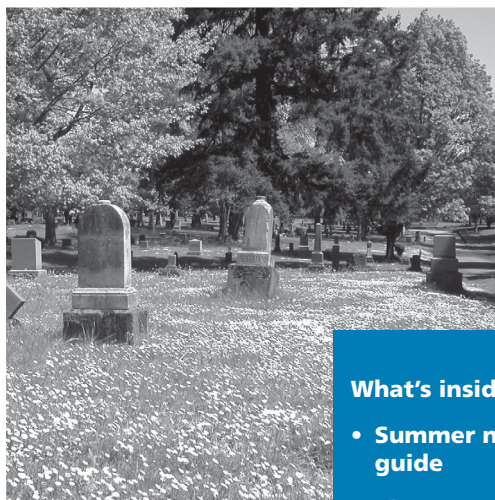
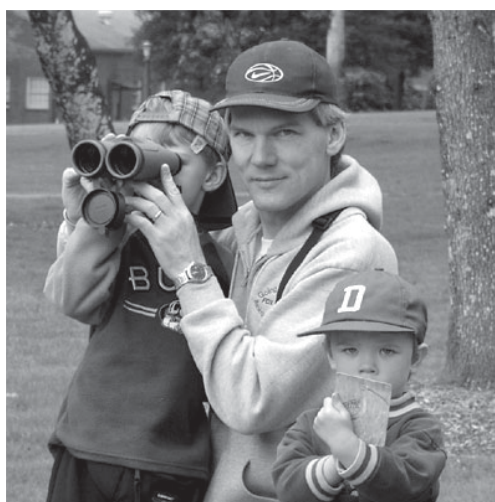


# Metro GreenScene

NEWS & THINGS TO DO

*Summer 2003*



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PEOPLE PLACES  
OPEN SPACES

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# Welcome to summer

Looking for signs of summer? Metro naturalist James Davis offers up buckets of blackberries, mysterious bird songs, meteor showers, bug pee (really) and baby birds learning to fly. You can experience these seasonal highlights for yourself at nearby parks, trails and greenspaces, and often in your own backyard.

## Summer nature guide

### JUNE

Celebrate Portland's official city bird during **Great Blue Heron Week**, the first week in June. Heron rookeries are full of action as the young herons start leaving their nests and climbing through the trees. Despite all the leaves, you might see some action in the big heron rookery (communal nesting area) on Ross Island, which can be viewed from the recently opened Springwater on the Willamette Trail. There are lots of other good places to see herons around the region, including Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve in Hillsboro and Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area in North Portland.

In early June, you can find lots of **spittlebugs** in grassy fields. Look in the blobs of spittle and you will find small green insects. The spittle is not really spit but urine that the insects whip into foam with their abdomen and legs. Apparently birds and other animals are not much more interested in poking through the "pee foam" than we are and this gives the little bugs protection. Spittlebugs actually are the immature stage or nymph of an insect called the froghopper, one of the many little sucking bugs that go boinging away from you as you walk through grass in July.

Young birds are fledging everywhere during June. "Fledging" means leaving the nest, and many baby birds leave their nest before they can fly well. People frequently find these **fledgling birds** on the ground and think their parents have abandoned them. Well-meaning folks believe they are rescuing them when they pick them up and take them to Audubon's Wildlife Care Center. In reality, they are kidnapping the young animals. The parents are nearby, and most birds care for their young for a longer period out of the nest than in the nest. So the best policy is to leave baby birds (and other baby animals) alone.

June is **Swainson's thrush** month. Lots of people ask me about a beautiful, flutey, liquid song they hear on summer evenings coming from a mysterious bird they can never see. I always know it is the "phantom of the forest" – the Swainson's thrush. No other bird has such a distinctive and unforgettable song, yet is so hard to see. Small and brown, it spends its time skulking in the shadows of low plants in forests. Listen for this amazing songster in alder and other deciduous woodlands with lots of understory plants on June evenings.

Listen for the very high-pitched "chittering" noises of the tiny **Vaux's swifts** as they fly high overhead on June evenings, usually near water. You can tell them from similar swallows by their longer, narrower, curved and pointed wings. They flutter their wings in a rapid, stiff motion that makes them seem to be flickering. They also have started to nest in chimneys by building a tiny shelf of small sticks held together with their dried spit. Don't worry if you hear them in your chimney in summer, they will leave as soon as the young fledge.

The longest day of the year is on Saturday, June 21, the summer solstice and the traditional first day of summer in our modern calendar. In the ancient Celtic calendar, however, the longest day of the year was thought of as the middle of summer, an idea that makes sense to many modern naturalists. The long days of summer are great for getting out and looking for mammals around sunset. Since the night is so short, many nocturnal mammals seem to get an early start and become active when there is still some light by which to see them. However, you must know where to look and be the sneakiest animal tracker

### Metro People places • open spaces

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 24 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycl-

ing. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

### Your Metro representatives

**Metro Council President** – David Bragdon

**Metro Councilors** – Rod Park, deputy council president, District 1; Brian Newman, District 2; Carl Hosticka, District 3; Susan McLain, District 4; Rex Burkholder, District 5; Rod Monroe, District 6.

**Auditor** – Alexis Dow, CPA

### Metro's web site

[www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org)

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### On the cover

(clockwise from top left): A sweat bee on a dandelion, a family of birdwatchers, Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery and a Nature Crafts participant.

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### If you have a disability

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

**Bus and MAX information:** (503) 238-RIDE (238-7433).

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



you can. A good time to practice is at a **Twilight Tuesday** walk at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area.

## JULY

On any sunny day, you'll find **Western painted turtles** at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area basking on the logs, right near the parking area. As the summer wears on, it starts getting too hot for the turtles to be out in the sun all day, so sunny July mornings are best for seeing dozens at a time. You will need binoculars to see that the bumps on the logs are indeed turtles, or come on one of the many Saturday turtle walks and check them out in our small telescopes.

Plant life is lush in July and many of our later-blooming flowers are getting very conspicuous. Look for the beautiful blue flowers of **chicory**, the coffee substitute introduced from Europe. Often growing with them will be the flat-topped flower clusters of wild carrot or **Queen Anne's lace**. Pick some of these introduced weeds, put them in water with

food coloring and watch the flowers take up the color. You can make flowers any color you want! Another introduced European flower that has become widespread and is quite spectacular is **foxglove**. All these plants do well in disturbed soil along roads, along with our native **fireweed**. Look for them in your local vacant lot.

Leave your windows open on July nights and you are likely to be visited by **crane flies**. Although these big skinny flies look like giant mosquitoes, they are completely harmless to humans. In fact, they are harmless to mosquitoes despite one common name for them, "mosquito hawk." They are mainly vegetarians, decomposers and fungus-eaters. Be careful as you put them back outside; their legs break off easily.

In July, cottonwood fluff fills the air. The **black cottonwood** is the largest deciduous tree in the Northwest and grows almost anywhere there is enough water. Its seeds get everywhere, floating through the air in the fluff that gives the tree its name. These tall trees, which line the rivers

throughout the West, were an important sign of water to the settlers heading for Oregon.

**Bugs, bugs, bugs.** Insects and their relatives just keep cranking out the babies and growing, reaching astonishing numbers by July. Walk through a grassy field and try to count all the grasshoppers that rise up before you. Dragonflies and damselflies are abundant and fun to watch zipping over grasslands or water. Butterflies will be out in the sun feeding on flowers. Pick any area with lots of plants, start looking closely and you are bound to find many different kinds of insects, spiders and other arthropods. Look carefully under logs and rocks for cool beetles, millipedes, centipedes, and those "land shrimp" called pillbugs, sowbugs, potato bugs or roly-polies.

## AUGUST

Where have all the songbirds gone? It is just amazing how all those noisy, colorful songbirds, so conspicuous back in early June, seem to have disappeared. Most of them didn't go anywhere. They are still here, but after the breeding season young and old alike are basically just eating, molting and hiding. Molting, or changing into new feathers, is very dangerous for birds so they really lay low. And if they can successfully hide from hawks, bobcats, coyotes and foxes, it's no surprise that we can't see them.

One of the biggest meteor showers of the year occurs during the second week of August. Check local newspapers or OMSI's web site for accurate information on the **Perseid meteor shower**. You will want to get out of town a bit to the darkest sky you can find, and hope that there are no clouds. Every year, the Rose City Astronomers have a

star party on the predicted biggest night of the shower at Rooster Rock State Park in the Columbia River Gorge.

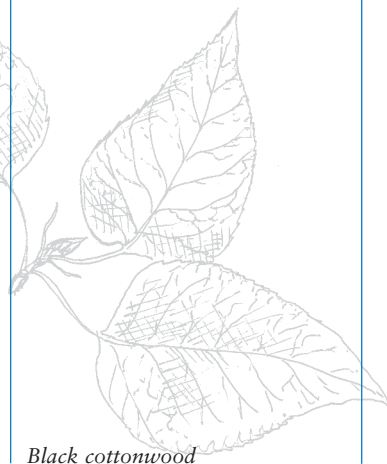
**Grasshoppers** are becoming very abundant, and grassy fields are literally hopping with them. It isn't until August that we can be sure of hearing their cousins, our local **crickets**, singing at night. If you are lucky and near the right habitat, you might also hear some **cicadas** and **katydid**s buzzing away. All this insect noise is made by the males trying to attract the females. After successful mating, the females will lay eggs that will survive the winter. Then all the adults die. Next spring the eggs hatch and it all starts over again.

Yum, yum, it's berry time. August is when **blackberries** become ripe, both wild ones and some of the cultivated varieties. Keep your eyes open for sunny areas with big blackberry brambles in full bloom during the earlier part of the summer, then return to feast like a bear in August. The exact time of peak ripeness will vary from place to place and year to year. If you get to know a particular patch well, you can hit it at the peak time each year. Be sure to get permission to pick on private property. Happy picking.

-James Davis



*Grasshoppers and other insects are ubiquitous in the summer.*



*Black cottonwood*

## Pioneer cemeteries – quiet places of memory and kinship



*Multnomah Park Cemetery is a 9.25-acre oasis of green located at one of the busiest intersections in Southeast Portland.*

**T**he Oregon Territory was a major attraction for early settlers from across the country in search of land and prosperity. Large numbers of people came here, but life was difficult and sickness and premature death were common. In the 19th century, family burial plots often grew into community cemeteries. Community churches also provided burial grounds for their congregations. By the early 1900s, care for many of Oregon's pioneer cemeteries became inconsistent and some were abandoned to revert back to nature. Throughout the mid-1900s, care of 14 pioneer cemeteries fell to Multnomah County. Today, they are fully tended in perpetuity by Metro.

Most of the pioneer cemeteries managed by Metro were established during the early homesteading period (circa 1850-1870). However, some were founded as early as 1837 during the fur trapping and trading period. Thanks to volunteers from the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, more than 40,000 interment records have been entered into a database, which will be available soon for use by

family historians and genealogical researchers on the Metro web site at [www.metro-region.org/parks](http://www.metro-region.org/parks).

The cemeteries not only offer a unique look into our past, but also are active facilities providing a variety of cemetery services. An extensive choice of spaces for traditional burial and/or cremation placement are available at all of Metro's

cemeteries. Our staff is trained to help you with pre-planning or during that difficult, unexpected time of need. We work with the family and the funeral home of choice to coordinate a memorable service for loved ones. For information about grave site selection and services for immediate need, pre-need and cremation remains, call cemeteries manager Susie Boushsa at (503) 988-3622.

Pioneer cemeteries also have inspired a lot of hard work and dedication in a growing community of cemetery volunteers. Individuals and groups interested in volunteering at Metro's pioneer cemeteries should call (503) 797-1850 option 8.

### *Preserving the "heart and beauty" of Oregon's past*

*By Joseph Lyons, president of Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery and executive director of the Oregon Historical Cemetery Association*

Cemeteries are some of the last protected spaces to experience our cultural heritage and natural landscape together. The legacy of maintaining these bastions of beauty and distinctiveness is greatly imposing. A community of people in the Portland area have joined a growing effort in the state and the nation to preserve and restore these precious settings. Here are some of the highlights from the work that has been done so far and plans for the future:

#### **Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery**

Incorporated in 2000, Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery grew out of a large group of dedicated volunteers committed to the preservation and restoration of this beautiful and important Portland landmark. The group works with Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department to develop educational programs and restoration projects.

Each year, the organization tries to do something a little different from the year before. In 2000, we worked with youth providing work experience opportunities and local history education. The next year, we honed our preservation skills and professionally cleaned more than 300 monuments. Last



year, we presented our first dramatic history tour and worked to restore the 100-year-old Soldier's Monument.

Heading into our fourth year of projects, we will bring sophisticated monument restoration and preservation techniques to volunteers throughout the metro area. Through June, volunteers will do a variety of preparation work, including identification of broken monuments. In July and August, we will attempt to repair at least 10 monuments. These projects will lay the groundwork for repairing all standard monuments in the cemetery by the end of next year.

A remaining concern of the organization is the beautiful MacLeay Mausoleum. Estimates to repair this historic building range from \$250,000 to \$600,000. Precautions have been taken to preserve the building's integrity, but donations are desperately needed to help restore the structure.

We are looking forward to Stonetelling, this year's costumed tour, on July 26. Actors and musicians will come together to present the story of Portland through the eyes of the famous and infamous city folk from the early history of the region.

A recent grant from the Hardy Plant Society of Portland will fund a study of Lone Fir's native and heritage plants. Plants will be purchased and installed in the grounds to append the natural surroundings. Volunteers will be needed to help with these projects as well.

### Throughout Oregon and beyond

Two statewide organizations work together to provide service to local cemeteries. The Oregon Historic Cemetery Association boasts an 11-year record of providing cemetery education and preservation techniques throughout the state. The Oregon Pioneer Cemetery Commission, part of the State Historic Preservation Office, provides legislative support for historic cemeteries and maintains a registry of historic cemeteries throughout the state. Hand in hand, these two organizations provide some of the most highly regarded services to old cemeteries in the nation.

Your local cemetery represents more than just stones. It stands for memories, traditions, cultures, relationships and community. You are invited to play a part in the preservation of the heart and beauty of our region's past for future generations to appreciate.

## Stonetelling: Midsummer Night's Tour

4 to 7 p.m.

*Saturday, July 26*

Take a tour of Metro's Lone Fir Cemetery. Enjoy music, ice cream and poetry. A cast of amateur actors will present stories of Portland's famous and infamous folks. Enjoy a trip back in time when you hear the truth about Hawthorne Boulevard, the unfortunate luck of Asa Lovejoy or how Lone Fir Cemetery got its name. If you would like to get involved behind the scenes, contact Joe Lyons at (503) 232-1643. *Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery*



## Metro's pioneer cemeteries:

**Brainard Cemetery:** founded in 1867, 1.1 acres, located at Northeast 90th Avenue and Northeast Glisan Street, Portland

**Columbia Pioneer Cemetery:** 1877, 2.4 acres, Northeast Sandy Boulevard and Northeast 99th Avenue, Portland

**Douglass Cemetery:** 1866, 9.1 acres, Hensley Road and Southeast 262nd Avenue, Troutdale

**Escobar Cemetery:** 1914, .5 acre, Southwest Walters and Littlepage roads, Gresham

**Gresham Pioneer Cemetery:** 1851, 2.0 acres, Southwest Walters Road, Gresham

**Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery:** 1889, 2.0 acres, 9002 SW Boones Ferry Road, Portland

**Jones Cemetery:** 1854, 3.25 acres, includes Havurah Shalom, Southwest Hewitt Boulevard, 200 feet south of Southwest Humphrey Boulevard, Portland

**Lone Fir Cemetery:** 1855, 30.5 acres, Southeast 21st Avenue and Southeast Morrison Street, Portland

**Mt. View Cemetery-Corbett:** 1880, 2.0 acres, Smith and Evans roads, Corbett

**Mt. View Cemetery-Stark:** 1886, .75 acre, Southeast Stark and Southeast 257th streets, Gresham

**Multnomah Park Cemetery:** 1888, 9.25 acres, Southeast 82nd Avenue and Southeast Holgate Boulevard, Portland

**Pleasant Home Cemetery:** 1850s, 2.0 acres, Bluff and Pleasant Home roads, Gresham

**Powell Grove Cemetery:** 1848, 1.0 acre, Northeast Sandy Boulevard and Northeast 122nd Avenue, Portland

**White Birch Cemetery:** 1888, .5 acre, Southwest Walters Road, Gresham

## Summer volunteer activities

### Monumental Evenings Tombstone Restoration

6:30 p.m. to sunset

*Tuesdays*

Volunteers will work on restoring and transcribing historic tombstones damaged by years of weather and vandalism at Metro's Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery. Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery also will provide a tour for volunteers. For more information, call (503) 232-1643. *Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery*



### Community Pioneers

9 a.m. to noon

*Saturdays, June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16*

Volunteers meet monthly at Lone Fir Cemetery to help preserve this historic place. Activities can include monument cleaning, tombstone transcription and photography. A special project funded by the Hardy Plant Society will investigate native and memory plants in the park. For more information, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery*



# Around the campfire at Oxbow Regional Park

**B**ring the family to Oxbow Regional Park for weekend evening campfire stories, nature programs and old-fashioned entertainment. On Friday nights, we feature live music, and on Saturday nights we bring a series of enjoyable natural history and storytelling presentations.

Campfire programs are held in the outdoor forest amphitheater across from the campground. It's a great way to spend the evening when you're camping at Oxbow, but you don't have to camp to enjoy them. Although the park closes at sunset, those who attend the campfire program and want to leave afterward will be let out at the gate by the rangers. Please park in the designated area near the boat ramp. Park entry fee is \$3 per car. No registration required. For more information, call Metro at (503) 797-1850. ♿

## Owls, Hunters of the Night

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28

What animal can see in near-darkness, has the gift of silent flight, and coughs up furballs? Owls, of course! Enjoy slides and handle neat owl artifacts as we join Kelly Perry of the Audubon Society of Portland for an evening of discovery about these mysterious hunters of the night.

## The Folk Music of Juliet Wyers

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 4

Join us for a special evening with folk/pop singer and songwriter Juliet Wyers, who recently released her first CD. As one reviewer wrote, Juliet has "a masterful poetic sense with vibrant acoustic guitar work."

## Stories in the Sand

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 5

Tracking the great predators, we'll follow the dance of their stories, listen to the magic language of birds and find our connection to nature awakened. Join the staff and trackers of Cascadia Wild! for an evening of stories and fun.

## "Purly" Gates

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 11

Purly Gates is here all the way from Texas with her big-hearted folk and swing music for youngsters and grown-ups. Check out her cool instruments including some handmade ones.

## Discovering Ethnobotany of the Northwest

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12

How did native people use local plants for food, medicine and clothes for thousands of years? How do we use them now? Get to know great common plants you can use for food, bug repellent and more in this fun program led by naturalists Natalie Norman and Miriam Burk from Portland Parks and Recreation.

## Old-Time Bluegrass Tunes

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 18

Bluegrass musicians Greg Stone and Lon Jones will play guitar and mandolin and sing old-time tunes around the campfire. Tap your feet, dance with your children or just sit back and enjoy the music.

## Wild Animals of the Sandy River Gorge

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19

Do you hike, camp or fish along the Sandy River? You are visiting the home of an incredible variety of wildlife including elk, osprey, bear, bobcat, flying squirrels and pygmy owls. Find out who lives here and how to see them with Elisabeth Neely, the Oxbow Regional Park naturalist.

## Tall Tales and Blue Grass

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 25

Mitch Luckett is a gifted spinner of yarns, a man with an unusual affinity for birds and an old-time musician. Whether it's Ozark tall tales or banjo songs, Mitch brings us a humorous and sometimes poignant performance.

## Four and Twenty Million Blackbirds

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26

Why are blackbirds the most abundant birds in North America? What's the secret to their success? Metro naturalist and "bird-clown" James Davis transforms into a red-winged blackbird and other members of the blackbird family for a funny and informative nature performance.

## Jen and Wendy's Eclectic Tunes

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1

Children aren't the only ones who will enjoy Jen and Wendy's wacky theatrical performance style and vocal harmonies. Find your family

caught up in a whirlwind of enthusiastic energy with interactive songs featuring bears, bugs and more.

## The Amazing Night Life of Bats

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2

What is faster than a speeding mosquito, more powerful than bug repellent and able to navigate the night? Is it a bird? Is it a moth? No, it's a bat! Join local naturalist Kim Wilson to enjoy some great bat slides and a bat-snack, debunk some bat myths, and watch for real bats flying above us.

## The Folk Music of Juliet Wyers

8 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8  
See July 4 description.

## Storytelling with Will Hornyak

8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9

Join master storyteller Will Hornyak for an entrancing evening of Northwest myths, legends and tall tales.

Discover interesting facts about the earliest peoples of Oregon and the four-legged, swimming, crawling and flying "people" as well.

## Campfire Songs and Sing-along

8 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15

Brad Price, former guitarist for the Oregon Trail Band, will make a special musical appearance at Oxbow. Brad has a great stage presence and we know you'll love listening to him strum and sing favorites of his family and yours, including "Puff the Magic Dragon" and many other great campfire songs.

For more information about  
camping at Oxbow,  
visit [www.metro-region.org/parks](http://www.metro-region.org/parks)  
or call (503) 797-1850.

### Sensational Salmon

8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16

Why are fish slimy? Do salmon have ears? You'll marvel at how salmon are perfectly designed to survive the perils of life in rushing rivers and deep dark oceans in this engaging presentation by field scientist Lanea Naylor-Murphy.

### Old-time Bluegrass Tunes

8 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22

See July 18 description.

### Birds of Prey of the Pacific Northwest

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23

Live birds of prey visit the campfire circle from Hawk Haven. Find out some neat raptor facts and meet these beautiful hawks and falcons up close.

### Surefire Duet

8 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29

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

### Storytelling to the Beat of the Drum

8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30

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

Mark your  
calendar!

Oct. 11-12

20th annual

Salmon Festival at  
Oxbow Regional Park

## Fourth of July fireworks and music at Metro's Blue Lake Regional Park in Fairview

Celebrate Independence Day with fireworks, music and fun. Pack a picnic, load up your loved ones and join us at Blue Lake for a good time for the whole family.

### Event Stage

Community fun from  
4 to 6 p.m.

Local groups share their talents

Music from 6 to 10 p.m.

### Ramsey y Los Montunos

High-energy Latin dance music

### Rock Residue

Funky spunky rock 'n' roll fun

### Northwest Women Rhythm and Blues

Blues and country fun featuring  
Sonny Hess and Kathy Walker

Presented by  
Yoshida Group

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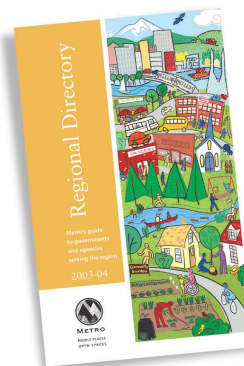
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Troutdale Boosters  
Gresham Sports Alliance

Admission is \$6 per vehicle.

No pets, alcohol or  
personal fireworks.



Last fall, a key segment of the Springwater Corridor and the regional trails and greenways system was completed – the 3-mile stretch from OMSI to the Sellwood Bridge along the Willamette River. Already one of the most popular trails in the city, the Springwater on the Willamette gets an official opening celebration this summer. Enjoy a fun day outdoors while you get to know the new trail. Activities for all ages will highlight the fascinating history of the old streetcar line that became the Springwater Corridor, the rich opportunities for wildlife watching and activities promoting health, fitness and learning. We hope you'll join us. ♿



## Metro's guide to governments and agencies serving the region

Metro's 2003-04 Regional Directory lists local, regional, state and federal elected officials and staff contacts, as well as chambers of commerce, citizen involvement contacts, meeting times and more.

The directory is intended to promote cooperation and involvement by connecting local governments to one another and with the residents they serve.

Purchase the directory for \$7 online at [www.metro-region.org/store](http://www.metro-region.org/store) or download a free copy. To purchase via phone, contact Karen Withrow at (503) 797-1932.



# Summer fun for children

## Wednesdays at Blue Lake



**T**wo children's programs make Wednesdays a full day of discovery and fun at Metro's Blue Lake Regional Park. Start with **Nature Crafts** in the morning at the Chinook Shelter. Youngsters will learn about nature and make a craft to take home. In the afternoon, join us in the bandstand area for **Naturally for Kids**,

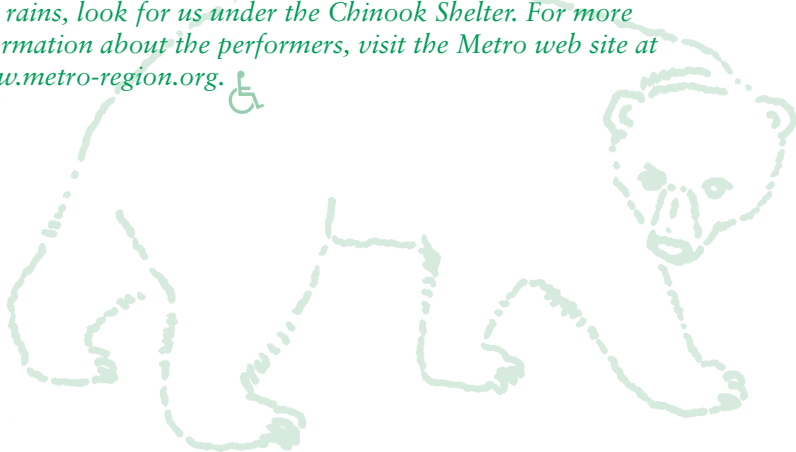
stage shows that engage children in singing, dancing, magic, storytelling and learning. In between the two programs, there is plenty to do at the park – enjoy a picnic lunch, buy an ice cream cone, go for a walk or let loose on one of the playgrounds or playfields. Park admission is \$3 per car and \$6 per bus.

### NATURE CRAFTS

*There is a \$2-per-child fee for materials, payable at the park. Registration is not required for individual families or small groups. If you are bringing 10 or more children to a Nature Craft activity, you must register and make a \$20 deposit in advance (credit cards accepted). This fee will cover the cost of your first 10 participants; you pay for the rest on the day of the activity. Call (503) 797-1850 option 5 to register.* ♿

### NATURALLY FOR KIDS

*The afternoon stage shows are free and no registration is required. If it rains, look for us under the Chinook Shelter. For more information about the performers, visit the Metro web site at [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org).* ♿



- June 25** 10 to 11 a.m.  
Nature Crafts: Bead Bugs  
2 to 2:45 p.m.  
Jen and Wendy's Eclectic Tunes
- July 2** 10 to 11 a.m.  
Nature Crafts: Sand Painting  
2 to 2:45 p.m.  
Northwest Birds of Prey from Hawk Haven
- July 9** 10 to 11 a.m.  
Nature Crafts: Paper Making  
1 to 2 p.m.  
Where's Rosie Puppet Show  
2 to 3 p.m.  
Purly Gates Music Show
- July 16** 10 to 11 a.m.  
Nature Crafts: Bug Hats and Butterflies  
2 to 2:45 p.m.  
Leapin' Louie Lichtenstein Trick Cowboy
- July 23** 10 to 11 a.m.  
Nature Crafts: Animal Footprint Book  
1 to 2 p.m.  
Compost City Puppet Show  
2 to 3 p.m.  
Jay Harris: Big World Beat Music Tour
- July 30** 10 to 11 a.m.  
Nature Crafts: Animal Track Casting  
1 to 2 p.m.  
Thump-o-Moto Puppet Show  
2 to 3 p.m.  
Alton Chung: The Glories of Stories
- Aug. 6** 10 to 11 a.m.  
Nature Crafts: Camouflage Bug  
2 to 2:45 p.m.  
Amazing Magic with Arthur Atsma
- Aug. 13** 10 to 11 a.m.  
Nature Crafts: Animal Masks  
1 to 2 p.m.  
Ethos Mystery Music Bus  
2 to 3 p.m.  
Vandevere Dancers



# Oxbow Adventures

## 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays

*The edge of an ancient forest at Oxbow Regional Park is the setting for this series of children's nature programs led by Metro naturalist Elisabeth Neely. Meet at Group Picnic Area A. Arrive at the park entrance at about 12:45 p.m. to get to the area on time. Suitable for children ages 5-10. Family groups and day care centers are welcome. Free with park entry fee of \$3 per car or \$6 per bus. Advance registration required. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4. Wheelchair accessible by arrangement, except River Roundup.* ♿

## Osprey Adventure

June 24

What does an osprey eat? How big is its nest? Find out all about these big birds of prey, then take a walk to see a real osprey nest – and with luck, the “fish-hawks” themselves. Then try out your “wings” on our osprey obstacle course!

## Bird Detectives

July 1

Have you ever wondered what a bird is saying when it sings and chirps? Bring your eyes and ears to enter the fascinating world of our feathered friends. We'll look and listen for some of the cool birds that live at Oxbow.

## Barefoot and Bear Feet

July 8

Summer is barefoot time. How do your feet compare to the feet of a bear, a duck or a deer? What can you tell about an animal from its footprints? Put yourself in the animals' place by trying to move like they do, and take a ticklish barefoot walk.



*Oxbow Adventures participants catch water bugs with volunteer naturalist Tasha Murray.*

## Sneaky Scavenger Hunt

July 15

We'll break into small “clans” and our naturalist leaders will guide us through the deep shady forest on a scavenger hunt for cool nature stuff and a bag of treasure. But beware – the others might be sneaking up on us!

## Forest Fashion

July 22

What are the animals wearing this summer season? Why is it hard to see the wildlife living around us? Can we copy the animals to get closer to them? Find out how to camouflage how you look and act so you can see more wildlife everywhere.

## River Roundup

July 29

Discover firsthand the many creatures that live in and near the beautiful Sandy River. We'll have a great time catching and releasing water bugs, crayfish and more. Nets and magnifying glasses are provided for a close-up view.

# Nature Explorations

## Summer Nature Camps

Weekly, June 23-Aug. 24

The Tualatin Hills Nature Park offers fun, exciting and safe summer day camps for children 4-12. Full and half-day programs give children the chance to explore nature. Times and fees vary by age group. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

## Envirocamp at George Rogers Park

times vary

Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15

Learn to track animals and identify birds and plants as you enjoy a fun-filled week of discovery. Spend full or half days exploring the Willamette River and Oswego Creek from camp headquarters at George Rogers Park. For ages 6-11. \$100 for half-day program; \$175 for full-day program. To register, call (503) 675-2549. *Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation and CREST*

## Village of the Ancients Summer Camp

Monday through Friday, Aug. 4-8 or 11-15

Step into a world of adventure, myth, nature skills and ecology in the Village of the Ancients. Each camp experience, for youth ages 9-12, runs Monday through Friday with overnight camping on Monday and Thursday nights. Transportation from downtown Portland to the site near Deer Island will be provided. Tuition is \$250; some scholarships and work-trade opportunities are available. For more information and to register, call (503) 235-9533. *Cascadia Wild!*

## Tot Walks in Lake Oswego

11 a.m. to noon

Mondays, June 16, 23 and 30

Join other children and parents as you explore parks in and around Lake Oswego with naturalist Elaine Murphy. These programs are for children age 6 and younger with a parent. \$3 for Lake Oswego residents; \$5 for others. To register, call (503) 675-2549. *Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation*

# Volunteer ventures

## **SOLV Vegetation Monitoring Training**

6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7

Learn how to monitor the health of newly planted vegetation at restoration sites. The two-part training will cover the negative impacts facing urban streams, basic restoration practices and techniques for monitoring vegetation through photos and plots. To register, call Cindy Dimock at (503) 844-9571. SOLV & by arrangement

## **Forest Park Trails and Ivy**

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

## **Friends of Trees at the Refuge**

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 14  
Join Friends of Trees for tree care and monitoring at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. No experience is necessary; tools and training are provided. No registration required. For more information, visit [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org) or call (503) 284-8733. *Friends of Trees*

## **Friends of Trees Neighborhood Coordinator Training**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 14  
Neighborhood residents learn how to organize tree plantings in their neighborhoods during next year's planting season. For more information or to register, call Rachel Sanchez at (503) 282-8846 ext. 12. *Friends of Trees*

## **Tualatin Hills Nature Park Project Days**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 22  
Help out at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park planting native plants, removing invasive species and improving park trails. Age 12 and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District*

## **New Volunteer Orientations**

noon to 1 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20  
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's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, hear about the benefits of volunteering, receive information on volunteer job opportunities in the field and office, complete your volunteer application and enjoy the company of other new volunteers. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* &

## **Friends of Trees at Friendship Park**

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 21  
Join Friends of Trees for tree care and monitoring at Friendship Park in Vancouver. No experience necessary; tools and training are provided. No registration required. For details, visit [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org) or call (503) 284-8733. *Friends of Trees*

## **Errol Heights Wetland Restoration**

9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16  
Help restore this 14-acre, three-pond wetland in the heart of Southeast Portland so it can be used by local schools as an outdoor laboratory. Bring water, gloves and sturdy shoes. For more information, call (503) 823-6131.

## **Mayor's Work Day at Mary S. Young State Park**

9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16  
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*

## **Sunday Work Days at Oxbow**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, June 22, July 27 and Aug. 24  
Help take care of Metro's Oxbow Regional Park, a 1,200-acre natural area park located within the wild and scenic Sandy River Gorge. Projects include restoration of areas impacted by humans, planting and care of native vegetation and removing invasive species. 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*

## **Friends of Trees at Woodhaven Park**

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 28  
Join Friends of Trees for tree care and monitoring at Woodhaven Park in Sherwood. No experience necessary; tools and training are provided. No registration required. For details, visit [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org) or call (503) 284-8733. *Friends of Trees*

## **Stewardship Days at Smith and Bybee Lakes**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, June 29, July 20 and Aug. 3  
Help restore this 2,000-acre North Portland wetland by weeding around native plantings, removing invasive species, collecting native plant seeds and picking up trash. We'll also take a break to check out the wildlife that we are helping. For more information, call Metro at (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

## **Fifth of July Reclamation**

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 5  
Help "reclaim" Blue Lake Regional Park the morning after the big Fourth of July fireworks celebration. Thousands of people come to the park to enjoy fireworks and music, and it takes a lot of work to get the park back to normal after. As an individual, family or organized group, you will work with staff on a variety of projects and continue your appreciation of the park long past the fireworks. For more information, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* & by arrangement

*Oregon grape*



### **Friends of Trees at Oaks Bottom**

*9 a.m. to noon*

*Saturday, July 19*

Join Friends of Trees for tree care and monitoring at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge in Portland. No experience is necessary; tools and training are provided. No registration required. For details, visit [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org) or call (503) 284-8733. *Friends of Trees*

### **Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island**

*9 a.m. to noon*

*Saturday, July 19*

Join in the effort to remove invasive Himalayan blackberry from the grounds of this Sauvie Island greenspace. Howell Territorial Park features pioneer orchards, wetlands and the historic Bybee-Howell house. For more information, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

### **Willamette Cove Work Day**

*9 a.m. to noon*

*Saturday, Aug. 2*

Nestled near the University of Portland with the Willamette River lapping at its banks is Willamette Cove, a Metro greenspace acquired with funds from the open spaces, parks and streams bond measure. This 27-acre site needs some "TLC" from the community. Work party activities will include debris and scotch broom removal. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

## **Help celebrate the Glendoveer Trail**

Do you have a story or memory about Glendoveer? Metro is seeking enthusiastic trail walkers, historians and naturalists to be a part of the team planning the Glendoveer Trail Celebration slated for September 2003. For more information, call (503) 797-1781.



## **Butterfly Count**

**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 21**

Celebrate the first day of summer by joining the annual butterfly count. This event is designed to collect information about regional butterfly populations and introduce the public to new Metro greenspaces acquired with funds from the open spaces, parks and streams bond measure. Simultaneous counts will take place at Cooper Mountain in Washington County, Clear Creek in Clackamas County and Multnomah Channel in Multnomah County. Bring binoculars, a butterfly field guide and butterfly net if you have them (not required) as well as an interest in butterflies (required). This event is designed to accommodate all levels of knowledge and experience. Children are welcome, but the event is geared toward adults collecting important biological data. If it rains, the count will be rescheduled for Saturday, June 28. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department and Xerces Society*

## **Clackamas River Help Wanted**

*Volunteers are needed to assist Metro in its ongoing effort to rid the Clackamas River watershed of invasive Japanese knotweed. If you are interested in any of the volunteer positions below, call Andrea Thury at (503) 813-7554 or send e-mail to [thury@metro.dst.or.us](mailto:thury@metro.dst.or.us).*

### **JAPANESE KNOTWEED DESTROYERS**

It has been determined by leading conservation groups, such as The Nature Conservancy, that the removal of Japanese knotweed requires careful application of herbicides. Without their use, this invasive plant has the power to completely take over waterways, swallowing up important habitat. Volunteers with a state of Oregon commercial pesticide applicator license (and those willing to obtain one) are needed this summer to join the battle against Japanese knotweed.

### **KAYAKING KNOTWEED MONITORS**

If you enjoy technical river kayaking and would like to make a significant contribution to the health of the Clackamas River, consider helping Metro locate and map patches of Japanese knotweed upstream of McIver State Park. Make a great day on the river even better by helping to protect it.

### **WORK PARTY CREW MEMBERS**

Whether you are an individual or a part of a group looking for a private service project, you can make a big difference in the Clackamas River watershed. Help tear out scotch broom, Himalayan blackberry and English ivy on scenic Metro open space properties along the Clackamas River.

# Nature discoveries

## Summer Bird Watching at Smith and Bybee Lakes 9 to 11 a.m.

*Saturdays, June 7, 14 and 28, July 12 and 26*

Wander the trails at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area with Metro naturalist and birding expert James Davis. The nesting birds will be settled in and some migrants will still be passing through, making for lots of birding action. Songbirds will be singing, and we'll spend time learning to identify the most common by their songs. Suitable for adults and children 12 and older. Bring binoculars if you have them. Advance registration required; call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

## Painted Turtle Walk 'n Talk 12:30 to 2 p.m.

*Saturdays, June 7, 14 and 28, July 12 and 26*

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

## Ranger Programs at Tualatin Hills Nature Park 2 to 2:30 p.m.

*Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 17*

Meet a ranger at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park to find out about the latest natural

happenings. Topics vary from week to week and programs may include walks, slide shows or hands-on activities. Programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿ *by arrangement*

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

*Wednesdays through June 25*

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* ♿

## Trolley Trail Tour 10 a.m. to noon

*Saturday, June 7*

Walk a section of the future 6-mile multi-use trail between Milwaukie and Gladstone with Metro planners Mel Huie and Jane Hart. Metro purchased the former streetcar corridor in December 2001 and is currently working in partnership with North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, city of Milwaukie and Friends of the Trolley Trail to complete the master plan and to secure funding to develop the trail. Learn about the history of the old streetcar line. Meet at Oak Grove Elementary School. Free. Advance registration required; call (503) 797-1731. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

## Great Blue Heron Hike 9 to 11:30 a.m.

*Saturday, June 7*

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve has one of the largest heron rookeries in Washington County. Join wetland staff for a hike to the rookery and see great blue herons on their nests high atop the Douglas fir trees. Wear comfortable hiking shoes. Binoculars and spotting scopes will be available. \$4. Advance registration is required; call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*

## Clackamas River Tour 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Sunday, June 8*

Be among the first to explore the new greenspace along the Clackamas River known as River Island. Metro naturalist James Davis will help you find evidence of beaver, nutria, deer and coyotes while enjoying and identifying the birds of the area. Often turtles can be seen basking in the sun near a nesting colony of bank swallows. This free tour is suitable for all ages. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4 and leave your address. Directions to the site will be mailed to you. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

## Springwater Corridor Three Bridges and Sellwood Gap Tour 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Sunday, June 8*

Walk the final missing mile of the Springwater Corridor in the Sellwood neighborhood of Southeast Portland with Metro trail planner Mel Huie. This section will connect the recently completed Springwater on the Willamette to the "three bridges project" and the rest of the corridor. Also explore the old railroad berms where the new bike and pedestrian bridges will be built over Johnson Creek, McLoughlin Boulevard and the Union

Pacific Railroad tracks. Learn about the historic car barns and buildings along the corridor. Meet at Sellwood Riverfront Park. Free. Advance registration required; call (503) 797-1731. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces*

## Sunday Naturalist Series 3 to 5 p.m.

*Sunday, June 8*

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*

## Explorando el Columbia Slough 1 to 5 p.m.

*Saturday, June 14*

Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for the second annual Spanish language slough festival. Refreshments, music, educational displays and guided canoe trips will be provided. Come to the Whitaker Ponds Environmental Education Center, 7040 NE 47th Ave. For more information, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council* ♿

## Twilight Tuesdays 7 to 9:30 p.m.

*June 17 and 24, July 1, 8 and 29*

*(note the time change for August walks)*

*6 to 8:30 p.m.*

*Aug. 19 and 26*

This relaxing walk at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area takes advantage of those long summer days and gives you a chance to unwind after work. Dusk is one of the best times to see wildlife, especially during the summer. It's about the only time you can see most mammals such as beaver, otter, muskrat, raccoon, nutria, deer and



mink. Birds also are more active. Discuss the basics of wildlife watching and identification with Metro naturalist James Davis. Bring drinking water and binoculars, if you have them. All ages are welcome, but children must be able to be quiet, sneaky and patient. Free. Advance registration required; call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

### **Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Walks**

*9 a.m. to noon*  
*Saturdays, June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16*  
Tour completed sections 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. Hear about the action plan developed by Metro and its partners 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* ♿

### **All About Native Plants**

*noon to 2 p.m.*  
*Sunday, July 6*  
Have you ever been curious about the name of a wildflower or thought about putting a few native plants in your garden? Have you ever wondered how people have used native plants for food, medicine and shelter? Join Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens for a hands-on workshop and nature walk and learn the basics of botany and ethnobotany. Free. No registration required. Best for adults and children age 10 and older. Meet behind the Bybee House in Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island. *Oregon Historical Society*

### **Soup on the Slough**

*6 to 7:30 p.m.*  
*Thursdays, July 10 and Aug. 21*  
You are invited for supper, slough stories and a tour of Whitaker Ponds. This casual event is open to everyone interested in learning more about the Columbia Slough watershed. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 223-3331. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services* ♿

### **Family Bat Class and Outing**

*7 to 9 p.m.*  
*Friday, July 11*  
A slide presentation on bats will be followed by a trip to a local site to watch live bats in action and listen to their echolocation calls using a bat detector. Free. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 626-0949. *Backyard Bird Shop*

### **Ridgefield Backyard Bird Walk**

*8 to 10:30 a.m.*  
*Saturday, July 12*  
Learn about wild bird identification and bird behavior by participating in this free nature walk. Suitable for older children and adults at any level of experience. For more information or to register, call (360) 253-5771. *Backyard Bird Shop*

### **Bull Run Watershed Tours**

*8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*  
*Saturdays, July 12 and Aug. 16*  
Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Portland's tap water at its source. Learn about the protected resources that provide Portland with uniquely high quality drinking water. \$15. To register, call (503) 823-7407. *Portland Bureau of Water Works* ♿ *by arrangement*

### **Multnomah Channel Tour**

*1 to 3 p.m.*  
*Sunday, July 20*  
Explore the Multnomah Channel with Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens. This Metro greenspace is a large remnant of a once common system of braided channels, wetlands and riparian areas along the Willamette and Columbia rivers. Biologically diverse, it is important habitat for juvenile salmon, native amphibians such as frogs and salamanders, and birds. Wapato and tule (soft-stemmed bulrush) were historically harvested here and can still be found. This free tour is suitable for all ages. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4 and leave your address. Directions to the site will be mailed to you. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

### **Cook Park Bird Walk**

*8 to 10:30 a.m.*  
*Saturday, Aug. 9*  
Learn about wild bird identification and bird behavior by participating in a bird-oriented nature walk at Cook Park. Meet at King City Backyard Bird Shop to carpool. For more information or to register, call (503) 968-9295. *Backyard Bird Shop*

### **Newell is the Jewel**

*1 to 3 p.m.*  
*Sunday, Aug. 10*  
Few people know the secrets of hidden Newell Creek Canyon. Join Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens on an adventurous journey to the inner reaches of this amazing forested watershed in Oregon City. Learn about the rare plants and endangered animals that live here. Wear shoes that can get a bit muddy. This free tour is suitable for all ages. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4 and leave your address. Directions to the site will be mailed to you. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

### **Bug Fest**

*12:30 to 4:30 p.m.*  
*Saturday, Aug. 23*  
It's not money that makes the world go round. It's bugs. These tiny critters help recycle fallen trees, pollinate flowers and get eaten by larger animals. Celebrate bugs and discover more about our little friends at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park where games, displays, live bugs and guided activities await the whole family. Check out the Bug Lab, which has microscopes, magnifiers and naturalists to help you explore the hidden lives of these tiny creatures. Admission to the festival is \$1.50 per person. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, Xerces Society and Metro* ♿



## Bybee House Programs on Sauvie Island

**noon to 5 p.m.**

### Saturdays and Sundays

The historic Bybee House and grounds on Sauvie Island are open for weekend tours and educational programs, presented by the Oregon Historical Society. Located in Metro's Howell Territorial Park, the grounds include an agricultural museum, pioneer orchard, wetlands and picnic areas. Suggested donation is \$3 per visitor. For more information, call (503) 306-5198 or visit [www.ohs.org](http://www.ohs.org).  
*Oregon Historical Society*

## Sandy River Raft Trips

### Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15

Just east of Portland, the Sandy River springs from the glaciers of Mt. Hood and winds through ancient forest and miles of volcanic formations until it enters the Columbia River near Troutdale. Embark on a leisurely raft trip on the Sandy from Oxbow Regional Park to Lewis and Clark State Park. An interpretive guide will instruct on basic rafting, water safety and wildlife watching techniques, as well as the geologic features and flora and fauna along the way. These all-day trips are great for beginners and families. \$55 fee includes rafts, equipment and guides. For more information, call (503) 667-1964. *River Trails*

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## 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

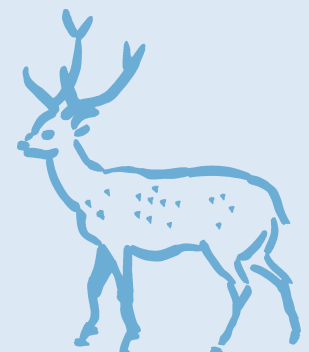
**James Bybee House**  
(503) 222-1741

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

**Marine facilities**  
(503) 665-6918

**Glendoveer Golf Course**  
(503) 253-7507

**Pioneer cemeteries**  
(503) 988-3622



# Summer paddle trips

## **Full Moon Slough Paddle** 7 to 9 p.m.

**Thursday, June 12**

Enjoy a guided moonlit tour of the scenic lower slough. Bring your own canoe or kayak, paddles and personal flotation device. Binoculars and a flashlight or headlamp are recommended. Meet at the boat launch at 9363 N. Columbia Blvd. To register, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

## **Tualatin River Discovery Day**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Saturday, June 28**

The 14th annual Tualatin River Discovery Day event will begin and end at the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. After the paddle, enjoy a 1/4-mile hike through the refuge on your way to the Environmental Community Fair. To reserve a time, call (503) 590-5813. *Tualatin Riverkeepers*

## **Ross Island Paddle**

8 to 11 a.m.

**Saturday, June 28**

Join Willamette Riverkeeper for a paddle around Ross Island from Willamette Park in Portland. See the great blue heron rookery and a bald

eagle nest. Learn about the area's history and current restoration opportunities. Bring your canoe or kayak, paddle, lifejacket, water and a snack. (Some canoes are available to rent for \$10.) Previous paddling experience required. Free. To register, call (503) 223-6418. *Willamette Riverkeeper*

## **Willamette Narrows Paddle Trips**

9 to 1 p.m. **Sundays, July 13 and Aug. 17**

Just up the Willamette River from its confluence with the Tualatin River is an amazing area with high cliffs and rocky islands known as the Willamette Narrows. The views are dramatic and from some spots in the water, it's hard to image you are near a city. Metro naturalist James Davis teams up with Willamette Riverkeeper for this scenic, natural history trip for experienced paddlers. Meet at Willamette Park in West Linn, paddle two miles upstream, disembark to explore an island and have lunch, and then paddle back. This is easy flatwater paddling but the wind can be a significant factor. The trip is free if you bring your own

boat. Canoes will be provided at no cost for members of Willamette Riverkeeper; membership is \$15 per person. Advance registration is required; call (503) 223-6418. *Metro and Willamette Riverkeepers*

## **Columbia Slough Small Craft Regatta**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sunday, July 27**

The ninth annual Small Craft Regatta celebrates the Columbia Slough, a waterway with unique history, abundant wildlife and many recreational opportunities. Meet at Whitaker Ponds Environmental Learning Center. For more information, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

## **A Midsummer Night's Paddle**

6 to 8 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 16**

Not a morning person? Here's your chance to explore the Tualatin River at dusk. Join the Tualatin Riverkeepers for a sunset paddle. Meet at Tualatin Community Park. To register, call (503) 590-5813. *Tualatin Riverkeepers*

## **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. *Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes*

5 to 9 p.m.

**Saturday, June 21**

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

9 a.m. to noon

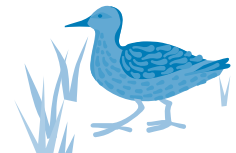
**Saturday, July 19**

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

noon to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 23**

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



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