

# **SMITH and BYBEE LAKES DAYS**

## **Saturday and Sunday, May 30-31, 1998**

The herons, hawks, swallows, beaver, and turtles invite you to their home, Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area, for a weekend of wild exploration. Join Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes and Metro in activities of discovery, learning and fun. The wild residents of Smith and Bybee Lakes need more friends like you to help protect the region's largest urban wetland. Dress for the weather. All activities are free.

### **Saturday, May 30**

#### **Things with Wings**

**8am to 10am**

Cottonwood forests, meadows, wetlands and lakes make for great birdwatching this time of year. Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area has it all. Join veteran birdwatcher Ron Klein for a birding hike along the interlakes trail. Herons, hawks, waterfowl, warblers, wrens, swallows, finches and woodpeckers will be among the chorus of sight and sound. Bring binoculars. Meet at the interlakes trail parking lot on N Marine Drive. Call 797-1774 for more information.

#### **Wetland Botany Basics**

**9am to 10:30am**

Wetlands are one of the most productive and important habitats in the world. But not just any plant can live in this special saturated condition. Naturalist Shari Exo from the Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve will provide a close look at native wetland plants and share some of their adaptation secrets. Bring binoculars for wildlife and dress for the weather. Call 797-1515 for more information.

#### **Turtle Talk**

**11am to 12:30pm**

Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area is home to one of the largest Western Painted Turtle populations along the lower Columbia River. A Metro park naturalist will be on hand to help point out these colorful reptiles and tell of their life habits, needs and conservation. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Meet at the interlakes trail parking lot on N Marine Drive. Call 797-1515 for more information.

#### **Cruising Smith & Bybee Lakes**

**3pm to 6pm**

Join Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes for a guided paddle through the lakes sloughs of this premier wildlife area. Traveling by canoe is the best way to explore the lakes and the abundant wildlife including, beaver, herons, waterfowl, hawks, osprey, turtles and more. You'll see places that people won't see on foot. Bring your canoe or kayak or rent from Alder Creek Kayak Supply (285-0464) or REI (283-1300). Life jackets required. Meet at the interlakes trail parking lot on N Marine Drive. Call Frank Opila at 283-1145 for more information.

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