

Metro GreenScene

NEWS & THINGS TO DO
Fall 2003



METRO
PEOPLE PLACES
OPEN SPACES

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Promises made, promises kept

Letter from the director

Voters of the Portland metropolitan region enthusiastically said “yes” in 1995 to the Metro Council’s \$135.6 million open spaces, parks and streams bond measure. The program has purchased 8,000 acres from willing sellers to help protect forests, wetlands, rivers and streams and provide recreational opportunities for people now – and in the future.

This land acquisition success is an extraordinary accomplishment that could not have been completed without your support. But we shouldn’t stop here. It is critical that we look to the future by planning for the protection of natural areas still left in the region and the provision of future regional-scale parks and trails.

Metro Council President David Bragdon continues to elevate the discussion of the future of our parks system. This summer, he and several Metro councilors led public tours to some of the newly acquired open space properties. “The tours are terrific . . . it’s also terrific to see Metro take a leadership role in planning for parks through-



Metro councilors led a series of public tours this summer to show off some of the properties protected by Metro’s open spaces, parks and streams bond measure. Metro Council President David Bragdon hosted a tour to a 230-acre site in Wilsonville.

out the region, which Bragdon seems determined to do,” noted an Aug. 2, 2003, Oregonian editorial.

If you have ideas about our next steps, I’d like to hear from you. As we plan the future, please take a minute to read on and find out more.

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“The open spaces measure was so effective because of Metro’s unique ability to look beyond city and county lines and focus on the natural landscape. Looking at the big picture of the region is where Metro can be most effective.”

*Charlotte Lehan,
Wilsonville mayor*

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

recycling. 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

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On the cover

(clockwise from top left): Children enjoying an ancient forest hike, a black-tailed deer at Oxbow Regional Park, a young dancer at the Salmon Festival and autumn leaves lining the banks of the Sandy River.

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What did we get for our money?

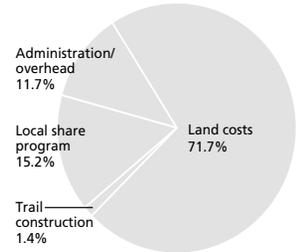
More than 8,000 acres of open space, including 70 miles of stream and river frontage, have now been protected. Open space acquisition focused on 14 different natural areas and six trail and greenway projects. From a 600-acre wetland on Gales Creek near Forest Grove to a string of buttes between Gresham and Damascus, these natural areas, trails and greenways create opportunities for access to nature all around the region.

The bond measure also gave \$25 million directly to local park providers for investment in local county and city park improvements and, in some cases, even more land acquisition. Nearly all 102 local park projects funded by the bond measure are now complete. Funds provide fish and wildlife with new places to live and people with better access to nature in virtually every city, county and park district in the region. These funds added new trails, foot-bridges, boardwalks, picnic shelters, fishing docks and boat launches to local communities.

Making your dollars work harder

At Metro, we've worked hard to stretch your open space investment. As of June 2003, more than \$6 million has been leveraged from state and local partners to buy land. Six private landowners donated their property to the open spaces program and five more provided partial donations – for a total of nearly 200 acres. In some cases, landowners donated conservation easements or agreed to a “bargain” sale of their property.

When the bond measure was put to voters in 1995, it was estimated that 6,000 acres would be protected and 13.35 percent of the bond proceeds would be spent on overhead and administrative costs. In fact, administrative costs averaged only 11.7 percent – and we've protected 8,000 acres.



“Metro’s open spaces measure is one of the most successful land acquisition programs for a major metropolitan area in the country.”

Geoff Roach, Oregon Field Office director for The Trust for Public Land



Metro’s acquisitions along Clear Creek in Clackamas County help protect water quality and wild fish habitat.

Clear Creek Open Space Tour

12:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2

Join Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens for a natural history tour of one of the most beautiful properties protected by Metro’s open spaces acquisition program. Approximately 100,000 trees have been planted to restore this site to forested upland. Clear Creek, a tributary of the Clackamas River, has excellent water quality and significant wild fish runs. Plan on a long walk in the fresh air; the program will proceed rain or shine. The tour is free and open to adults and children age 8 and older. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4.

See for yourself

Keep an eye on the GreenScene (in print and online at www.metro-region.org/greenscene) for lots of opportunities to visit properties protected by the open spaces, parks and streams bond measure. Inside this edition, there are paddle trips, trail tours, nature hikes and volunteer work parties at Metro open spaces.

You also can arrange a nature walk at many Metro open spaces for your church, club, civic organization, youth group, Scout troop, etc. To schedule a tour for a group of 10 to 30, call Deb Scrivens at (503) 797-1852.

A Naturalist's Guide to Fall

by Metro naturalists James Davis and Deb Scrivens



Ducks, like this drake pintail, are among the thousands of waterfowl that spend their fall and winter on lakes, rivers, wetlands and flooded fields in the Portland area.

SEPTEMBER

This is one of the busiest months for bird migration, so there are many opportunities to see large flocks of birds gathering for their long journey or passing through.

Certainly one of the most spectacular opportunities of this kind is the huge flock of **Vaux's swifts** that roosts in the old smokestack at Chapman Elementary School in Northwest Portland. Almost every evening during September, thousands of these speedy little birds fly down into the Chapman chimney to sleep, hanging on the inside of the brick walls. Walk up Northwest Pettygrove Avenue from Northwest 25th Avenue to Wallace Park where you can sit on the grassy hill overlooking the chimney. Arrive about half an hour before sunset and join the festive crowd waiting for the show. The peak is generally in the middle of the month.

Our region is a major wintering area for tens of thousands of waterfowl – ducks, geese and swans. They start to arrive in large numbers toward the end of the month and continue through October until the swans finally make it in November. Probably the most noticeable are the

big flocks of **Canada geese**, honking loudly as they fly overhead, often in the classic “V”-shaped pattern.

Some birds form winter flocks for the added protection that comes from many eyes and ears being on the alert for predators at one time. Many insect-eating songbirds actually form flocks made up of several different species. Any forest is a good place to look for these **mixed flocks** of small passerines (or perching birds). On a walk in a conifer forest you might hear a string of soft, silvery notes descending from an area about halfway up the trees. Look up and watch for movement and you will most likely see golden-crowned kinglets, red-breasted nuthatches and chickadees flocking together. Other good possibilities are brown creeper, ruby-crowned kinglet and downy woodpecker. If there are enough deciduous trees around, you can add yellow-rumped warblers and sometimes Townsend's warblers and bushtits to the mix. If you stand very still, these flocks of little birds may get quite close to you.

Don't forget to look for that old **harvest moon**, the full moon closest to the fall equinox. It's easy to see how this moon got its name; farmers could work well into the night by its light. This year, it falls on Sept. 10.

Chanterelle mushroom

OCTOBER

The true arrival of autumn is in October when the leaves of deciduous trees change color and many start dropping. The **fall colors** we see were there all along but were masked by the overwhelming amount of chlorophyll in the leaves. As winter approaches, much of the chlorophyll migrates into the trunk and roots of the tree (to be stored for winter) and the rest dies, revealing the other pigments in the leaves. If you come to Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area just after a big leaf fall of golden cottonwood leaves, the trail looks like the Yellow Brick Road.

Migrating salmon can be viewed in the autumn in several local streams and rivers when the water is low and clear. Steelhead, coho and fall chinook all migrate back to their spawning grounds in the fall. Watching these huge active fish choose mates and defend their nesting area is one of the most exciting nature shows offered in the Northwest at this time of year.

Spawning grounds offer the best viewing opportunities, as the fish stay in one area, often in shallow water, for days at a time. Look for areas in the river, known as riffles, where the water is rapid with small, choppy waves. Look closer and watch for movement. Fall chinook often develop patches of white fungus on injured areas, so a flash of white moving in the water may be your first clue that the fish are present. Salmon can see movement above water and sense vibrations, so be sure to move slowly and quietly if you want to get a good look. A great opportunity for viewing is the 20th annual **Salmon Festival** at Metro's Oxbow Regional Park on Oct. 11 and 12.

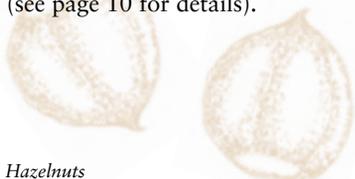
The Northwest also is famous for the explosion of **mushrooms** that occurs in the fall. Our region is blessed with some of the best edible mushrooms in the world and many Oregonians have taken the time and care to learn where to find and how to identify choice edibles. There are no general rules for knowing if a particular fungus is edible; you have to identify exactly what species it is to be safe. Metro and other organizations offer mushroom classes in the fall and the Oregon Mycological Society has programs, field trips and an annual mushroom show (Oct. 19 at the World Forestry Center).

NOVEMBER

In the ancient Celtic calendar the first day of winter was **Samhain** on Nov. 1 or 2, not the winter solstice on Dec. 21 or 22. To many Northwest naturalists this makes sense. By early November, we have definitely settled into the beginning of winter, and the end of December seems about right for the middle of winter. The ancient feast day of Samhain lives on today as Halloween in the United States and as Los Dias de los Muertos in Mexico.

At this time of year, you should have the regular gang of winter birds hanging out at the **bird feeder** in your yard. Don't have a bird feeder? Come to the Build Your Own Bird Feeder workshop on Oct. 30 and make one with our help (see page 10 for details). At any bird feeder in town, you can expect to see house finch, house sparrow, song sparrow, dark-eyed junco, spotted towhee, scrub and Steller's jay, and black-capped and chestnut-backed chickadee. Depending on your location and whether you put out suet or not, you could also get bushtit, white-crowned sparrow, downy woodpecker and those hard-to-identify American goldfinches in their drab winter plumage. Two birds that are strictly winter birds and may not be present if it's not cold enough are pine siskins and the exotic-looking varied thrush. Come to the Winter Birds in Your Yard class to learn how to identify all these regular holiday guests (see page 11 for details).

By November, most of the birds that spend the winter in the Portland area are here for the next four months or so. **Tundra swans** regularly can be seen at Fernhill Wetlands, Jackson Bottom, Sauvie Island and Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. The wintering **bald eagles** have arrived to join our increasing population of year-round resident eagles and can usually be seen at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area as well as the sites mentioned above. Learn how to identify our wintering waterfowl and birds of prey at Metro's Thursday evening bird classes and weekend field trips to Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area (see page 10 for details).



Hazelnuts

Metro Council takes next step in habitat protection

The Metro Council and its local partners have embarked on an ambitious effort to protect fish and wildlife habitat in our metropolitan community that is guided by state land-use planning laws and broad citizen concern over the fate of habitat areas within the urban growth boundary. Metro has nearly completed the second step of a three-step process to develop a regional habitat protection program requested by citizens and local government partners. As members of the Metro Council seek a balance between the need to preserve and protect habitat and the need for development activity, they would like you to join them and offer input at one of several public events and open houses. For more information on how you can be involved, visit Metro's web site at www.metro-region.org and search for "Fish and Wildlife" or call Metro's information line at (503) 797-1888 option 2.

Sauvie Island Harvest Fair

Presented by Kruger's Farm Market and Metro
11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14

As summer turns to autumn, it is time to celebrate the harvest at Metro's Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island. Continuing in the tradition of Wintering In, the Sauvie Island Harvest Fair will feature local artists and traditional crafts makers, and hands-on activities for all ages, including candle making, cider pressing and pumpkin painting. Enjoy a tasting of Oregon wines and a picnic lunch while watching live musical performances. Check out the pioneer orchard and take a guided tour through the nearby wildlife refuge. Take home fresh farm produce, honey from local bees and some fun family memories. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 5-12. All proceeds from the festival will benefit the Howell Territorial Park wildlife area. People of all ages are welcome, but pets are not permitted. For more information, call (503) 621-3489.

Do you have a passion for the past?

Volunteers are needed to help bring history to life at the Sauvie Island Harvest Fair. Your talents are welcome as a greeter, in the children's craft area, assisting entertainers and artists, or pressing apples for cider. Shifts are three hours and volunteers receive free admission for the day. For more information, call (503) 245-7673.

Glendoveer Fitness Trail – Cheers for 25 Years

noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6

Here's to our health! Celebrate 25 years of Metro's Glendoveer Fitness Trail offering a stroll or run around the Northeast Portland golf course. The 2-mile trail opened in 1978 and offers people an enjoyable way to stay healthy in a natural setting. The trail surrounds the 230-acre golf course with its green tree-lined fairways and ponds and meanders through a woodland retreat on the eastern edge of the course. You don't need to be a golfer to enjoy the trail.

Whether you're a frequent visitor or first-time user, you'll discover something new about the trail. Learning stations along the trail will feature the plants and animals found along the trail, volunteer opportunities and a look into the trail history. Local historian and trail friend Alice Gustafson will be on hand to sign her new book, "The Story of Glendoveer." A new information kiosk featuring a site map and bulletin board also will be unveiled at the Halsey Street trailhead. Parking for the celebration is available at Northeast 148th Avenue and Halsey Street. For more information, call (503) 797-1850.

VOLUNTEERING – *it's your nature*

Taking the lead

Enjoy teaching children about nature or helping lead others in restoration work? Metro has two special training opportunities geared toward “natural” leaders. For more detailed course information and an application, call (503) 797-1850 option 7 or send e-mail to parkvol@metro.dst.or.us.

Restoration Crew Leader Training

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14

Interested in getting outside and leading groups in vital restoration work? Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department is seeking volunteer crew leaders to direct weekday and weekend volunteer restoration work days. If you have the ability to lead others, enjoy physical outdoor work in all kinds of weather and have access to personal transportation, then consider becoming a volunteer crew leader. You will receive a 12-hour training that covers work party logistics, project management, group dynamics, plant identification, invasive species removal techniques and more.

Nature University: Volunteer Naturalist Training

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 20-April 6

Thousands of school children visit Metro parks and greenspaces each year on school field trips. Most of these trips are led by volunteer naturalists who have graduated from Metro's Nature University. Activities include ancient forest hikes and wetland wildlife watching. We are looking for people with an aptitude for teaching who appreciate nature, enjoy children and have access to personal transportation. After graduation, class participants are required to volunteer a minimum of 40 hours during school hours.

Intel-SOLV Washington County Clean and Green

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13

This unique annual event sends hundreds of volunteers to parks, wetlands, school grounds and homes in Washington County. Choose from 50 project sites, including the Metro sites listed. Advance registration is required. For more information, call (503) 844-9571. SOLV  by arrangement

Killin Wetland (Banks) – Be at the first volunteer work party to be held at this Metro greenspace. Known for its great bird watching, this site needs your help removing invasive species to improve habitat.

Cooper Mountain (west of Beaverton) – Enjoy great views on this 256-acre property while you remove English ivy from trees and the ground.

Council Creek (Cornelius) – Help protect stream health by removing invasive plants and trash in and around this riparian forest.



Volunteers of all ages lend a hand at work parties at Metro parks and greenspaces.



Forest Park Work Days

9 a.m. to noon Saturdays

Spend a Saturday morning helping care for Forest Park. Choose to help repair and maintain the park's trails or remove invasive English ivy from the park's trees. 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. For more information, call (503) 823-3681. *Friends of Forest Park*

Salmon Watch

8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Help teach youth about salmon and watersheds with Oregon Trout's Salmon Watch program, an award-winning educational program that centers on streamside field trips to view spawning chinook salmon. To register, call (503) 222-9091 ext. 20. *Oregon Trout*

Tree Farm Work Days

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8

Experience a variety of “farm chores” at a sustainably managed 140-acre research and demonstration forest. Help prepare for planting season with weed control and slash disposal. Lunch and beverages will be provided. To register, call (503) 705-1054. *Forests Forever, Inc.* and *OSU Extension Clackamas County*
 *by arrangement*

Tree Liaison Class

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13

This series of seven classes will teach participants general tree care, planting, tree preservation and tree identification through community tree improvement projects. \$20. For a complete schedule and to register, call (503) 823-1650. *Portland Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry Division* 

Community Pioneers

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 20

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



Mayor's Work Days at Mary S. Young State Park

*9 a.m. to noon Saturdays,
Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and
Nov. 15*

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*

Clear Creek Work Day *9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 27*

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

Water Quality Monitoring Event

*All day Friday and Saturday,
Sept. 26-27*

Join the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership in monitoring the water quality of the lower Columbia River and tributary streams in both Oregon and Washington to provide a "snapshot" of river conditions during these two fall days. Training, equipment and assistance during the event will be provided. Suitable for all ages. To register,

Georgette Beeson – A Tribute

Metro volunteer naturalist Georgette Beeson passed away unexpectedly in July from a brain aneurism. During the past three and a half years, Georgette volunteered more than 200 hours to Metro as a field trip leader, roving naturalist, campfire host and interpretive program leader for mushroom walks and similar education programs. Georgette was an energetic and vibrant person who gave generously of her time and talents. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. We send warm thoughts to her friends and family.

call (503) 226-1565 ext. 222.
Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership

Stewardship Days at Smith and Bybee Lakes

*9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays,
Sept. 28 and Nov. 23*
Help restore this 2,000-acre North Portland wetland by removing invasive species, weeding around native plantings and obliterating unwanted trails. At the end of the morning, you'll get a chance to check out the animals that call the lakes home. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

First Saturday Plantings *9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4 and Nov. 1*

Join SOLV's Team Up for Watershed Health program for tree planting along a stream 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 Steve Kennett at (503) 844-9571. *SOLV*

Wilsonville Tract Work Day

*9 a.m. to noon Saturday,
Oct. 25*
Help remove English ivy from the ground at this 73-acre forest before it has a chance to do additional damage. The Wilsonville Tract includes several streams and a nice

collection of native plants. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Make a Difference Day *8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25*

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*

Whitaker Ponds Planting *9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 25*

Help plant the new Lewis and Clark Garden at Whitaker Ponds. Tourists from all over the country will be converging on Portland in the next few years following the footsteps of Lewis and Clark. One of the destinations will be the gardens at Whitaker Ponds. To register, call (503) 823-6131. *Portland Parks and Recreation*

Sunday at Oxbow

*11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 2*
Help take care of Metro's Oxbow Regional Park, a 1,200-acre natural area park located within the wild and scenic Sandy River Gorge. Projects include restoration of areas

impacted by humans, planting and care of native vegetation and invasive species removal. Bring gloves, long sleeves, snacks and water. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Camassia Natural Area *9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Saturdays, Nov. 1 and 22
Perched on basalt bluffs above the Willamette River in West Linn, the 27-acre Camassia Preserve hosts more than 400 plant species. Volunteers will help remove invasive English ivy and maintain access trails. For more information, call (503) 230-1221. *The Nature Conservancy*

Newell Creek Canyon *9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8*

Get a sneak peek at the future trail being planned along Oregon City's Newell Creek Canyon. Volunteers are needed to remove fencing along this proposed trail right of way to improve access for both wildlife and people. For directions and to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

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School of Fish

Be sure to visit the School of Fish at the river's edge, a fun and educational part of the Salmon Festival with hands-on activities for children and adults. Learn about the life cycle of salmon and climb into a life-sized salmon nest. Check out a large and realistic model of Mt. Hood and the Sandy River watershed and watch as a stream is formed before your very eyes.

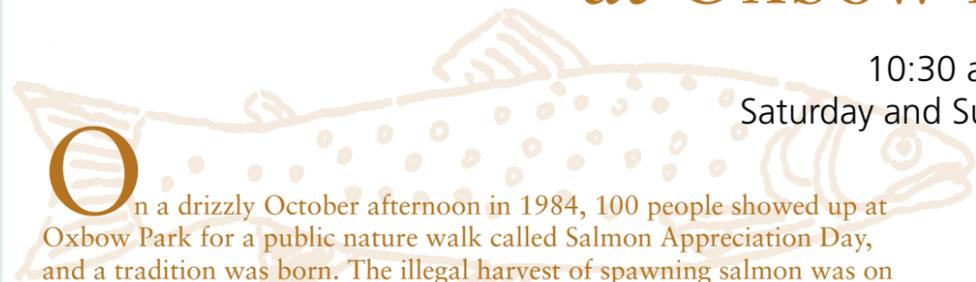
Entertainers

Ramsey y Los Montunos, Trashcan Joe, Juliet Wyers, Ward Stroud, The Severin Sisters, Peter Donaldson and Ellen Whyte.



Celebrating 20 years of Salmon Festival at Oxbow Regional Park

10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12



On a drizzly October afternoon in 1984, 100 people showed up at Oxbow Park for a public nature walk called Salmon Appreciation Day, and a tradition was born. The illegal harvest of spawning salmon was on the rise and park staff hoped to raise public awareness of the importance of protecting wild salmon and their habitat. Education and outreach efforts continued and a few years later, public sentiment for salmon protection ran so high that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife closed the spawning areas in the park to fishing.

Through the efforts of an all-star team of agencies, organizations and community members, Salmon Appreciation Day has grown into the annual Salmon Festival, which is expected to draw more than 10,000 people to the banks of the Sandy River this fall. The two-day event celebrates Salmon Nation and the return of the fall chinook salmon that have migrated for thousands of years from the Pacific Ocean to the Sandy River Gorge. (What is Salmon Nation? See opposite page for more information.)

These days, the Salmon Festival offers a crowd-pleasing lineup of musicians and storytellers, engaging activities for children, dozens of informative and interactive displays, arts and crafts demonstrations, horse-drawn wagon rides, a salmon barbecue and a food court. But the simple intentions of the first festival remain. Guided salmon viewing walks along the river's edge are still the heart of the Salmon Festival. Don't miss this magical opportunity to witness the end of the incredible journey of the fall chinook salmon and the birth of the next generation.

Festival information

Oxbow Regional Park is located within the Sandy River Gorge 8 miles east of Gresham. See page 15 for driving directions.

Festival admission is \$7 per vehicle.

Please leave pets at home.

Sponsors: Bureau of Land Management, Portland General Electric, Columbia Sportswear, Portland Family Magazine and 105.9 FM The River.

For more detailed information about festival activities, visit the Metro web site at www.metro-region.org/parks or call (503) 797-1850. 



Working together to protect salmon

The epic journey of the salmon is both legend and science, tied to the past and present of this region by culture, biology, art and economy. The hosts of the Salmon Festival are each working in their own way to ensure that healthy salmon runs are a part of the region's future. Every fall, the festival provides an opportunity for these organizations (and the dozens more who contribute as sponsors or participants) to come together to celebrate that work and invite thousands of festivalgoers to help protect salmon and their habitat.

Meet the festival hosts

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission was established in 1977 by the treaty fishing tribes of the Columbia Basin. The commission provides technical and legal support to the tribes in their efforts to put fish back in the rivers and protect the watersheds where fish live.

Ecotrust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building "Salmon Nation" from Alaska to California. Ecotrust is working to inspire people to make political and everyday choices that enhance the health of salmon, watersheds and themselves.

Metro works to protect salmon and their habitat through natural resource planning, recycling and waste prevention, environmental education and stewardship programs, open space acquisition and the provision of regional parks and greenspaces.

Mt. Hood National Forest includes 189,200 acres of designated wilderness and the headwaters of the Sandy River. The U.S. Forest Service is committed to restoring native fish runs and returning aquatic habitats to healthy ecosystems.

Oregon Trout was founded in 1983 by a small group of committed conservationists. The nonprofit organization works to protect and restore native fish and their habitats through advocacy, education and on-the-ground restoration efforts.

Portland Bureau of Water Works provides drinking water to more than 830,000 Oregonians and is a leader in the Sandy River Basin Agreement, a public-private effort to improve conditions for salmon in the Sandy River Basin.



New this year

Salmon Nation Welcome Center

Look for the Salmon Nation Welcome Center, where you can pick up an interactive passport to the festival and find out how to become a citizen of Salmon Nation, a place where people and wild salmon thrive. Salmon Nation also will host an interactive watershed mapping station, where you and your family or friends can identify your watershed.

Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum (Salmon People)

Learn about the special relationship between salmon and the treaty fishing tribes of the Columbia Basin at Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum Village. A cluster of teepees will serve as a backdrop for a variety of traditional activities. Enjoy storytelling and nature tours; try your hand at beadwork, bow making or net tying; join drummers and dancers who will teach you songs played for centuries by the region's river peoples. Visitors also will learn about the tribes' efforts to restore salmon runs to the Sandy River and other Columbia tributaries through ongoing protection and restoration programs.

More nature activities



BIRD Watching

Lunch with the Birds at Jackson Bottom

noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Meet a Jackson Bottom naturalist and spend your lunch hour learning to identify all the migrating waterfowl and other cool birds at Jackson Bottom Wetlands. 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* &

Waterfowl Identification Workshop at Jackson Bottom

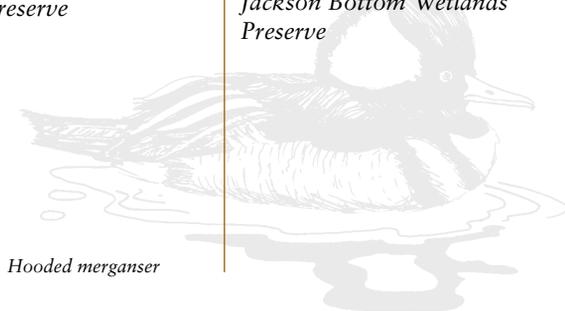
8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4
October is the perfect time to begin working on your waterfowl identification skills. Spend some time in the classroom learning about field marks, behavior, where to find waterfowl, and how to navigate your way around a field guide. Then head into the wetland to practice your identification skills. The \$10 fee includes handouts and other reference materials. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve*

Build Your Own Bird Feeder

7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30
Become a bird-feeding expert and build your own feeder in just one evening. Park supervisor Dale Vasnik and naturalist James Davis team up to get you all set for feeding birds in your yard this winter. James will go over all the basics of what to feed, how to feed and what birds you can expect to see at your bird feeder. Dale and his crew will help you build your own bird feeders to put up in your yard or give as holiday gifts. James will show slides of the most common “feeder birds” in the region and give you identification tips and handouts to help you at home. Metro provides all the materials and tools. Meet at the Curry Building at Blue Lake Regional Park. \$15 fee covers the class and one feeder; \$10 for each additional feeder. Fees are payable the night of the class, but registration is required in advance. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Winter Bird Watching at Jackson Bottom

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1
November is a great time to watch birds at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. Migratory birds of prey and waterfowl are in abundance, along with resident bald eagles. \$5. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve*



Hooded merganser

Metro's autumn bird watching series

Join Metro naturalist and expert birder James Davis for a series of Thursday evening classes and weekend field trips highlighting the abundant autumn bird activity at Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Learn the basics of how to find and identify birds and become familiar with the natural history of many of our most common birds. These programs are for beginners and experienced birders alike, adults or teens. If you are a true beginner, it is very helpful if you take the first class, *Beginning Bird Watching*. Recommended field guide for all classes and trips is *Field Guide to Western Birds, 3rd. Ed.* by Roger Tory Peterson. Register in advance for each individual class or field trip you wish to attend by calling (503) 797-1850 option 4.

Classes

Classes are held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays at Metro Regional Center in room 370. Registration and payment of \$8 are required in advance.

Field Trips

Field trips meet in the Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area parking lot on North Marine Drive. The length will vary somewhat with the weather and amount of bird activity. Dress for the weather and bring water, snacks and binoculars if you have them. Metro will provide binoculars and spotting scopes. Free. Advance registration is required.

Beginning Bird Watching Class

7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18
If you've been curious about the birds around you but just don't know where to start, this is the program for you. After this introduction to the basics of bird watching, you can head out on your own and you will be well prepared for the field trips and other classes that follow.

Birds of Autumn Class

7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2
Fall brings big changes to the birdlife of our region. This class will be an overview of the most common birds seen in the Portland area from September into the winter. We will concentrate on songbirds and briefly discuss birds of prey and waterfowl. Room 370.

Autumn Birds of Smith and Bybee Lakes Field Trips

10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Oct. 4 and 18
By October, the first wintering waterfowl and raptors, as well as all the resident birds, will be at the wildlife area. The weather this time of year makes for some great birding and you will be surprised at the change in the birdlife in the two weeks between these trips.

Birds of Prey Class

7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16
Raptors – the hawks, eagles, falcons and vultures – have always fascinated people. Find out how to tell these major groups of birds of prey apart and the key points for identifying the most common species. Fall and winter provide some of the best viewing of these well-adapted predators.

Waterfowl Class

7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6

In autumn, half a million ducks, geese and swans fly over the region's wetlands and thousands stay to spend the winter. Waterfowl are among the most abundant and diverse groups of wintering birds and are easy to identify. Find out who's who in this large group of beautiful birds and get ready for great winter birding. Room 370.

Raptor and Waterfowl Field Trips

10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Nov. 8 and 22

As the leaves fall from the trees, the birds of prey arriving for the winter become easier to see and increasing numbers of raptors start hanging out at Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. At the same time, the number of geese and ducks increases and it becomes possible to see more than a dozen different species of waterfowl on a good fall or winter day.

Winter Birds in Your Yard

7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20

Winter brings different birds to our residential yards and parks, especially if you put out bird feeders. Find out who these winter visitors are, as well as your common year-round residents. We will talk about the basics of bird feeding that make it easy for you to attract a variety of birds to your yard. Appropriate for adults and older teens.



Black-capped chickadee



NATURE Discoveries

Wildwood Trail Hikes

8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 13 and 20 and Oct. 4, 11 and 18

Get to know the Wildwood Trail in Forest Park with a series of six moderate hikes that will cover the entire 30 miles. People who complete the whole series will receive a water bottle belt and a certificate. Free. To register, call (503) 223-5449. *Friends of Forest Park and Pace Setter Northwest*

Demonstration Forest Tours

9:30 to 11 a.m. or 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 6 and Sept. 20

Check out a variety of management approaches and wildlife enhancements at this 140-acre demonstration forest. A van will carry the group and make several stops for short walks to take a closer look.



BICYCLE Trips

Pumpkin Patch Bike Ride

9:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 14

This easy 11-mile ride is especially designed for parents with small children (in trailers, on tag-along bikes or on their own bikes). Meet at the Pumpkin Patch Farm at 16511 NW Gillihan Rd. on Sauvie Island, and take a loop ride on quiet, paved country roads. Food and fun activi-

ties are available at the farm. Bicycle helmets are required. For more information, call (503) 233-5973. *River City Bicycles*

Full Moon Slough Paddle

7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11

Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council paddling guides for a quiet, moonlit tour of the tree-lined reaches of the upper 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 Northeast Airport Way and 165th. Reservations are not required. For more information, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

Cedar Creek Hike

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13

Explore natural areas in Sherwood by hiking along Cedar Creek and visit the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge with Jim Closson from Three Rivers Land Conservancy. Suitable for age 15

and older. Meet at the public parking lot on State Street and Foothills Road in Lake Oswego. \$2 for Lake Oswego residents; \$3 for all others. To register, call (503) 675-2549. *Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation*

Bull Run Watershed Tour

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Portland's tap water at its source. Learn about the protected resources that provide Portland with uniquely high quality drinking water. \$15. Advance registration required. To register, call (503) 823-7407. *Portland Bureau of Water Works*  *by arrangement*

Tualatin River Paddle Tour

noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14

Join Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens and members of the Tualatin Riverkeepers for a leisurely paddle down a section of the Tualatin River that ends at a new Metro greenspace and future river access

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ties are available at the farm. Bicycle helmets are required. For more information, call (503) 233-5973. *River City Bicycles*

Cycle the Wellfield

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20

Enjoy a free bicycle ride through the groundwater protection area and learn how you can help protect our important groundwater source. Bring a helmet, water and lunch. Meet at the 40-Mile Loop trailhead at Northeast Airport Way and 165th. To register, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council and Portland Bureau of Water Works*

Banks-Vernonia State Trail Family Bike Ride

10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19

This moderate, 16-mile ride is especially designed for parents with small children (in trailers, on tag-along bikes or on their own bikes). Discover the Banks-Vernonia State Trail, a multi-use regional trail winding its way along an abandoned railroad between Banks and Vernonia. The trail is partially paved and partially hard-packed gravel, so mountain or hybrid bikes are recommended. Bicycle helmets required. For more information, call Ann at (360) 573-5059. *River City Bicycles*

point west of Tigard. Beaver, nutria and river otter are common in this stretch of the Tualatin and we'll see plenty of evidence of their activities even if we don't see the critters themselves. Bird life is abundant. Registration fee for members of the Tualatin Riverkeepers is \$5 and canoe use is free. Non-members pay \$10 to register for the trip with their own boat and can rent a canoe for an additional \$20. Advanced registration and payment are required. For more information and to register, call Tualatin Riverkeepers at (503) 590-5813. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department and Tualatin Riverkeepers*

Fanno Creek Greenway Trail Walks

9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18

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. 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* ♿

Smith and Bybee Lakes Paddle

noon to 4 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and Nov. 23

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. To register, call Troy Clark at (503) 249-0482. *Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes*

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center Grand Opening

11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Help celebrate the opening of the new education center at Jackson Bottom. You and your family will have the opportunity to go for an evening stroll through the wetland with a naturalist, investigate insects, discover the amazing world of nocturnal animals, learn about birds, look for amphibians and listen for bats. When the sun goes down, Rose City Astronomers will help you explore the night sky with telescopes. Free. Portions of the site are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call (503) 681-6278. *Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve* ♿ *by arrangement*

Springwater Festival

noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27

Celebrate Johnson Creek with food, music, games and activities for all ages. Learn about the newly completed Johnson Creek Watershed Action Plan. For more information, call (503) 239-3932. *Johnson Creek Watershed Council*

Kids for the Columbia Family Festival

12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Celebrate the Columbia River at the Oregon Zoo in conjunction with the World Animal Festival. Activities include a children's musical concert, performed by John Farrell, games and prizes. Free with zoo admission. For more information, call (503) 226-1565. *Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership* ♿

Mt. Talbert Open Space Tour

12:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28

Join Metro naturalist James Davis to get a sneak peak at this 144-acre Metro open space, which is not yet open

to the public. Acquired with funds from the 1995 open spaces, parks and streams bond measure, Mt. Talbert is the largest undeveloped lava butte in northern Clackamas County. The end of September is a very active time for migration and forested hills like this one are prime spots for sighting migrating songbirds, as well as the year-round residents. This also is the beginning of the fall mushroom season and there could be a variety of fungi to challenge our identification skills. We also will be looking for whatever mammals or mammal sign we can find. So if you're feeling adventurous and want to explore a new place, this is for you. Walking is rough, possibly muddy and has plenty of ups and downs. There are no developed trails or other facilities. Free. Advance registration required; call (503) 797-1850, option 4. After you register, you will be sent a letter with information about where to meet and what to bring. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Walk in the Woods

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4

Walk among friends and family through a sustainably managed woodland and learn about a variety of forest management approaches. Visitors can walk at their own pace on three miles of trails that lead to reforestation and stand management experimental plots on this privately owned, 140-acre research and demonstration forest. Walk the watershed interpretive trail to learn about sensitive streamside environments. For more information and directions to Hopkins Memorial Tree Farm, call (503) 655-5524. *Forests Forever, Inc. and OSU Extension Clackamas County*

Stafford Basin Hike

9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7

Join Sandy Wright from the Three Rivers Land Conservancy on a hike to explore the local trails in Lake Oswego. Enjoy a 4-mile hike to the top of Cooks Butte, with views of Mt. Hood and the Lower Tualatin Basin. Meet at the park and ride on South Shore Boulevard in Lake Oswego. Suitable for age 15 and older. \$2 for Lake Oswego residents; \$3 for all others. To register, call (503) 675-2549. *Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation*

Fall Colors in Memorial Park

10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11

Share an early fall day with family or friends as you walk the flat trails of Wilsonville's pride and joy, Memorial Park. See the leaves changing color and the wildlife beginning to prepare for winter on this informative tour led by arborist Floyd Peoples. All ages are welcome. Free. To register, call (503) 682-3727. *city of Wilsonville* ♿

Mushrooms at Smith and Bybee Lakes

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18

Join naturalist James Davis for an exploration of the fungus at Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. This is a beginner's mushroom walk and we'll be talking about the basics of mushrooms and other fungus and how to go about identifying this complicated group of strange and fascinating life forms. We will not be able to identify everything we see but we will do our best and will enjoy the amazing variety of shapes, colors, textures and smells that make these living things so intriguing. Free. Meet in the Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area parking lot on North Marine Drive. Advance registration required;

call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Animal Tracking Workshop at Oxbow

2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19
Oxbow Regional Park is rich in tracks at this time of year when beaver, otter, fox, mink, mouse and deer leave clear footprints in the sand. Let local tracker Terry Kem introduce you to the basics of track identification and interpretation and the awareness and stealth skills needed to watch wildlife at close range. You'll make plaster casts of tracks to take home. Registration and a fee of \$7 per person are required in advance. There also is a \$3 per vehicle entry fee to the park payable at the gate. Call (503) 797-1850 option 4 to register. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Clackamas River Tour **11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26**

During the 1996 flood, the Clackamas River abandoned its old course and formed a new channel at this site. Metro biologists have been working here to restore wildlife habitat. Today, osprey, bank swallows, spotted sandpipers and a colony of great blue herons are among the birds that breed here, and bald eagles are often seen. Join Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens in a hunt for signs of beaver, nutria, deer and coyote that inhabit the site. The tour is free and open to adults and children age 8 and older. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 4. Note: this is the weekend daylight savings time ends. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Ancient Forest Mushroom Classes

2 to 4 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 2

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

Groundwater 101 Workshop

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8

Find out how groundwater works, what role it plays in our drinking water system and what needs to be done to protect this important resource. Casual classroom-style setting with groundwater experts. Light refreshments provided. Short tour included. Free. To register, call (503) 281-1132. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

Newt Days at Tualatin Hills Nature Park

noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8-9

Drop in at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park to discover some of the amazing natural events that happen in autumn. Activity stations, guided walks and crafts will help you learn about bird migration, animal hibernation, why leaves change colors, and all about newts. \$3 per person. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

Native Plant Sale at Tualatin Hills Nature Park **noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8**

Fall is the best time of the year to plant. Come to Tualatin Hills Nature Park for a native plant sale. Choose from a wide variety of trees and shrubs in lots of different sizes and price ranges. All proceeds benefit the park. For more information, call (503) 644-5595. *Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District* ♿

West Willamette Wildlife Corridor Hike

9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 11

Learn about Terwilliger Boulevard's greenspaces while hiking along this well known recreation corridor. Learn about conservation activities in Portland's West Hills. Suitable for age 15 and older. Meet at the public parking lot on State Street and Foothills Road in Lake Oswego. \$2 for Lake Oswego residents; \$3 for all others. To register, call (503) 675-2549. *Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation*

Springwater on the Willamette Regional Trail and Oaks Bottom

1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16

This new section of the Springwater Corridor from OMSI to the Sellwood Bridge has become extremely popular with bicyclists and walkers. The trail borders Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, the first city park in America to be designated a wildlife refuge. Oaks Bottom has been a favorite of bird watchers for decades, but access was difficult before the completion of this trail. Join Metro naturalist and expert birder James Davis for a leisurely walk along part of the trail and enjoy a variety of wintering birds. Free. Advance registration required; call (503) 797-1850, option 4. After you register, you will be sent a letter with information about where to meet and what

to bring. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* ♿

Thanksgiving Walk at Oxbow

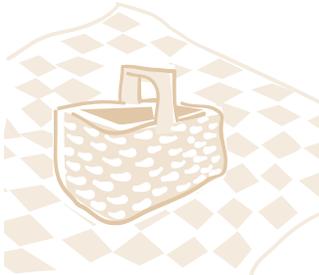
10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 22

Take time out to appreciate and celebrate the simple gifts of nature at Oxbow Regional Park with Terry Kem, Deer Dance School instructor, and Elisabeth Neely, Metro naturalist. On an easy walk along the river, we'll focus on opening our senses and noticing how wildlife responds to the changing season. Then gather around the campfire circle and enjoy the "Thanksgiving Address" passed down and shared by the Iroquois Nation. This is a simple and moving way of expressing appreciation for our connections to nature. Hot drinks will be provided. Meet at the boat ramp. Free with park entry fee of \$3 per vehicle. Advance registration required; call (503) 797-1850 option 4. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Balch Creek Hike

8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 6

Explore Balch Creek watershed on a 5-mile hike with Jayne Cronlund, executive director of Three Rivers Land Conservancy. Balch Creek is a small watershed near Forest Park. Suitable for age 15 and older. Meet at the public parking lot on State Street and Foothills Road in Lake Oswego. \$2 for Lake Oswego residents; \$3 for all others. To register, call (503) 675-2549. *Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation*



Picnic Reservations

Beginning Oct. 1, reservations will be taken for group picnics at Oxbow and Blue Lake regional parks and Howell Territorial Park for 2004. Make reservations by calling (503) 797-1859 option 2 or stop by the office at Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland. All messages are time- and date-stamped and will be returned in the order they are received.

Holiday Wreath Making at Blue Lake

noon to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6

Learn the art of holiday wreath making from Metro's master gardeners. Each participant will take home a beautiful and unique craft. Greens, rings and wire supplied. Bring decorations, glue guns, clippers and gloves. Cost is \$10 per wreath. Meet at the operation and maintenance warehouse at Blue Lake Regional Park. Advance registration required. For more information and to register, call (503) 665-6918. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department* 

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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: \$4 per car and \$7 per bus, beginning Oct. 1.

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: \$4 per car and \$7 per bus, beginning Oct. 1. Salmon Festival admission is \$7 per car.

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: \$5 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: \$4 per vehicle, beginning Oct. 1.

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.

New fees begin in October

The Metro Council has approved fee increases at park and marine facilities which will take effect Oct. 1. For a detailed list of the changes, visit the Metro web site at www.metro-region.org/parks.

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) 222-7414

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

Marine facilities
(503) 665-6918

Glendoveer Golf Course
(503) 253-7507

Pioneer cemeteries
(503) 797-1709



Volunteers needed for Salmon Festival

Be a part of the 20th annual Salmon Festival at Oxbow Regional Park in the Sandy River Gorge. The festival celebrates the return of the fall chinook salmon and inspires protection of wild fish and their habitat.

A large part of the spirit of the Salmon Festival comes from the generosity and stewardship of more than 130 volunteers who contribute their time and energy every year to make it a success. Volunteers receive free admission to the festival and a token of appreciation. Call (503) 797-1850 option 5 for more information.

Festival greeters

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



Volunteers are the backbone of the educational activities offered to children and adults at the festival.

Souvenir stand

Sell a variety of Salmon Festival merchandise from this booth right in the center of festival action. Experience with sales and cash registers preferred. Training is provided.

"Passport" volunteers

Encourage young visitors to take a passport with them to stations throughout the festival and discover answers to the fun and educational questions inside. Be there at the

end to pass out their prize and "swear them in" as a Salmon Nation citizen.

Booth sitters

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

Parking management

Assist with parking vehicles, public safety and security.

Event setup and takedown

Do you have some time available during the week and an interest in some light physical work? Assist park staff with exhibitor move-in, seating area setup and other duties.

Children's activity tent

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

School of Fish instructors

Volunteers for the School of Fish program will lead young children through several hands-on activities that help children understand watersheds and the life cycle of the salmon. Training, props and a script are provided.

Salmon Walk leaders

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

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