our common wildflowers with naturalist Deb Scrivens. The 1-mile walk will be at a leisurely pace. Program is free with a \$3 per vehicle entrance fee to the park. Advance registration required. To reserve a space, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

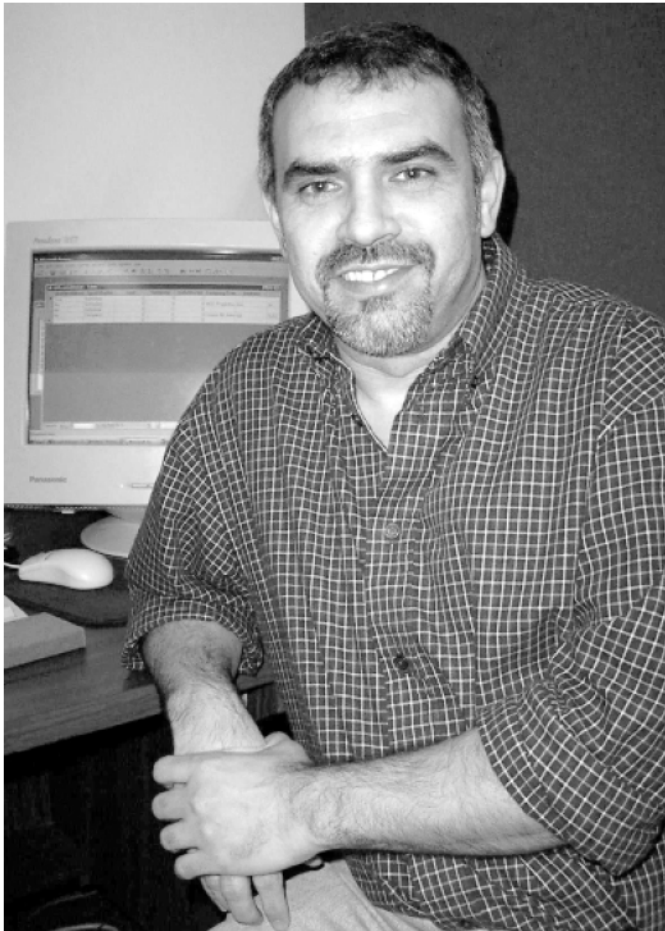
Sandy River Spey Clave

6:30 a.m. to sunset

Saturday and Sunday, May 18-19

Come to Oxbow Regional Park for a gathering of anglers interested in two-hand fly rod fishing. Meet other steelhead spey fishers and learn about spey casting and fish together. There will be casting demonstrations on the water as well as fly tying, leader making and fly line modification demonstrations in the covered pavilion. Overnight camping is available in the park on a first-come, first-served basis for \$13 per night. Program is free with a \$3 entrance fee to the park. For more information, call Mark Bachman at The Fly Fishing Shop at (503) 622-4607. *Metro, The Fly Fishing Shop and The International Spey Page and Discussion Group*

VOLUNTEERING – *it's your nature*



Averaging 30 hours per week, volunteer Syed Alam earned his own workstation and computer.

Volunteer Syed Alam has been making dreams come true all over Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, including one of his own.

Syed's wife was searching Metro's web site early this fall and came across a volunteer "help wanted" ad for a database designer. She immediately e-mailed the announcement to him, knowing that it would be a perfect fit. Syed decided a couple of years ago that he wanted to change career paths to work in the computer field. He has been taking classes and teaching himself many

applications. However, since he is not allowed to work in the United States due to visa restrictions, Syed has not had an opportunity to use his new skills in a work environment. The database designer volunteer position gave him valuable work experience, a safe place to develop his skills further and an opportunity to feel needed and useful.

Since the beginning of November, Syed has been volunteering an average of 30 hours per week. His main project has been creating a land acquisition database to track all aspects of the more than 225 greenspace proper-

ties Metro now owns. In addition, Syed is developing much-needed databases to track and report important information about Metro's education program, restoration work and contract monitoring.

"Metro is a great place to come to everyday," says Syed. "The people are wonderful. It feels good to know that I am helping them out. It just feels terrific to be part of a work team again."

If you would like to volunteer with Metro to expand your experience or explore a new career area, call (503) 797-1850 option 7. We may have just what you are looking for.



Volunteer VENTURES

Lend a Hand at Oxbow


11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturdays, March 2 and April 6 and Sunday, May 5

Help take care of Metro's Oxbow Regional Park, a 1,200-acre natural area park located within the wild and scenic Sandy River Gorge. Projects include restoration of areas impacted by humans, planting and care of native vegetation and invasive species removal. Bring gloves, long sleeves, snacks and water. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

New Volunteer Orientations

noon to 1 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, March 6, April 3 and May 1

Start your Metro volunteer experience on the right foot and join us for new volunteer orientation either during the lunch hour or in the evening at Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave. (Afternoon orientations are in room 270; evening orientations are in room 370A.) Learn about Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, hear about the benefits of volunteering and receive information about volunteer job opportunities in the field and office. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* 

Friends of Trees Work Day

9 a.m. to noon

Every Saturday

Join Friends of Trees for tree planting and tree care projects at urban natural areas and in neighborhoods throughout the Portland/Vancouver metro area. No experience is necessary; tools and training are provided. No registration required. Find out where events are being held and get directions by calling (503) 284-TREE or by visiting www.friendsoftrees.org. *Friends of Trees*

De Vine Intervention

9 a.m. to noon

Every Saturday

Spend a Saturday morning in the forest without leaving the city. Join Forest Park volunteers for ivy removal and trail maintenance. Groups of 5 or more are asked to register in advance. Bring work gloves. Meet at No Ivy League Field House at the end of Northwest Upshur just past 29th. For more information, call (503) 823-3681. *Forest Park Ivy Removal Project*

HELP WANTED – Volunteer Classified

These jobs are exciting opportunities to work with Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department staff and volunteers. Training is provided with all positions, although some preferred qualifications are listed. For more information, call (503) 797-1850 option 8.

Gardeners wanted

Blue Lake Regional Park has everything from roses to wetlands. Put your green thumb to use as you assist with the care and feeding of the beautiful grounds at Blue Lake. Be creative and adopt your own flowerbed or natural area. Be independent or work with other gardeners.

Swim beach patrol

Hang out at the beach for the summer! If you enjoy talking to people and would like to spend one weekend day a month on the sandy shores of Blue Lake, this is the job for you. Help answer questions, give directions and share information with the visitors and swimmers at Blue Lake Regional Park.

Regional Parks Advisory Committee

It's indoor work that makes a big difference outdoors. Applications are being accepted for five openings on Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Advisory Committee. The 11-member committee meets each month to help guide Metro in planning and operating its parks and greenspaces.

Blue Lake information booth

There are hundreds of questions at Blue Lake Regional Park that need answering. Help inform park visitors about Slurpee the recycling machine, water activities, the wetlands walk and other activities. Needed mostly on the weekends through October.

Behind the scenes at Blue Lake

Help out Blue Lake Regional Park staff by answering visitors' questions at the main office, doing data entry and word processing, answering phones and filing. A commitment of one day or a half-day per week is requested from June through September.

Seeking campground hosts

Do you own an RV and need a beautiful spot to live for the summer? You must like interacting with the public and be interested in spending the end of May through September (or, at the minimum, a month) in Oxbow Regional Park. Get to know the park rangers and spend time enjoying the park while providing the much-needed service of welcoming campers to the facilities.

Handy person wanted

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? If so, we would love to talk with you about ways to use your skills to help out the park rangers at Oxbow Regional Park.

Glendoveer walkers needed

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

Peach Cove Bog

2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

This Metro open space acquisition is believed to be the only wetland of its kind remaining in the Willamette Valley, sitting in a depression scoured in bedrock thousands of years ago. A floating peat mat rises and falls as the lake level fluctuates with seasonal rains. Help protect this special wetland and maintain biodiversity by removing the encroaching scotch broom. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Community Trail Maintenance Days

9 a.m. to noon

Saturdays, March 23,

April 27 and May 25

Volunteers gather at Tryon Creek State Park on the fourth Saturday of every month to help maintain and improve the park's trails. For more information, call (503) 636-4398. *Friends of Tryon Creek State Park*

North Portland "Mysterious Wetlands" Work Days

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturdays, March 30 and

May 25

The largest protected wetland within a city in the U.S. is right here in Portland, and yet it remains relatively undiscovered. Help restore native plant communities at a variety of sites around the 2,000-acre Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area in North Portland. Restoration activities include maintaining native plants, removing invasive species and spreading native plant seeds. Wear long pants and sleeves and sturdy shoes and bring snacks and water. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Glendoveer Trail Maintenance Day

9 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, March 7

Help repair sections of this popular nature trail around Glendoveer Golf Course. We will be clearing the trail and removing invasive vegetation. Meet at the parking lot at Northeast 148th Avenue and Halsey Street. Dress for the weather and bring gloves. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*



Gresham Woods Planting Day

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, March 9

Enjoy a day of planting at Gresham Woods, a 20-acre reforestation site in the heart of the metropolitan area. This riparian area provides critical habitat for native fish and wildlife. Refreshments will be provided. Meet at West Powell Loop in Gresham. For more information, call (503) 239-3932. *Friends of Trees, Johnson Creek Watershed Council and The Watershed Revegetation Program*

Clear Creek Work Day

2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, March 16

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to visit Metro's beautiful greenspace in Clear Creek Canyon. This site includes an incredible vista, wetland, forest and a fish-bearing creek. Located in Clackamas County, east of Oregon City, this creek is one of the healthiest tributaries to the Clackamas River. Volunteers will focus on fence removal and repair. For more information and to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Spring Cleaning at Blue Lake

2 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Join Blue Lake Regional Park's master gardeners for a day of flower and shrub bed maintenance and planting. Learn a lot while getting a lot of much needed work done. Bring gloves and your favorite gardening tools. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces* ♿

Team Up for Watershed Health

9 a.m. to noon

Saturdays, March 16, April 6 and May 4

Join SOLV for a planting event at one of several streamside sites around the region. Help restore wildlife habitat and improve water quality by planting native trees and shrubs and/or removing invasive plants. For more information and locations, call (503) 844-9571. *SOLV*

Arbor Day Tree Planting and Barbecue

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 6

The first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872. The tradition continues in Wilsonville. Come to Memorial Park for foliage, food and fun. After some tree planting adventures, volunteers will be treated to a barbecue. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 570-1522. *city of Wilsonville* ♿

Lone Fir Site Steward Training

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 13

Learn about the fascinating history and "residents" of Metro's Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery in Southeast Portland. Help to develop activities and materials for visiting school groups and

community members. Help lead educational activities and maintenance projects at Metro's pioneer cemeteries. You'll also receive training on group dynamics, tool use and safety, history education and project management. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Monumental Evenings

6:30 p.m. to sunset

Tuesdays, May 14, 21 and 28

Last year, Monumental Evenings volunteers cared for more than 400 gravestones at Metro's Lone Fir Cemetery. Join them this year as they tackle a new section 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* ♿

Pioneer Gardening at the Bybee Howell House

1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Join Metro's master gardeners for an afternoon of flower and shrub bed maintenance and planting on Sauvie Island. Learn about the history of the original grounds and pioneer orchard. Bring your favorite tool. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Down by the Riverside on the Tualatin

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, May 18

Volunteers are needed to help pull garbage out of the river and off of the banks along the Tualatin River and its tributaries. If you have a canoe or kayak and would like to help, you can participate at one of the stretches near West Linn, Tualatin, Tigard, Scholls or Hillsboro.

For more information or to register, call Margot at (503) 590-5813. *Tualatin Riverkeepers and SOLV*

Wilsonville WERK Day

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Join the Wilsonville Environmental Resource Keepers for this citywide cleanup and restoration effort. In conjunction with SOLV's Down By the Riverside, the WERK Day offers a variety of opportunities at a number of sites including the Wilsonville Tract, a Metro greenspace. Volunteers will be treated to a great breakfast followed by opportunities to plant trees, clear blackberries and ivy, forge and improve trails, remove tires from riparian areas and much more. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 570-1522. *city of Wilsonville* ♿

Lone Fir Community Work Day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Join 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 tour of the cemetery at the end of the work day. For more information, call (503) 771-7737. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Check out the

GreenScene e-Zine

on the Metro web site at

www.metro-region.org

for lots more volunteer

ventures and other

spring activities

SOLV IT

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

SOLV IT is the largest Earth Day event of its kind in the nation and you can be a part of it. Join a project at one of these Metro sites where all kinds of clean up and restoration work will be accomplished. Register online at www.solv.org or by calling (503) 844-9571. *SOLV* Wheelchair accessible by arrangement.

Lone Fir Pioneer

Cemetery (22nd and Southeast Morrison) – Clean headstones, pick up litter and help with gardening, trimming and edging at this 30-acre wooded site, rich in local history.

Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area

(North Portland) – Remove litter, eradicate invasive species and care for native plants at the largest protected wetland inside a U.S. city.

Broughton Beach at the James M. Gleason Boat Ramp

(43rd and North-east Marine Drive) – Help begin restoration of one of Portland's premier Columbia River beaches by attacking acres of invasive species.

Sandy River Gorge

(near Corbett) – Tear ivy off of large fir trees and remove litter and debris from this remote and protected site overlooking a canyon stream.

Portland Traction Company Trail

(Clackamas County) – Join North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District in an effort to restore this 6-mile trail corridor, which follows an old streetcar corridor.



Willamette Narrows

8 to 11 a.m. Saturdays, March 23, May 4 and June 8
Join an excursion to the Rock Island area to explore some great back channels and a fantastic local island complex. Meet at Willamette Park in West Linn. Free. A few kayaks and canoes are available to borrow on a first come, first

served basis. To register, call (503) 223-6418. *Willamette Riverkeeper*

Smith and Bybee Lakes

1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 24 and Saturday, April 20
Explore Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area in North Portland. Meet at the parking lot on North Marine Drive. Bring your own kayak or canoe and personal flotation device. The trip may be cancelled or changed to a different location due to seasonal fluctuations in the water level. Free. To register, call Emily Roth at (503) 235-6272. *Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes*

Canoe the Slough

Time to be determined Saturday, April 13
Take a tour of the Columbia Slough in your own canoe or kayak. Personal flotation device required. For more information, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

Ross Island Paddle Trip

8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 20
Join Willamette Riverkeeper on a roundabout paddle of Ross Island. See the Ross Island lagoon, a great blue heron rookery and other wildlife. Learn about this local island, the changes it has

gone through and what its future may look like. Meet at Willamette Park in Portland. Free. For more information, call (503) 223-6418. *Willamette Riverkeeper*

Canoe the Slough

6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16
Join paddling guides for a tour of the Columbia Slough. Canoes will be provided. Meet at Whitaker Ponds Environmental Education Center at 7040 NE 47th Ave. To register, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

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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.

Getting there

Tri-Met bus service to Metro parks and greenspaces is limited. For information about combining a bus trip with a walk or a bicycle ride to one of Metro's facilities, call (503) 797-1728.

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



RIVER REACH at Chinook Landing

*Boating and fishing education
and awareness day*



**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 18**
*at Metro's Chinook Landing
Marine Park*

This all-day event will increase your knowledge of boat and water safety while providing new information about the region's water-related recreational opportunities and the appropriate use of our regional waterways. Bring the whole family and be on your way to a safer and more enjoyable summer boating season for watercrafts of all types. There is a \$4 per vehicle entry fee; free with your annual pass.

Waterways safety

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Power Squadron will have all hands on deck to provide free watercraft safety inspections in concert with Multnomah County Sheriff's River Patrol. Additional programs offered will include "how to build your own boater safety kit," knot-tying demonstrations, boater videos and visits by PFD Panda and the Coast Guard helicopter.

River health

How has the Columbia River changed in the past 200 years? How does our recreational use impact its health and what types of

feathered and furred creatures depend on the river for their livelihood? Take a guided walk and learn about efforts to restore the vitality of this multifaceted natural resource. Children can participate in the Coast Guard Sea Partners and find out how to help protect the health of regional waterways. Visit the Coast Guard's River Clean Van and see the equipment used for responding to toxic spills.

Fish tales

Listen as staff naturalists and others talk about all the different types of angling opportunities from sturgeon bank casting to steelhead fishing. What is a Northern pike minnow and why is there a bounty on it? Learn about the Columbia River's native salmon runs and what is being done to restore them. Short free workshops and clinics will be scheduled throughout the day; participants will be asked to register on site the day of the event.

Small watercraft

Local professional outfitters will be available for short talks on navigation and safety for canoes and kayaks. Learn how to have fun while being safe and courteous in small watercraft. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will provide additional on-board safety information.

Regulatory information

Don't be caught unprepared. Local regulatory agencies will be available to provide information on boat and fishing licensing as well as upcoming boater education requirements. Purchase your annual pass for Chinook Landing and be ready for a full water-related recreation season.

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