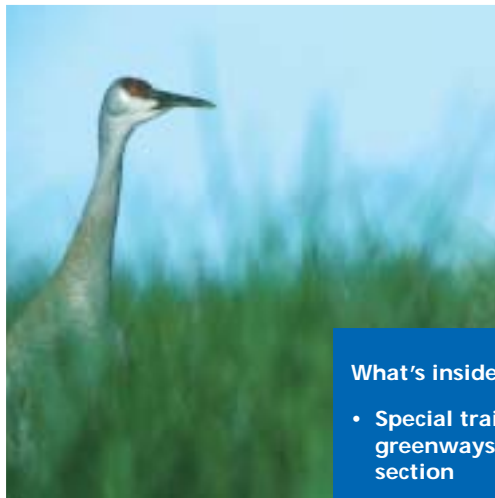


Metro GreenScene

SPECIAL EDITION

Spring 2003

*Regional Trails and
Greenways*



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OPEN SPACES

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Letter from the new parks and greenspaces director

It is a time of ambitious change at Metro and tremendous opportunity for the people of the region and our parks, trails and open spaces. I am honored and excited to have been selected as the new director of Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department.

The open spaces, parks and streams bond measure voters approved in 1995 has protected 8,000 acres of open space and funded 90 local park projects throughout the region. In his inaugural address in January, newly elected Metro Council President David Bragdon vowed to take those successes to the next level by providing public access to these incredible natural areas and continuing to acquire key new parcels from willing sellers.

"Four years from now, I would like to take you atop Cooper Mountain near Beaverton, or Mt. Talbert near Clackamas, or to

Canemah Bluff in Oregon City, and invite you to walk through the woods or sit on a new bench and look at Mt. Hood or the Coast Range," he said. "Eight years from now I would like to take you on a long walk from Gresham to Tualatin along the Springwater and Fanno Creek trails. And 40 years from now, I will defy anyone to tell me that every penny was not well spent." (See the full copy of his speech on the Metro web site at www.metro-region.org.)

As we get to work on this bold vision for the region's future, I want to acknowledge the dedicated service of my predecessor, Charlie Ciecko. During a 27-year career with Metro and Multnomah County Parks, Charlie's tireless advocacy for natural areas, habitat and related issues was an inspiration to those who worked with him. With the adoption of the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan

(envisioning an interconnected system of regional parks and greenspaces), the protection of thousands of acres of open space, and the stability and improvement of our existing regional parks and facilities such as Oxbow Regional Park, Charlie left a lasting legacy. Wherever this department may go in the future, Charlie will always be our founding father.

To achieve the ambitious goals articulated by the Metro Council president, I will need the help and ideas of citizens who visit or volunteer at our parks, enjoy our environmental education programs or care about issues relating to parks, trails and greenspaces. I urge you to contact me with your ideas, suggestions and guidance. I am eager to meet and speak to as many of you as possible and am available to visit with any interested groups and organizations as well.



Jim Desmond
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For the past seven years, Jim Desmond has managed the implementation of Metro's \$135.6 million 1995 open spaces, parks and streams bond measure which led to the acquisition of 8,000 acres of open space and funded more than 90 local and neighborhood parks projects throughout the region.

Prior to coming to Metro in 1995, Jim worked as a project manager for the Trust for Public Land and as a regional attorney for The Nature Conservancy. He started his career as a business attorney in Chicago, where he was elected partner at the law firm of Winston and Strawn. He was raised in Detroit and holds degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Vanderbilt School of Law. Desmond and his wife, Elisabeth Williams, reside in Southeast Portland with 3-year-old twins Lily and Louise. The girls are especially fond of the costumed "dancing salmon" at the annual Salmon Festival.

Metro People places • open spaces

Metro serves 1.3 million people who live in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and the 24 cities in the Portland metropolitan area. The regional government 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. It also oversees operation of the Oregon Convention Center, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts

and the Portland Metropolitan Exposition (Expo) Center, all managed by the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.

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

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On the cover
(clockwise from top left): A young Earth Day volunteer, wild iris, a sandhill crane and a red-winged blackbird nest.

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Desperately seeking spring

by Metro naturalist
Elisabeth Neely

Cabin fever got you down? Grab some boots, a sandwich, a water bottle and your raincoat (just in case). Then head out the door and visit your regional parks and greenspaces to experience these life-giving signs of spring. Although nature does not always follow a calendar, this naturalist's list should provide some good bets for your very own spring treasure hunt.

Please remember to keep a good distance from nesting birds and other animals with young, and leave wildflowers growing for everyone to enjoy.

March

Spring officially begins on March 21, the vernal equinox, but in our temperate clime there are many earlier signs of its arrival:

In swampy spots, look and sniff for skunk cabbage in bloom with flamboyant yellow flowers. *Oxbow Regional Park*

In the early part of the month before the trees start budding out, you can spot several great blue herons working on their nests in the communal heron rookery on Ross Island. To look for them, bring binoculars and take a

walk along the newly opened segment of the Springwater Corridor Trail. *Springwater on the Willamette Trail*

Starting on St. Patrick's Day, look for osprey returning from their wintering grounds in Mexico. Turkey vultures will be arriving, too. Listen for the osprey's high-pitched "kree! kree!" and the deceptively loud croaks of tiny Pacific chorus frogs – formerly called tree frogs – singing to attract mates. *Oxbow and Blue Lake regional parks, Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area, Hagg Lake, Barton Park*

Don't forget to look down, too. Watch the ground for hopping frogs, long-toed

salamanders and banana slugs. *Howell Territorial Park, Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area, Tryon Creek State Park and Oxbow Regional Park*

Scan the skies for the return of swooping swallows. *Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

Trilliums are in bloom along the ancient forest trails. *Oxbow Regional Park, Tryon Creek State Park, Forest Park*

April

Don't miss the heavenly sweet scent of the buds of the black cottonwood trees. You can begin to smell this as early as January, and it's best on a day when the sun warms the trees. Cottonwoods are the tallest deciduous trees in the Pacific Northwest, and they are found along waterways all over our region. *Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area, Oxbow Regional Park, Chinook Landing Marine Park*

Painted turtles can be seen basking on logs in the side ponds on warm days. *Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area*

In the conifer forest, the tiny brown winter wrens are singing their loud, many-trilled song from their perches among the sword ferns. They sound like they are singing on "fast forward." *Oxbow Regional Park, Tryon Creek State Park, Forest Park*

Stinging nettles, which began sprouting last month, are getting tall enough to nip an uncovered ankle. *Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area*

Fiddleheads of bracken ferns are unfurling. Look for places where black-tailed deer have snacked on this tender deer delicacy. *Oxbow Regional Park, Barton Park*

Salmonberry bushes are beginning to bloom; look for their beautiful dark pink flowers. *Oxbow Regional Park*

May

This month everything seems to be buzzing with new life. Singing, courting birds and blooming wildflowers are abundant and obvious. This is the peak month of bird song, so be sure to stop and listen. The American robin leads the dawn chorus with his "cheer up, cheerily" starting in the wee hours. *All locations, including right outside your bedroom window*

A multitude of migrating songbirds, especially warblers, come through our area in waves. Each week will bring new ones. *Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area, Tualatin Hills Nature Park, Mt. Tabor*

Osprey and red-tailed hawks hatch, and red fox kits emerge from their dens at the end of the month. *Oxbow Regional Park*

June

Black-tailed deer are born this month. Since young fawns lie hidden most of the day, check mud puddles on the trail to spot their tracks, which start out the size of a nickel. *Oxbow Regional Park, Forest Park*

Swainson's thrushes have returned from the south. Although it's sometimes hard to see them, they are great singers in the morning and at dusk. If you stop and listen, you'll fall in love with their incredibly haunting, rising song, which sounds like a flute. *Oxbow Regional Park, Tualatin Hills Nature Park*



The cedar waxwing is one of approximately 50 songbird species that nest in the Portland area each spring.

Natural gardening

What you do in your own backyard or garden makes a difference in the quality of our rivers, streams and wildlife habitat.

Naturescaping Basics **1 to 5 p.m.**

Sunday, March 9

Create beautiful landscapes, protect the environment and attract wildlife to your yard at this free workshop in Gresham. For more information and to register, call (503) 797-1842. *Naturescaping for Clean Rivers*

Attracting Birds and Butterflies

10 to 11 a.m.

Saturday, March 15

Encourage birds and butterflies to take up residence in your yard using plants, garden design and other features. \$2. To register, call (503) 675-2549. *Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation*

Naturescaping Site Planning Workshop **1 to 5 p.m.**

Sunday, March 16

This is a free follow-up workshop to the Naturescaping Basics workshop in Gresham on March 9. For more information and to register, call (503) 797-1842. *Naturescaping for Clean Rivers*

Gardening with Native Plants

10 a.m. to noon

Thursday, April 3

This class is an introduction to some favorite native plants. Slides, discussion and handouts provide lots of information. This class is part of a four-week series of native plant gardening series of native plant gardening classes on Thursdays in April. \$15 per class; \$45 for the series. For more information, call (503) 636-4112. *Berry Botanical Garden* ♿

Naturescaping Basics **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Saturday, April 5

Create beautiful landscapes, protect the environment and attract wildlife to your yard at this free workshop hosted by the Tualatin River Watershed Council. For more information and to register, call (503) 797-1842. *Naturescaping for Clean Rivers*

Native Plant Gardens Field Trip

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

Thursday, April 10

Learn from expert native plant gardeners on this field trip to two area backyard gardens. This class is part of a four-week series of native plant gardening classes on Thursdays in April. \$15 per class; \$45 for the series. For more information, call (503) 636-4112. *Berry Botanical Garden*

Gardening for Birds

10 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 19

Throughout the seasons, native plants provide food and habitat for birds. Slides and discussion will introduce you to some great native plants to incorporate into your garden. \$10. For more information, call (503) 636-4112. *Berry Botanical Garden* ♿



Natural Celebrity Series

10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays

Come to Metro's natural gardening techniques demonstration garden for this free series of presentations by gardening experts who successfully use and support natural gardening techniques. At the end of the presentation, enjoy a 30-minute walking tour of the garden. A canopy is provided for rainy days. The garden is at 6800 SE 57th Ave., Portland. Advance registration required. Call (503) 234-3000 to register.

April 12

Bill Monroe

"Do it yourself naturalist – the couch potato's guide to a wildlife-friendly yard"

An award-winning writer for The Oregonian since 1981, Bill covers conservation issues as well as hunting, fishing and wildlife.

April 19

Linda Beutler

"Gardening is for the birds"

Linda is the Pacific Northwest garden writer for Bird Watchers Digest and her garden is habitat-certified by the National Wildlife Federation.

April 26

Nancy Goldman

"Gardening for fun – naturally of course!"

Nancy, an avid gardener and current vice president of the

Hardy Plant Society of Oregon, has led several garden tours locally and abroad.

May 3

Kym Pokorny

"Ten tips for a healthy garden"

Kym is a staff writer for The Oregonian's Homes & Gardens Northwest. Kym grew up in the family wholesale nursery business in Northern California and has been able to combine her journalism career with her passion for gardening.

May 10

John Caine

"Transitioning into a more natural garden"

John has a degree in landscape architecture and currently works as a landscape designer for Joy Creek Nursery.



Hypertufa Planter Party

6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, May 6 and 20

What the heck is hypertufa? It is the art of creating antique looking planters from cement, sand and peat moss. Picture the weathered aggregate planters in English gardens. Join the Metro gardening staff for a fun, hands-on workshop to create these unique planters for your spring garden. In the first session, we will mix and form the planters; during the second session, we will plant them with spring color spots. \$25 per planter (includes materials and plants). Cardboard boxes are used for forms. Bring your own or use some of ours. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 665-6918. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Grants awarded for environmental education

In cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Metro awarded 12 grants totaling \$70,500 to schools and environmental groups in the region. The funds will be used for projects that will engage an estimated 5,108 youth and 1,060 adults in more than 72,000 hours of hands-on, outdoor studies including environmental data collection, habitat improvements for fish and wildlife, agriculture, water conservation, nature awareness skills, insect study and teacher training.



An environmental education grant to the Xerces Society will support a long-term butterfly monitoring project at Metro greenspaces throughout the region. If you are interested in becoming a butterfly monitor, see page 8.

2003 grant recipients

Alsop-Brownwood Environmental Monitoring Central Catholic High School (\$5,200)

Central Catholic aquatic science students will collect water, vegetation and soil condition data to monitor the effects of the habitat enhancement activities along Johnson Creek near Powell Butte in Southeast Portland.

Butterfly Education and Stewardship

The Xerces Society (\$7,150)
Students and other volunteers will be trained to identify butterflies and monitor their populations. The butterfly stewards will conduct monthly field surveys and

hold a mid-summer butterfly census at three metropolitan greenspace locations.

Eating and Ecology at Zenger Farm Friends of Zenger Farm (\$8,950)

This former farm and adjacent wetland in Southeast Portland will give students the chance to understand the effects of cultivation practices on natural environments. Students will grow a vegetable garden and monitor the water quality and plant diversity in neighboring wetlands.

Gresham Woods Habitat Restoration Multnomah Education Service District (\$7,300) Alpha High School students

will engage in a comprehensive habitat restoration effort on a 3-acre section along Johnson Creek known as Gresham Woods. Activities will include a habitat inventory, restoration planning, non-native species removal, native plantings, and plant survival and water quality monitoring.

Schoolyard Habitat Gresham-Barlow School District (\$6,000)

Grant funds will support teacher training, planning and materials to establish schoolyard habitats at five middle schools in the Gresham-Barlow School District. The project will establish two schoolyard habitats in the first year with a goal to serve nearly 3,000 students in all locations in the future.

Homeowner Education and Stewardship Program Raindrops to Refuge (\$7,000)

To promote awareness and action for watershed health, Raindrops to Refuge will conduct four "neighbor-to-neighbor" workshops, two naturescaping workshops and produce a neighborhood guidebook for homeowners in the Sherwood area.

John Jacob Astor Courtyard Restoration Astor Elementary School (\$8,500)

Students, teachers and parents will plan and convert more than 1/4-acre of schoolyard asphalt into a living greenspace. This schoolyard urban watershed will demonstrate how to capture rainwater and stormwater runoff to produce a greenspace as a community gathering space, outdoor classroom and visible, natural water treatment system.

Kelly Butte WolfTree, Inc. (\$5,000) Students from Marshall High School will research and write a habitat management plan

for the Kelly Butte Natural Area in Southeast Portland.

Restoration and Monitoring Stewardship Model Tualatin Riverkeepers (\$4,000)

Twenty-four volunteers will be trained to help in monitoring activities at Gotter Bottom near Scholls and Killin Wetlands near Banks. The volunteer recruits will learn bird identification and photo monitoring skills and organize and conduct habitat restoration activities and nature tours.

Slough School Columbia Slough Watershed Council (\$3,400)

Six classroom study kits will contain wildlife field guides, replica tracks, wildlife photos, skulls, plant samples and a study guide of the Columbia Slough watershed. Each kit supports environmental studies for 30 students and will be available for 25 schools (3,000 students) within the watershed.

Village of the Ancients Summer Camp

Cascadia Wild! (\$5,000)
Wildlife tracking, nature awareness and wilderness survival activities are among the skills youth (8-12 years old) will use in this unique interactive theater camp to learn about the natural world.

Procession of the Species Earth and Spirit Council (\$3,000)

Combining science learning with artwork, students from kindergarten through 3rd grade will create plant and animal costumes, masks and banners to participate in the Procession of the Species parade in Portland during Earth Day. Students also will take field trips to a nearby wildlife habitat and participate in a habitat improvement activity.

VOLUNTEERING – *it's your nature*

A successful program expands to the Clackamas River

Five AmeriCorps volunteers dedicated 2002 to tackling the huge task of mapping and controlling invasive Japanese knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) in the Clackamas River watershed.

The crew, self-named The Madrones, worked under the guidance of biologists from Metro and The Nature Conservancy. Their goals were lofty: learn river safety skills and master the use of kayaks, rafts and navigation tricks on the Sandy and Clackamas rivers; become skilled botanists; become ruthless – and state-licensed – weed killers; master the use of handheld computers, global positioning equipment; locate and map all knotweed patches over a 12-mile stretch of the Clackamas River; and treat and attempt to kill as much knotweed as possible without harming native vegetation or the environment. They also had to take photographs and detailed notes on their work to satisfy monitoring requirements outlined by Metro and the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (which generously funded the project).

What is Japanese knotweed? Also called fleeceflower or Mexican bamboo, Japanese knotweed is an introduced ornamental plant with bright green heart-shaped leaves and hollow reddish colored stems. Knotweed grows extremely rapidly, establishes extensive root systems more than 2 meters deep, is shade tolerant, spreads through an extensive

network of rhizomes (roots that can sprout) and is capable of propagating from minute stem or root fragments. Any one of these characteristics might make it a tough weed, but the combination of these traits establishes Japanese knotweed as a serious threat to Oregon's native plant communities. Once established, knotweed can form dense forest-like patches more than 10 feet tall.

The Clackamas knotweed project is a continuation of a similar program begun in 1999 in the Sandy River Gorge by Metro and The Nature Conservancy. That project has been very successful in controlling knotweed in the gorge, and refining techniques for controlling the weed in sensitive riparian ecosystems, where it is both more prevalent and invasive.

After one year of work on the Clackamas, the prognosis is very good. Total control in the watershed seems feasible – as long as the program can continue to attract people such as the marvelous Madrones!

Metro was awarded a second grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to continue this work. Metro natural resources scientist Curt Zonick will coordinate the project with help from Cassie Mellon and Andrea Thury. For more information, call (503) 797-1729.



Erin Barnholdt, Cassie Mellon, Jason Vassar and Andrea Thury are The Madrones. Not pictured is David LeFevre.

All in a day's work

by The Madrones

Early every morning, we hit the river in inflatable kayaks armed with hand-held computers, global positioning systems (GPS), machetes, maps and the will to set free a beautiful river from the grips of a merciless invader. We would paddle until we found a patch of knotweed and then get to work. We would record the latitude and longitude with our GPS units, take down the number of shoots, average height and dimensions of the patch, and then cut it down with machetes. Freshly cut shoots were piled in high dry places, where they could not be swept downstream during high flows. We continued down the river like this from patch to patch, ending the day by packing up our gear at a designated take-out spot.

There is no way to describe how wonderful it is has been to have had the opportunity to explore the beauty of the Clackamas River day by day. Osprey, red-tailed hawks, great blue herons and bald eagles soared over our heads. Salmon so close you could

touch them painted beautiful silver and pink streaks below our kayaks as they made their difficult journey upstream. A mother deer led her baby cautiously to the river's edge for an early morning drink. These are just a few of the extraordinary images imprinted in our minds.



VOLUNTEER Ventures

Friends of Trees Plantings

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Every Saturday and some
Sundays**

Join Friends of Trees and others in your community for tree planting and tree care projects at urban natural areas and in neighborhoods throughout the region. Find out where events are being held by visiting www.friendsoftrees.org and clicking on "upcoming events" or by calling (503) 284-TREE.

Friends of Trees

Lend a Hand at Oxbow
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sundays, March 2, April 20 and May 18

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 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*


Camassia Natural Area
Steward Orientations

9:30 to 11 a.m.

Mondays, March 3, April 7 and May 5

Help The Nature Conservancy restore native vegetation at Camassia Natural Area in West Linn. By returning to one spot on a regular basis, you will see things you would never notice in a casual visit. For more information, call (503) 230-1221. *The Nature Conservancy*

New Volunteer
Orientation at Metro
noon to 1 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m.
Wednesdays, March 19, April 16 and May 21

Start your Metro volunteer experience on the right foot. Join us for new volunteer orientation either during the lunch hour or in the evening at Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave. Learn about Metro, 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. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* 

Johnson Creek
Watershed Wide Event
at Beggars-tick

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, March 8

Join staff and volunteers from Metro and Johnson Creek Watershed Council to help rid this seasonal wetland of invasive species like scotch broom and Himalayan blackberry. This activity is part of the fifth annual Johnson Creek Watershed Wide Event. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. To find out about other planting and restoration activities in the Johnson Creek watershed, call (503) 239-3932. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Columbia Children's
Arboretum Work Party

10 a.m. to noon

Saturday, March 8

Join the East Columbia Neighborhood Association and help restore Columbia Slough watershed. Remove invasive blackberry and ivy, and learn about the history of the Columbia Children's Arboretum. For more information, call (503) 823-7917. *Portland Bureau of Environmental Services*

Tryon Creek Ivy Pull

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturdays, March 8, April 12 and May 10

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

Forest Park Trail
Maintenance

9 a.m. to noon

Every Saturday

Join the Friends of Forest Park for trail maintenance and repair work parties on Forest Park's beautiful trails. Meet at the Lower Macleay Field

House at the end of Northwest Upshur just past 29th. Bring water and work gloves and be prepared for a short hike to a worksite. For more information, call (503) 223-5449. *Friends of Forest Park*

Salmon Creek Tree
Plantings

8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 8 and 22,
April 19 and May 17

Help restore the Salmon Creek watershed in Clark County by planting trees. Bring warm, waterproof clothes and shoes and a mug if you like coffee. Snacks, coffee, tools and training will be provided. For more information and to register, call (360) 992-8510. *Clark Public Utilities*

Errol Heights Wetlands

9 a.m. to noon

Saturdays, March 15, April 19 and May 17

Help restore this 14-acre wetland in the heart of Southeast Portland. Help remove invasive plants and replacing them with native plants. Meet at the corner of Southeast 52nd and Tenino. Bring water, gloves and sturdy shoes. To register, call (503) 823-6131. *Portland Parks and Recreation*

Mayor's Work Days

9 a.m. to noon

Saturdays, March 15,
April 19 and May 17

On the third Saturday of each month, the mayor of West Linn and the Oregon State Parks Department welcomes volunteers to help remove invasive English ivy at Mary S. Young State Park. Bring gloves and clippers. For more information, call (503) 723-2544. *city of West Linn*

Planting at Chinook
Landing

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, March 22

Join Metro's gardeners for a day of flower and shrub bed maintenance and planting.

Bring gloves and your favorite gardening tools. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8.

Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department 

North Portland
"Mysterious Wetlands"
Work Day

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 23

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. Activities include maintaining native plants and removing invasive species that threaten the habitat. Wear long pants and sleeves and sturdy shoes and bring snacks and water. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Cooper Mountain
Work Day

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, March 29


This 250-acre greenspace needs your help to make it a healthy habitat for all creatures. Volunteers will destroy invasive scotch broom and tear down fencing to improve accessibility for wildlife. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

4-H Wildlife Stewards
Training

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 4-6

4-H Wildlife Stewards are trained volunteers working to assist students and teachers in developing, using and sustaining wildlife habitat sites on school grounds. Registration is \$59 and includes a project notebook and lunches. Overnight lodging and continuing

education credits also are available for additional fees. For more information, call (503) 725-2027. *OSU Extension 4-H*  *by arrangement*

First Saturday with SOLV
9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 5 and May 3

Join SOLV's Team Up for Watershed Health program in restoring a streamside site near you. There are many sites to choose from and activities will include removing invasive species and planting native trees and shrubs. For more information, call Cindy at (503) 844-9571. *SOLV*

Glendoveer Trail Maintenance Day
9 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 10

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 and bring gloves. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* 


Monumental Evenings Tombstone Restoration
6:30 p.m. to sunset

Tuesdays, May 13, 20 and 27

Volunteers will work on restoring and transcribing historic tombstones damaged by years of weather and vandalism at Metro's Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery. Volunteers also will get a guided tour. For more information, call (503) 232-1643. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* 

Community Pioneers Spring Planting
9 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 17

Help Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery plant spring colors at the entrance and center of the cemetery for Memorial Day. All supplies will be provided. For more information, call (503) 232-1643. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* 

Wilsonville WERK Day
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

Join the Wilsonville Environmental Resource Keepers for this city-wide clean-up and restoration effort. WERK Day offers opportunities for volunteer participation at a variety of sites including Metro's Wilsonville Tract. Volunteers will be treated to a great breakfast, a free t-shirt and prizes. For more information, call (503) 570-1525. *city of Wilsonville* 



Volunteer Butterfly Monitor Training
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

Metro and the Xerces Society are seeking individuals with a love of butterflies and science to participate in a long-term butterfly monitoring project at greenspaces throughout the region.

Monitors will visit their adopted Metro greenspace once a month to track the

numbers, types and locations of butterflies. Trainees will be taught many skills, including monitoring practices and volunteer management techniques. They also will receive a field guide to local butterflies.

Monitors do not have to be butterfly experts. However, successful applicants will be able to demonstrate that they meet the following qualifications:

- experienced at observing nature, preferably butterflies
- self-directed and responsible


- methodical, organized and able to follow data collection procedures
- can provide own transportation
- comfortable working outdoors
- able to walk on uneven surfaces
- able to make a one-year commitment.

Call Mary West at (503) 797-1814 if you are interested in this volunteer position. Advance registration required.

SOLV IT

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

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*  *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.

Beggars-tick Wildlife Refuge (111th and Southeast Foster) – Help remove loads of litter and loads of invasive Himalayan blackberry from a 21-acre wetland. Enjoy seeing the many birds that rely on this location.

Trolley Trail (between Milwaukie and Gladstone) – Remove debris and clear overgrown areas along this future regional trail.

Wilsonville Tract (in Wilsonville) – Remove debris, fencing and English ivy. If weather cooperates, we will also plant some native shrubs in cleared areas.

Regional Trails & Greenways

Spring 2003

*Connecting Neighborhoods
to Nature*



An ambitious effort is taking place in the Portland metropolitan area to establish and protect a regional web of parks and greenspaces linked by river and stream corridors and a system of trails. Residents and local governments are working with Metro to assure that people have access to nature close to home as well as new ways to get to work, school or shopping.

When originally conceived 100 years ago, the trail system was going to be 40 miles long, circling the city of Portland. The metropolitan area has done a lot of growing since then. In 1992, a vision for a regional system of trails and greenways was described in the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan that expanded the concept to 25 cities and four counties within the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan region. Today,

plans call for an 800-mile network of land trails, water trails and greenways. Nearly 30 percent of the land-based trails are complete.

Trails and their associated greenways offer numerous benefits to people, fish and wildlife. For example they:

- link natural areas throughout the metropolitan region together into a larger habitat system

- provide habitat and travel corridors for plants and animals
- help maintain air and water quality in the region
- contribute to people's health by reducing stress and promoting wellness
- are places to run, bike, hike and enjoy nature.

Imagine an interconnected system of trails and greenways reaching around and outward, tying greenspace to greenspace, neighborhood to neighborhood and city to city. Like the process of hiking itself, building this park and greenspace system will proceed one step at a time. As funds become available, new

trail segments will be added and more greenways will be restored.

This special section of Metro GreenScene will bring you up to date on this far-reaching project with a map, trail descriptions, trail information resources and a few articles about recent additions to the regional trail system. A lot has been accomplished, but much more remains to be done.



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PEOPLE PLACES
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Regional trails and greenways

See the map on the following pages

Existing trails

These trails are at least partially completed and open to the public.

13. **Beaverton Powerline Trail.** An electric powerline corridor owned by PGE and BPA, this trail route runs from the Tualatin River near the Tualatin Wildlife Refuge north to Forest Park. Currently, some portions of the trail are complete, totaling just more than 2 miles of the 16-mile trail.
17. **Wildwood Trail.** A soft-surface trail, the Wildwood Trail runs the length of Forest Park south to Washington Park, Hoyt Arboretum, the Oregon Zoo and the Terwilliger Trail and Parkway. This includes the Leif Erickson Trail and the Marquam Nature Trail.
18. **Fanno Creek Greenway Trail.** This trail begins at Willamette Park on the Willamette River Greenway, just south of downtown Portland. It stretches 15 miles to the west and south through Beaverton, Tigard and Durham, and ends at the Tualatin River in Tualatin. Approximately half of the trail is complete; additional sections are under construction.
21. **Terwilliger Trail and Parkway.** Running along Terwilliger Boulevard in the Portland's southwest hills towards the Oregon Health and Sciences University campus, this trail heads south to Lake Oswego and ends at Highway 43 near the Willamette River Greenway.
34. **Springwater Corridor Trail.** The Metro area's premier multi-use regional trail. Currently, the completed portion of the Springwater is 22 miles long and runs from OMSI to the Sellwood Bridge, passes by Oaks Bottom and then heads east near Johnson Creek to Gresham and the Clackamas County line. Eventually, it

will extend further east into Boring, to Barton Park and its terminus in Estacada.

38. **Willamette Boulevard Bikeway.** From the Peninsula Crossing Trail in North Portland, this bike trail heads south and east to Portland Boulevard. The bike lanes are on the bluff above Mocks Bottom and the Willamette River.
40. **Peninsula Crossing Trail.** This 4-mile trail, completed in 2002, crosses the North Portland Peninsula between the Willamette and Columbia rivers. The pedestrian and bike path connects urban neighborhoods to schools, workplaces and natural areas such as Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area.
41. **I-5 Bridge Trail Crossing.** This trail across the Columbia River connects the regional trail system with Vancouver and Clark County trails.
43. **Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail.** Marking the historical path of Lewis and Clark along the Columbia River, a vision for the Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail emerged in the past several years. The plans encompass several existing and proposed individual trail segments on both sides of the Columbia River. On the south side, this
46. **I-205 Corridor Trail.** Adjacent to I-205, this trail is a major north-south connection between Clackamas, Multnomah and Clark counties. Primarily used as a bikeway, the multi-use trail reaches from Oregon City through Gladstone and Portland to Vancouver, Wash.
54. **Beaver Creek Canyon Trail.** Located on the eastside of Troutdale in Beaver Creek Canyon, this trail traverses Mount Hood Community College. Some sections of the trail are incomplete. A greenway connecting from the trail to Oxbow Regional Park is envisioned.

Proposed trails

These trails are still in a conceptual stage. Before any decisions are made about trail alignment and appropriate use, there will be a master planning process and several opportunities for public involvement.

3. **Turf to Surf Rail with Trail.** This trail will run from downtown Lake Oswego to the Oregon coast. Connections to the coast could be made via the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail, the Banks-Vernonia Trail and/or railroad corridors and river valleys.
4. **Council Creek Trail.** This trail is planned from the end of the westside MAX light-rail line in Hillsboro west to Banks via Cornelius and Forest Grove, with an additional short trail extension south connecting to the Tualatin River.
7. **Burlington Northern Rail to Trail.** This corridor was originally envisioned to provide public access from Sauvie Island just north of the island bridge, over the Tualatin Mountains to the Tualatin Valley. At this time, a trail option is not likely, since freight train service is currently offered in the corridor.



The Springwater Corridor Trail offers scenic views of Mt. Hood



9. **Oregon Electric Trail.** A southern spur of the Burlington Northern Rail with Trail, this trail will head south to Hillsboro just north of Highway 26.
10. **Rock Creek Trail.** From the Tualatin River, this trail parallels Rock Creek and heads northeast through Hillsboro, eventually connecting to the Beaverton Powerline Trail. A short segment near Highway 26 is complete.
15. **Tonquin Trail.** This trail will run south from the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge through Sherwood and Wilsonville to the Willamette River Greenway.
19. **Washington Square Regional Center Trail.** This trail will provide a loop around Washington Square on the east side of Highway 217 with connections to the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail.
20. **Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail.** A pedestrian-only trail that will run from the Hillsdale Town Center in Southwest Portland to downtown Lake Oswego traversing Tryon Creek State Park along the way. It also will provide a connection to the Willamette River Greenway Trail.
22. **River to River Trail.** This trail will connect the Willamette and Tualatin rivers via Wilson Creek and/or Pecan Creek. The trail will begin in Lake Oswego and end in Tualatin.
23. **Lower Tualatin River Greenway Trail.** This trail will run along the Tualatin River from its confluence with the Willamette River west to the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge.
24. **Stafford Trail.** This trail will cut through the Stafford Basin from the Tualatin River (near Stafford Road) south to the Willamette River.
25. **Willamette Narrows Greenway Trail.** Part of the Willamette River Greenway vision. This trail will run along the west side of the Willamette River from the mouth of the Tualatin (south



Traversing the slopes of the Beaver Creek Canyon Trail is made easy with recently installed boardwalks.

26. **Oregon City Loop Trail.** This trail will create a loop around the perimeter of Oregon City. It will cut through Newell Creek Canyon, connect to the Beaver Lake Trail and skirt the southern edge of the city on its way back to the Willamette River across from its confluence with the Tualatin River.
27. **Beaver Lake Trail.** Beginning at the End of the Oregon Trail Center in Oregon City, this trail will head south on the east side of Newell Creek Canyon and, east to Beaver Lake.
28. **Oregon Trail-Barlow Road.** This trail will follow the pioneer wagon train route from the Cascades west to the End of the Oregon Trail Center in Oregon City.
30. **Trolley Trail.** This trail corridor follows a former streetcar line extending south from Milwaukie, through Gladstone. Metro and North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District acquired the 6-mile trail corridor and are currently planning for the trail's construction.
31. **Willamette Shoreline Trolley Rail with Trail.** Part of the Willamette River Greenway vision. This trail will run along a former streetcar line corridor from Willamette Park in Portland to downtown Lake Oswego between Highway 43 and the Willamette River. The planned use for this right of way is a future rail transit project. Where there is room for both, the trail is proposed as a "Rail with Trail" project.
32. **Phillips Creek Trail.** A proposed trail loop around Clackamas Town Center; this trail will connect the I-205 Corridor Trail and the North Clackamas Greenway, following Phillips Creek.
36. **Cross Levee Trail.** Proposed as a north-south trail segment of the 40-Mile Loop Trail connecting the Lewis and Clark Discovery Greenway Trail to the Columbia Slough Trail near Northeast 143rd Avenue.
37. **Sullivan's Gulch Trail.** Running from the Eastbank Esplanade (at the junction of I-84 and I-5), this trail corridor will be on the north side of I-84, adjacent to the eastside MAX light-rail and Union Pacific railroad tracks. The trail will connect to the existing I-84 bikeway to Fairview.
39. **North Willamette River Greenway Trail.** Part of the Willamette River Greenway vision, this trail will run north along the east bank of the Willamette River through the industrial area from the Steel Bridge and Eastbank Esplanade to the St. Johns Bridge.
42. **Peninsula Canal Trail.** A north-south trail segment of the 40-Mile Loop, this trail will connect the Lewis and Clark Discovery Greenway Trail to the Columbia Slough Trail near Northeast 18th Avenue.
45. **Columbia Slough Trail.** From Kelley Point Park, this trail route heads east to Blue Lake Regional Park. In many sections, the route runs on top of a levee on the north side of the slough.
47. **Gresham to Fairview Trail.** This trail is on its way to becoming a major north-south connection through the Gresham area. It connects from the Springwater Corridor Trail at Linneman Junction and crosses the eastside MAX light-rail line at Ruby Junction. The trail will continue to the north to Blue Lake Regional Park, ending at the Columbia River and connecting to the existing Lewis and Clark Discovery Greenway Trail (part of the 40-Mile Loop) along Marine Drive.



Regional Trails



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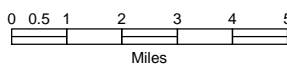
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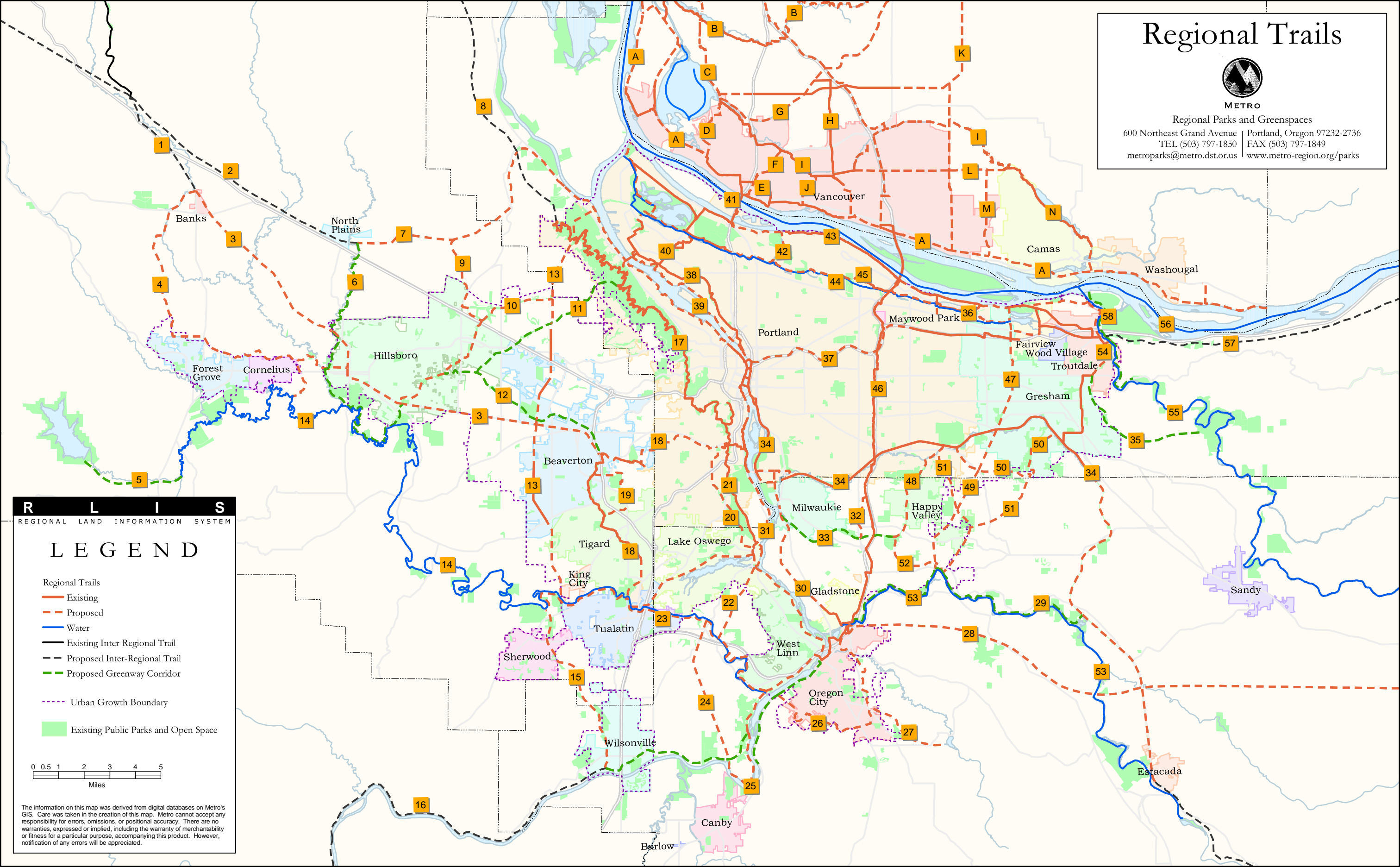
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Paddle trips offer an exciting perspective of the Willamette River Greenway south of West Linn.

48. Mt. Scott Trail. Proposed as a trail that will extend north from Mt. Talbert to join the Springwater Corridor Trail near Powell Butte. It will cross over Mt. Scott and follow Johnson Creek before intersecting with the Springwater Trail.

49. East Buttes Power Line Corridor Trail. Proposed as part of the Pleasant Valley Concept Plan, this trail will connect from the Springwater Corridor Trail south to the Clackamas River Greenway following an existing powerline right of way. It also will connect to the southern end of the Gresham to Fairview Trail.

50. East Buttes Loop Trail. Located in the area south of the Springwater Corridor Trail, this trail will begin at Powell Butte, loop through a number of recently acquired open space properties and back to the Springwater Corridor Trail.

51. Scouter Mountain Trail. This trail will provide a larger loop than the East Buttes Loop connecting Powell Butte at the Springwater Corridor Trail to Scouter Mountain to the south and back again to the Springwater further to the east.

52. Clackamas Bluffs Trail. Beginning at Mt. Talbert, this route will extend south and east along the bluffs of the Clackamas River. It will join the Clackamas River Greenway at the confluence of Rock Creek.

Water trails

These trails are in waterways such as rivers. Canoes, boats and rafts are used to traverse the trail.

14. Tualatin River Water Trail. This water trail has become very popular during the past several years thanks, in part, to the efforts of the Tualatin Riverkeepers. Several excellent launch sites are operated by local jurisdictions such as at Rood Bridge Park in Hillsboro, Cook Park in Tigard and Brown's Ferry Park in Tualatin. Open space properties acquired by Metro along the Tualatin River will serve as additional future access points. This water trail runs from the Tualatin's confluence with the Willamette River west toward Hagg Lake.

44. Columbia Slough Water Trail. A water trail running from the confluence with the Willamette River east to Fairview Lake. Points of interest along the water trail include Kelley Point Park, Smith and Bybee lakes and Whitaker Ponds.

53. Clackamas River Trail. A water trail running from the confluence of the Clackamas River with the Willamette River east to Estacada.

55. Sandy River Gorge Water Trail. This will be a trail on the water connecting the Sandy River delta on the Columbia River at Lewis and Clark State Park upstream to Dabney State Park and Oxbow Regional Park.

56. Lower Columbia River Water Trail. The Lower Columbia River Water Trail encompasses the 146 free-flowing river miles of the Columbia River from Bonneville Dam to the ocean.

Greenways

Greenways generally follow rivers and streams and may or may not provide for public access. In some cases, greenways may be a swath of green with no public access. In other cases, greenways may allow for an environmentally compatible trail, viewpoint or boat/canoe launch site.

5. Hagg Lake Greenway. Beginning in the foothills of the Coast Range at Hagg Lake, this greenway will head east along Scoggins Creek connecting to the Tualatin River.

6. McKay Creek Greenway. From the confluence with the Tualatin River, this greenway runs north through Hillsboro to the confluence with Dairy Creek and continues to North Plains.

11. Bronson Creek Greenway. From the confluence with Beaverton Creek, this greenway heads east and crosses the ridge of the Tualatin Mountains linking with the trail system in Forest Park.

12. Beaverton Creek Greenway. From the confluence of Beaverton and Bronson Creek, the Beaverton Creek Greenway connects with the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail at Highway 217 near Southwest Allen Boulevard.

29. Clackamas River Greenway. This greenway will provide limited public access on the north side of the Clackamas River from the Willamette River east to Barton Park.

33. North Clackamas Greenway. Beginning at the Milwaukie waterfront, this greenway will generally follow Kellogg Creek and Mt. Scott Creek east to the I-205 Trail and end at the Mt. Scott Trail.

35. Beaver Creek Canyon Greenway. This greenway will follow Beaver Creek Canyon east from where the trail ends in Troutdale, east toward Oxbow Regional Park.

58. Sandy River Gorge Greenway. This greenway will follow the Sandy River from Dabney State Park to its confluence with the Columbia.



Inter-regional trails

These trails connect the metro region to other areas (e.g., Columbia River Gorge, Mt. Hood National Forest, Pacific Coast, Willamette Valley, etc.)

1. **Banks to Vernonia Trail.** This 21-mile multi-use trail connects Banks and Vernonia. Managed by the state of Oregon, the trail is open to all non-motorized uses – horse-back riding, biking, walking, etc.
2. **Portland to the Coast Trail.** A long-range vision for a trail connecting the Portland metropolitan area to the Pacific coast.
8. **Greenway to the Pacific Trail.** A long-range vision for a greenway connecting the Portland metropolitan area to the ocean at Astoria.
16. **Willamette River Greenway Trail.** Part of the Willamette River Greenway vision. This segment of the trail extends well beyond the Portland metro area south to Eugene.
57. **Lower Columbia Gorge Trail.** A trail through the Columbia River Gorge from the Sandy River will connect to other trails and recreation opportunities at state and national parks in the gorge.

creek, toward Battle Ground. The western portion of the trail is complete.

- C. **Lakeshore Trail.** Lakeshore Trail runs along the northeast side of Vancouver Lake connecting Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway Trail and the Fruit Valley Trail.
- D. **Fruit Valley Trail.** This trail makes up part of the Vancouver Lake Loop. Located in the east Vancouver Lake Lowlands, this trail will connect Burnt Bridge Creek to the Lewis and Clark Greenway Discovery Trail.
- E. **Discovery Historic Loop Trail.** A well-traveled urban loop trail connecting Fort Vancouver National Historic Reserve and Officers Row National Historic District, Columbia River Waterfront and old downtown Vancouver.
- F. **St. John's Trail.** This bike path or trail will connect Burnt Bridge Creek Trail to Central Park.
- G. **Lewis and Clark Rail with Trail.** Envisioned as a rail-with-trail project, this trail will begin on the east side of Vancouver Lake at Burnt Bridge Creek north and east across the county to Chelatchie Prairie.
- H. **Lieser/Andresen Trail.** This trail makes up a major north/south connection through Vancouver. Beginning at 88th Street, the northern portion follows along Andresen Road to David Douglas Park where it jags east to follow Lieser Road to Lieser Point and the Columbia River. Major sections along Andresen Road are complete.
- I. **Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway and Discovery Trail.** Starting on the east side of Vancouver Lake and running east along Burnt Bridge Creek. The western portions of the greenway trail are completed.
- J. **Blanford Canyon Trail.** This trail will connect Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway to Evergreen Boulevard and Marine Park.

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Historic inspiration builds the trails of the future

Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail

Planning is under way for commemorative sites and activities for the 200-year anniversary of the arrival of the Lewis and Clark expedition to this region in 1805. Fourteen notable stops along the path of the expedition have been identified in Oregon and Washington. Since these sites are now mostly parks, refuges and open spaces, they offer a real sense of the natural conditions Lewis and Clark experienced. Planners hope to add signs, viewpoint facilities and other improvements at these locations.

There is also a vision to connect the 14 sites with roads, rivers and trails so that they can be experienced as a whole. The Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail not only will help realize this goal, but it also will complete gaps in parks and trail systems on both sides of the Columbia River. The trail will be a unique link in the nationwide commemoration of the Lewis and Clark expedition and will continue to serve people in the region for many generations.

40-Mile Loop

After a visit to the region in 1903, pioneer landscape architect John Charles Olmsted proposed a comprehensive system of parks and greenspaces connected by trails and boulevards. One of the highlights of his proposal was a 40-mile trail circling the city of Portland. The 40-Mile Loop, as it has come to be known, is now intended to include all of Multnomah County and will actually be 140 miles long. When it is completed, it will connect more than 30 parks along the Columbia, Sandy and Willamette rivers in a continuous loop.

Willamette River Greenway

The backbone of Gov. Tom McCall's (1967-75) vision for Oregon was a revitalized Willamette River with a public greenway on its banks. The Willamette River Greenway Trail provides planned and existing access along the last 40 miles and most urbanized stretch of the river. People will have increased opportunities for recreation and new ways to get to work, school and shopping. Recent additions to this regional trail segment include the 3-mile Springwater on the Willamette and the Eastbank Esplanade Trail that connects over the Steel Bridge to Tom McCall Waterfront Park in downtown Portland.

As Oregon's longest (187 miles) river, the Willamette drains nearly 11,500 square miles and provides essential benefits to the economy, environment and people of the state. The Willamette River Greenway trails also offer people a direct way to enjoy the river and get involved to enhance and protect these valuable attributes.

Vancouver/Clark County regional trails

- A. **Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail.** A multi-use trail stretching 38 miles along the Columbia River from Richfield National Wildlife Refuge to Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge. Approximately 12 miles of trails are complete on the Washington side.
- B. **Salmon Creek Greenway and Trail.** This trail will run along the south side of Salmon Creek and the Salmon Creek Greenway to Klineline Pond and Salmon Creek Park and then east, still following the





A cyclist admires the view of downtown Portland from the end of the Eastbank Esplanade near the Hawthorne Bridge.

- K. 164th Avenue Trail.** A major north/south connection, this trail runs along 164th Avenue from the northern side of Vancouver to the Columbia River. Major portions of the trail are complete.
- L. Bonneville Reach Discovery Trail.** This trail will connect Burnt Bridget Creek to Lacamas Heritage Trail by way of the 18th Street power-line corridor.
- M. Fisher Basin Trail.** This trail will run from the Bonneville Reach Discovery Trail to the Columbia River.
- N. Lacamas Heritage Trail.** This mostly completed trail runs adjacent to Goodwin Road from Lacamas Creek to the Washougal Greenway.

Funding for trails projects

State and federal support has been instrumental in planning and building the regional trails system. In 1998, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) authorized federal transportation dollars for trail projects through 2003.

Metro oversees the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to identify how all federal transportation money is spent in the Portland metropolitan region, including funds the Oregon Department of Transportation allocates through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Metro recently approved more than \$7 million for trail projects that include:

- connecting the Springwater Corridor Trail in Southeast Portland to the Springwater Trail segment on the Willamette River
- pedestrian and bicycle access to the Morrison Bridge
- additions to the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail
- construction funds for the Gresham to Fairview Trail.

Funds from the 1995 open spaces, parks and streams bond measure have also supported the trails system through acquisition and local construction projects.

Get involved

A successful regional trails and greenways system requires continued cooperation and involvement. Contact one of the following agencies or organizations for more information about trails and greenways:

General information

Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department
(503) 797-1850
www.metro-region.org

Nature of the Northwest Information Center
(503) 872-2750
www.naturenw.org

National organizations

American Greenways Program of the Conservation Fund
(703) 525-6300
www.conservationfund.org

Trails.com, Inc.
(206) 286-0888
www.trails.com

American Trails
(530) 547-2060
www.americantrails.org

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
www.railstrails.org

Statewide organizations

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
(503) 731-3293
www.oregonstateparks.org

Oregon Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Program
(503) 731-3262
www.odot.state.or.us

Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association
(503) 455-0500
www.walkoregon.org

In the region

Portland Parks and Recreation
(503) 823-2223
www.parks.ci.portland.or.us

Bicycle Transportation Alliance
(503) 226-0676
www.bta4bikes.org

Chinook Trail Association
(360) 906-6769
www.chinooktrail.org

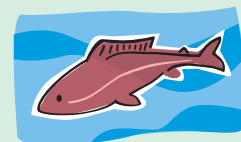
Clackamas County Parks
(503) 353-4414
www.co.clackamas.or.us/dtd/parks

North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District
(503) 794-8002
www.co.clackamas.or.us/ncprd

Southwest Trails Group (SWTrails)
(503) 823-4592
explorepx.com/swtrails.html

Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District
(503) 645-6433
www.thprd.org

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation
(360) 696-8171
www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/parks-recreation



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Spring calendar



TRAILS Activities

Drive the Willamette River Greenway

9 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, March 11

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck on a guided driving tour of sites in the Oregon City area. Visit Meldrum Bar, Clackamette and Cross parks in Gladstone, the Oregon City elevator and Willamette Falls boat locks. \$8. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to register. *Wild in the City*

Bike the Willamette River Greenway

noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck on this 15-mile loop ride along the Eastbank Esplanade to Tom McCall Waterfront Park and then upstream through Willamette Park, across the Sellwood Bridge and up the new segment of the Springwater Corridor Trail on the Willamette River. \$8. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to register. *Wild in the City*

Springwater on the Willamette Trail Walk

12:30 to 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

At long last, the "OMSI to Sellwood" section of the Springwater Corridor Trail is completed and open to the public. The new trail is universally accessible and

provides great views into Oaks Bottom Wildlife Area. Join Metro naturalist and expert birder James Davis for an early spring wildlife-watching walk. Meet at Sellwood Riverfront Park on Southeast Oaks Park Way. The walk is free but advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces* ♿

Bike the Willamette River Greenway

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck on this moderate ride from Willamette Park through Riverview Cemetery, Mary S. Young State Park, Camassia Nature Preserve, Willamette Falls Locks and back on the east side of the Willamette River. \$8. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to register. *Wild in the City*

Walk the Willamette River Greenway

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck for an exploration of the Willamette River Greenway and the 40-Mile Loop. Starting at Willamette Park, the trip will take you through the west hills to George Himes Park and along the Terwilliger Parkway to Marquam Nature Park. \$8. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to register. *Wild in the City*

Tualatin River Paddle Trip

noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 27 and

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 18

Join Metro naturalist James Davis and members of the Tualatin Riverkeepers for a leisurely paddle on a section of

the Tualatin River from a new Metro greenspace and future river access point. 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. 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. For more information and to register, call Tualatin Riverkeepers at (503) 590-5813. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department and Tualatin Riverkeepers*

Paddle the Willamette River Greenway

8 a.m. to noon

Saturday, May 10

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck for a paddle along Portland's working harbor. Look for nesting peregrine falcons, herons, cormorants and other river birds. \$8. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to register. *Wild in the City*

Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Walk

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, May 17

Tour the completed Garden Home section of the 15-mile Fanno Creek Greenway Trail, a multi-use trail planned from the Willamette River in Portland to the Tualatin River in Tualatin. Begin at the Garden Home Recreation Center at 7475 SW Oleson Rd. and walk to Highway 217 and back. You'll also learn about the action plan to complete the trail. For more information and to register, call Bob Bothman at (503) 244-7206. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Trails Committee* ♿

Paddle the Willamette River Greenway

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

Saturday, May 24

Join urban naturalist Mike Houck for a paddle through one of the most beautiful stretches of the Willamette. Enjoy the wildflowers and birds as you paddle between Willamette Park and Rock Island. \$8. Call Portland Parks and Recreation at (503) 823-5132 to register. *Wild in the City*

Olmsted Symposium

April 28-30

In 1903, citizen park boards in Portland and Seattle brought John Charles Olmsted to prepare park master plans for both cities. Olmsted shuttled by train between the two cities as he developed plans for comprehensive, interconnected parks systems. As part of a year-long centennial celebration, park planners, citizen advocates, land-use planners, landscape architects, architects and civic leaders will gather to celebrate Olmsted's park and landscape legacy in the region.

The symposium's objective is to celebrate the genius and foresight of Olmsted's plan for the region and to inspire a new generation of civic leaders to carry on the tradition of park and greenspace advocacy. Modern applications of "Olmstedian" park planning philosophy will also be featured. The symposium will be held at Portland State University. For more information and to register, visit www.olmsted2003.org.



NATURE Discoveries

Sunday Naturalist Series 3 to 5 p.m.

Sundays, March 9, April 20 and May 11

Join a naturalist at Tualatin Hills Nature Park to learn more about local flora and fauna. Each session covers a different seasonal topic. Age 14 and older. \$8 in-district; \$14 out-of-district. Call (503) 644-5595 to register. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

National Wildlife Refuge System's 100th Anniversary Friday and Saturday, March 14-15

Come to the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge to celebrate 100 years of conserving land for fish and wildlife. Enjoy speakers, refreshments, wildlife tours, tree planting and an environmental fair. For more information or to get involved, call (503) 590-5811. *Friends of the Refuge* ♿ by arrangement

Slough 101

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Do you live, work or play next to or on the Columbia Slough? Come to the Pacific Power Operations Center in Northeast Portland for a hands-on class that will give you an understanding of the unique character, challenges and opportunities of the slough and its watershed. For more information or to register, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council* ♿ by arrangement

Guided Hikes at Tryon Creek

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturdays, March 15, April 19, May 3 and May 17

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* ♿

Spring Break Animal Tracking Adventure

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25

Have you ever seen a footprint and wondered what animal left it? On this trip, we'll look through the eyes of the animals as we explore Oxbow Regional Park. We'll discover how to read clues such as footprints, skulls and feathers, and try special stealth techniques that will help you see wildlife up close. Then we will try our new skills on a cross-country hike to the Sandy River, looking for the tracks of wildlife such as deer, river otter and red fox. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring a sack lunch in a backpack. Led by park naturalist Elisabeth Neely, this outdoor class is for children in grades 2-6, accompanied by an adult. Registration and a program fee of \$3 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*

Cooper Mountain Birds and Wildflowers

12:30 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 30

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. In addition to all the blooming plants are

the breeding birds, which will be in their best plumage and singing their hearts out, making them easy to find and identify. If we are lucky, we may spot an elusive lazuli bunting, lesser goldfinch, or perhaps a Western bluebird. Bring a snack and plenty of water for this stroll. Terrain is steep and rough in some places. For adults and children age 6 or older; children must be accompanied by an adult. 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*

Trillium Festival

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

Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6

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* ♿

Tax Relief Ride

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 12

Pedal the rugged hills of the southwest quadrant of the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. Enjoy a nutritious treat at the southern end of the ride before returning. The ride is 10-12 miles 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 Hal Ballard at (503) 617-9501. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Trails Advisory Committee*

Animal Tracking Workshop

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Have you ever seen an animal track and wondered what left it or what the animal was doing at the time? 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 payable at the gate. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Gresham Woods Nature Walks

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturdays, April 12 and 26

Take a guided nature walk through Gresham Woods, a large restoration site adjacent to the Springwater Corridor Trail. Learn more about the natural history, flora and fauna of this hidden gem, which has some of the best fish and wildlife habitat in the Johnson Creek watershed. For more information, call (503) 998-4020. *Johnson Creek Watershed Council*

Invasive Species Primer

10 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 12

If you have ever wondered where non-native plant and animal species come from and what can be done to control them, come to Memorial Park in Wilsonville for an invasive

species walk. Invasive species will be identified and discussed. Free. Advance registration required. To register, call (503) 682-3727. *city of Wilsonville*

Natural Walk at Tryon Creek

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 12

Join a naturalist for a walk in the deep shade of Tryon Creek State Park. All ages are welcome. \$2. To register, call (503) 675-2549. *Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation*

Turtle Walks

12:30 to 2 p.m.

Saturdays, April 12 and 26 and May 10 and 31

Oregon's turtles are rare, shy and 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 on a Turtle Walk and see these beautiful reptiles with the help of Metro naturalist James Davis, who will have small telescopes for a close look. Learn about the natural history of painted turtles and why they are so rare. Suitable for adults and children age 5 and older. Meet in the parking area on North Marine Drive. Free. Advance registration required. 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 19

Explore the world of red-legged frogs, torrent 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 discovery hike, which includes a 1.5-mile moderate walk. Suitable for adults and youth age 10 and older. Meet in the parking area across the road from

Group Picnic Area A. Registration and payment of \$5 per person are required in advance. There also is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to register. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Earth Day at da Vinci noon to evening

Saturday, April 19

Celebrate the local village with an Earth Day celebration at da Vinci Arts Middle School. Enjoy booths, children's activities, entertainment and a beautiful water garden. For more information, call (503) 823-7863. *Portland Bureau of Environmental Services* ♿

Earth Day at Southwest Community Center

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Celebrate Earth Day with children's arts, crafts and educational activities related to the natural history and environment of Southwest Portland. For more information, call (503) 823-7753. *Portland Bureau of Environmental Services* ♿

Wildflower Identification at Oxbow Regional Park

1 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Ever wondered about trailside wildflowers and wished you knew their names? This class is for you. We will learn how to use plant family information and field guides to aid in identification. Half of this class is indoors, and the other half is an outdoor exploration of a flower-rich trail. For adults and interested teens. 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*

Earth Day at Tualatin Hills Nature Park

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Come to Tualatin Hills Nature Park for a celebration of the plants and animals that live in our forests. Through mini-workshops, booths, crafts and activities you'll find out about Northwest native plants, wildlife gardens and some of the critters that live in our region. Shop the native plant sale with trees, shrubs and flowering plants in a variety of sizes and price ranges. Free and fun for all ages. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

Ancient Forest Walk

1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 20

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 to fully appreciate this magnificent forest. Bring binoculars if you have them. 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. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Wild Trees, Shrubs and Herbs of Hoyt Arboretum

9 a.m. to noon

Saturday, April 26

Join wild food expert John Kallas and learn about the wild trees, shrubs, vines and herbs of this famous Portland arboretum. Find a diversity of edible wild plants. Advanced registration required. \$18. For more information, call (503) 775-3828. *Wild Food Adventures*

Ethnobotany at Oxbow 1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

Ethnobotany is the study of how humans use plants. This entertaining workshop will include the ethics and safety protocols involved in plant harvest, a walk in the springtime woods of Oxbow Regional Park to get to know plants traditionally used for food, medicine, baskets, etc. You will also receive a resource list for further study. Half of the class will be a practicum focused on creating cordage and tea from stinging nettles. Meet at the naturalist office. Program is free with a \$3 entry fee to the park. Advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Botany of Camassia Nature Preserve

1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1

The Nature Conservancy's Camassia Preserve is only 26 acres and yet supports an extraordinary diversity of habitats. Take a look at the unique flora of this site, including the purple-blue camas, which should be in bloom. Be prepared for muddy trails on this easy hike. \$10. To register, call (503) 636-4112. *Berry Botanical Garden WC*

Mammals of Metro Parks 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

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? And how in the world can you tell muskrat, nutria and beaver apart when all you see is the top of a brown head moving through the water? 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. You'll be surprised who some of our "wilder" residents are. For adults and interested teens. Registration and an \$8 program fee are required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Mother's Day Meander **9 a.m. to noon**

Saturday, May 10
This guided ride begins at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center and loops around the district's central area, visiting many of the parks in Beaverton. This is an easy, "class A" 12-mile ride. Helmets are required and water is recommended. For more information, call Hal Ballard at (503) 617-9501. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

Mother's Day Birds and Blooms

1 to 3 p.m.
Sunday, May 11
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. And what better accompaniment than the songs of the birds. The 1-mile walk will be at a leisurely pace since we'll be looking at and listening to everything. Meet at the naturalist office. Program is free with a \$3 per vehicle entrance fee to the park. Advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Smith and Bybee Lakes Paddle Trips

Traveling by canoe or kayak is the best way to explore Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area in North Portland. Meet at the parking lot on North Marine Drive. Free. Advance registration required. Bring your own kayak or canoe and personal flotation device.

noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

To register, call Dale Svart at (503) 285-3084.

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

Saturday, April 19

To register, call Frank Opila at (503) 283-1145.

1 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 11

To register, call Emily Roth at (503) 235-6272.



BIRD *Watching*

Lunch with the Birds **noon to 1 p.m.**

Every Wednesday

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. Spotting scopes, binoculars and field guides will be provided. 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 13

If you've been curious about the birds around you and want to get started figuring

out what they are and what they are doing, this is the class for you. We'll discuss the basics of bird identification, talk about the best field guides and binoculars and have a slide show of the "top 30" birds of Portland. Metro naturalist James Davis has been getting beginners off to a good start for 20 years. Class is held in room 370 at Metro Regional Center. Registration and payment of \$8 per person are required in advance. For adults and teens. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Bird Migration Walk **7 to 9 a.m.**

Tuesdays, beginning April 1

Enjoy an early morning bird walk at Tualatin Hills Nature Park with birder Paul Sullivan. Look and listen for birds during the peak of spring migration. Meet in front of the Interpretive Center. The walk is 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*

Bald Eagles at Jackson Bottom

9 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 5

Explore the fascinating world of bald eagles. Learn about their adaptations, behaviors and hear the latest update on bald eagles nesting at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. Spend some time in the classroom, then head to the north end of the preserve to see the eagles at their nest. Binoculars and spotting scopes will be available. There is a \$3 per person fee; advance registration is required. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve*

Spring Birds Identification Class

7 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10

The migrants are coming, the migrants are coming! Spring brings thousands of migrating birds to Portland. 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 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. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Spring Bird Walks

9 to 11 a.m.

Saturdays, April 12 and 26 and May 10 and 31

Spring brings more than 25 different songbirds to join the resident birds nesting at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Lingering waterfowl

and wintering birds of prey add to the hot birding action at the lakes in early spring. Meet Metro naturalist and expert birder James Davis in the wildlife area parking lot on Northeast Marine Drive. Learn to identify birds by sight and by their songs. Bring drinking water and binoculars if you have them. Free. Advance registration is required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Warblers of Oregon 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

One of the most colorful and musical groups of birds to arrive in spring is the warblers. The different species in the Portland area can be quite confusing to beginning and experienced birders alike. Let Metro naturalist and expert birder James Davis make warbler identification easier for you. The class takes place near the peak of warbler migration so you can get out right away and practice your new skills. For adults and 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. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Tualatin River Warblers 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 10

Join instructor Doug Robberson and learn about the birds of the Tualatin River watershed. The evening class is held at the Sherwood Senior Center and the Saturday field trip will be at Gotter Bottom, a nearby restoration site. \$20 for Tualatin Riverkeepers; \$30 for non-members. For more information or to register, call (503) 590-5813. *Tualatin Riverkeepers*

Seasonal employment recruitment

During the busy months of summer, Metro's park and visitor services adds a small army of temporary rangers, fee collectors and grounds maintenance staff to its ranks. If you're looking for a summer job and enjoy working outside, consider joining the fun, fast-paced atmosphere at Metro's parks, greenspaces, marine facilities and pioneer cemeteries. You will get to work at beautiful places with people who love their jobs, and you'll receive on-the-job training in customer service, law enforcement, building and grounds maintenance, and money handling.

Approximately 40 temporary full-time and part-time positions are available for three to six months beginning this spring. Wages range from \$8.25-\$9.75 per hour. You must be at least 18 years old and possess a valid driver's license. For more information and application materials, call (503) 797-1570.

Job descriptions

Grounds and building maintenance – Assists in providing a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors. Performs ground maintenance, including mowing, trimming, weeding, irrigation, garbage removal and cleaning restrooms.

Fee collectors – Performs cash handling and reconciliation, answers questions and distributes park information.

Night ranger – This position is directly responsible for the after hours security of Oxbow and Blue Lake regional parks. Tasks include irrigation, garbage/litter removal, restroom maintenance, park patrol and public relations.

Lake ranger – Requires current lifeguard, CPR and first aid certification. Tasks include enforcing swim beach, boating and park regulations, and keeping records of incidents and accidents.



Monty Woods worked as a "seasonal" employee at Blue Lake Regional Park during the last two summers. He became famous among the park staff for his creative entries into the daily log book. Here are some of our favorites:

April 15, 2002

"From deep within the restrooms, the seasonal could hear the people coming. With each sweep of the broom, he could hear the rush of the summertime crowd. A dull roar of sorts, a soft steady rumble of hundreds of distant vehicles bound for recreation. It was now only a matter of time . . ."

April 30, 2002

"Trimmed back the forest of Nottingham so the archers could once again commence to rescue maidens and stuff like that. (I really don't have a problem with archers at all, and don't doubt the fact that perhaps they could rescue someone. If I offended any archers, please don't shoot!)"

May 6, 2002

"Went to Multnomah Shelter and cleaned up remnants of a raccoon fraternity hazing ritual involving trash and angry claws."

May 20, 2002

"Today I was the foam slinger. I used my sanitization gun the way it was intended to be used when it was handed down to me from my father, a seasonal at the Alamo. The tumbleweeds pirouetted across the plains and I degreased with vigor. In clean porcelain I find a reflection of happiness – for by improving the porcelain, I improve myself. I am a porcelain monk of sorts, entering a bleach-scented Zen."

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There are **so many outdoor activities** in the region this spring, we couldn't fit them all on these pages. Check out the **expanded calendar** on the Metro web site at www.metro-region.org/greenscene for twice

as many ways to discover and enjoy the nature of the region. You can also sign up to receive an e-mail calendar that will bring you a comprehensive and up-to-the-minute listing of things to do each month. For more information, call (503) 797-1850 option 3 or send e-mail to metroparks@metro.dst.or.us.



See you there

Metro regional parks, greenspaces and facilities

Blue Lake Regional Park provides archery, volleyball, softball, horseshoes, 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

TriMet 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
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RIVER REACH at Chinook Landing

*Boating and fishing education and
awareness day*



**10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
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 Metro parks 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 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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