



# Trillium Times

PROGRAM GUIDE AND NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF TRYON CREEK STATE PARK



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## Summer 2011

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## Director's Corner: Who are the Friends?

We are excited to get through the final stages of our strategic planning process – a process meant to help us refine our mission and chart a map for the organization for the next three years. As we listen to our many constituents and key stakeholders, we have come to realize that our role and status here in the park surprisingly still remains a bit unclear. As a cooperative group within the State Parks system, defined in a statute created by our legislators, we exist primarily to provide educational and interpretive programs for the park. Of the 16 Friends cooperative groups within the system, we have the largest staff and offer one of the most comprehensive educational programs. This is certainly due to our location within a dense urban setting, to both serve and draw from for volunteers, program participants and monetary support. But here are a few basics to know about the Friends that maybe have never been fully shared with you before:

- The Friends are a private, 501(c)3, non-profit organization totally separate from but working in close partnership with Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD).
- The Friends receive no direct monetary support from the State of Oregon or OPRD.
- The Friends do receive in-kind support from OPRD in the form of free rent, staff support for our programs and other miscellaneous projects.
- The Friends raised the money to build the original Nature Center as well as its remodel in 2002 to add a classroom space and enlarge the offices that both organizations share.
- Our \$500,000 annual budget must be raised from scratch each year – we obtain these funds through memberships, individual and corporate contributions, foundation grants, program fees and from our modest retail operation in the Nature Center.
- The two organizations have their own staffs who share office space right here in the Nature Center. OPRD has 5 full time staff (not including seasonal staff) and the Friends have 6.25 full time staff equivalents.
- The park manager is an ex-officio member of our Board of Directors – he sits in on board meetings, makes a report, partakes in all discussions but is not a voting member.
- While the Friends do much of the park's public educational programming, OPRD has interpretive staff that also presents a range of programs.
- While OPRD is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the park, the Friends play a major role by lending our ongoing invasive species mitigation work and trail maintenance efforts.
- Friends' staff is the main contact and solicitor for community volunteer support that helps both organizations maintain the park and produce our many programs.

Because we are so woven together in the work we do here, it is easy to forget that there are two separate but important organizations keeping this park the gem that it is. We know that we both have much work to do together as the opportunities and the ongoing tasks are endless. We hope you share with us in celebrating this relationship that has produced such positive community sentiment and support over the last 40 years.

David Cohen, Executive Director



## Park Manager's Corner: A Calming Refuge

As spring runs into summer, and the rapid growth of plant life greens up the landscape and the sounds of birds fill the morning air, I'm daily reminded how essential these natural areas and parks are to the human condition. Ultimately, these special places are saved due to decisions made by the society at large, often inspired by a few key leaders. There are countless reasons for saving natural areas and creating park lands; a list of these might include such essential qualities as healthy habitats, scientific explorations, biodiversity, nature appreciation, a calming refuge from modern urban life, physical health through active recreation, places to take visitors to show off natural beauty, inspiration for creative expression, community gathering places, and countless more.

It would seem, due to increased human stresses, that the need for parks and green spaces is now more important than ever. Unfortunately, budget woes are reducing the park opportunities for our California neighbors as several of their parks are slated to close. While there certainly are budget challenges in this state, we are not faced with such draconian measures. Ultimately, we will be remembered as much for what we saved as what we built. Inspirational natural areas such as Tryon Creek are just such saved pieces of our natural heritage that are impossible to replace and hence a legacy of this community, the Friends of Tryon Creek and Oregon State Parks.

John Mullin, Park Manager  
Tryon Creek/Milo McIver Management Unit



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual State of the Watershed

AN EVENT TO SHARE WITH OUR COMMUNITY THE ON GOING  
RESTORATION WORK OCCURING IN OUR WATERSHED.

Wednesday, June 15, 2011  
6:30 - 8:30pm

## Event highlights include

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFW)'s discussion of their recent fish report
- Presentations by the Friends, the Tryon Creek Watershed Council (TCWC) and the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services (BES)
- Discussion with citizens who have had successful environmental habitat enhancement projects on their property
- A kick-off for our new community-based creek monitoring project



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## A Tribute to Stephanie



Stephanie Wagner (middle) relaxing with two of her past capstone students

JOIN US FOR AN INTIMATE FUNDRAISER  
TO SAY FAREWELL TO STEPHANIE WAGNER

**Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**6:30 - 8:30pm**

Come join us for wine, beer, coffee and dessert  
while supporting the programs and values that  
she cares most about.

Tickets will be a sliding scale starting at \$10  
RSVP with Sandi at 503.636.4398 x104

Friends of Tryon Creek's

## Nature Day Camp

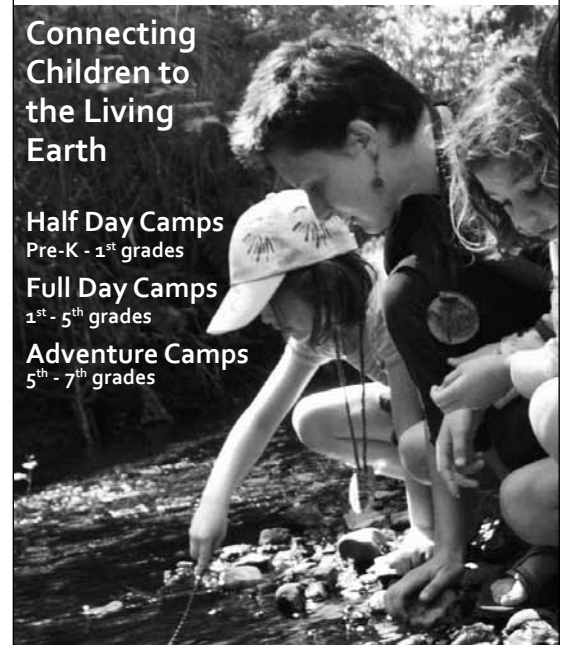
Tryon Creek State Natural Area

Connecting  
Children to  
the Living  
Earth

Half Day Camps  
Pre-K - 1<sup>st</sup> grades

Full Day Camps  
1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades

Adventure Camps  
5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grades



Openings still available

**[tryonfriends.org](http://tryonfriends.org)**

# Tryon Creek News and Updates

## “A TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE”

Join us for an intimate fundraiser to say farewell to Stephanie Wagner - July 10



Stephanie (with Ranger Karen Houston, left) prepares to toss fish into the creek as part of a past fish habitat project here at the park.

On Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-8:30 pm, the Friends will host a retirement celebration for Stephanie Wagner, the Friends' longtime Education Director, here at the Nature Center at Tryon Creek State Natural Area. As a way to say thank you to Stephanie for enlightening so many and going beyond the call of duty for so many years, we are asking all guests who attend to make a donation to our education programs as their ticket price for the evening. We want everyone to participate so a sliding scale from \$10 to “however much you would like to give” is being asked of each guest.

So come join us for wine, beer, coffee and dessert, and wish Stephanie well in what we are sure will be an even busier retirement life for her. And at the same time, support the programs and values that she cared most about – transforming the lives of children and adults by connecting them with the wonders of the natural world.

Please RSVP to Sandi at sandi@tryonfriends.org or call 503 636-4398 x104.

## FOREST MUSIC SERIES KICKS OFF ITS 2011 SEASON WITH SPECIAL CONCERT

Forest Music begins with a special Saturday evening concert with the Puddin' River Jazz Band on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Glen Jackson Shelter. That will be followed by five concerts on our usual Sunday at 2 pm time slot (see listing on page 7). We are thrilled to be able to bring a range of music to this magical setting and create another reason to visit the park.

## SAYING GOOD-BYE TO STEPHANIE!

It is with such mixed emotions that we honor Stephanie Wagner's desire to formally retire from her long and distinguished career as an educator, environmental activist, advocate and leader of this organization for so many years. While she will still stay connected here through her continued work with PSU's Center for Science Education and ongoing teacher workshops, her everyday presence as the intellectual and moral compass for this organization will sorely be missed.

Stephanie has been connected to the Friends of Tryon Creek for 27 years, starting out as a volunteer in 1984 and slowly working her way onto our growing paid staff. As Education Director she shaped a program that has become the envy of many other organizations for its commitment to deeper learning, desire to integrate with public school curriculum and of course for the enormous community participation that has allowed this program to grow to serve over 7,000 school children a year. In 2000 she moved into the executive director role while continuing to grow and strengthen the programs here. Besides developing a range of innovative programs, in 2002 she lead a successful \$650,000 capital campaign to remodel the Nature Center to add a designated classroom which allowed for the expansion of programming for both adults and children.

The good news is that she will remain on our education committee, will still be coming to the park to produce some programs and I am guessing will continue her infamous Monday bird walks through Audubon of Portland here at Tryon. We know she still wants to see the trajectory that she has created for these many programs continue over the years and wants nothing more than to see them continue to grow and succeed. We are thrilled that Matthew Collins, our current Education Coordinator will move into the Education Director role and along with Linda Koser and Casey Newman, will keep that department flourishing.

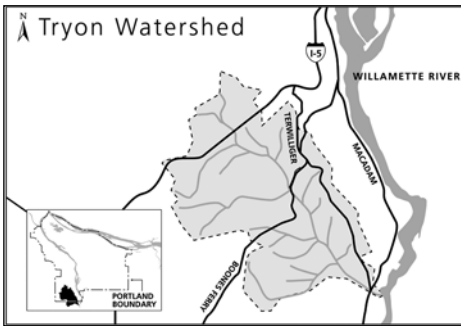
David Cohen, Executive Director

## STEPHANIE WAGNER WINS TWO AWARDS AND IS RECOGNIZED FOR HER EFFORTS AT OPRD AND PSU



Last month Stephanie Wagner, the Friends' long-time Education Director and former Executive Director received two awards recognizing the critical work she has been doing in this region for decades. On May 10<sup>th</sup> Portland State University awarded Stephanie their **2011 Civic Engagement Award**. For 12 years with 28 courses offered, Stephanie implemented a Capstone program that brought Portland State and Tryon Creek State Park into a strategic partnership. Now more than 400 students have learned and served through this exemplary Capstone program, enriching both organizations through a dynamic and reciprocal relationship. Stephanie also served as the instructor for these Capstone classes, sharing her extensive academic and professional expertise in the field of environmental education and providing students a real world setting in which to apply the knowledge they gained. Even after she retires from her formal roles at the Friends of Tryon Creek, she leaves behind a strong partnership that is sure to thrive in the years to come.

In addition Stephanie received recognition for her work on the state-wide **OPRD Interpretive Team**. As one of the original members of the team, she helped with many aspects of development of the interpretive program, including serving as one of the group leaders at Interpretive Core training, contributing to the first Interpreters Manual, helping with connections to the new Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan and acting as an advocate for the many friends groups around the state. Her input and guidance will sorely be missed in that role.



## STATE OF THE WATERSHED EVENT

Stream Monitoring Project Kick-off  
June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Nature Center

On June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, the Friends of Tryon Creek and the Tryon Creek Watershed Council will host the first annual “State of the Watershed” event. Together with a range of partners, the Friends will share information about the current health of the creek and watershed with area residents. Our goal is to raise awareness of the efforts being made to improve conditions in the watershed and the challenges and opportunities we face moving forward. Event highlights include: U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFW)’s discussion of their recent fish report; presentations by the Friends, the Tryon Creek Watershed Council (TCWC) and the City of Portland’s Bureau of Environmental Services (BES); and a discussion with citizens who have had successful environmental habitat enhancement projects on their property. By giving the public important information about their watershed and sharing success stories that are models for how this work can be completed, this planned, annual event will develop a greater proactive stewardship ethic among residents.

In addition, we will announce the launch of a significant partnership with the TCWC, USFW and Portland State University, in the creation of a community-based monitoring program whose goal is to obtain and share data to better gauge stream health. The data is critical to understanding how to best steward this watershed and to assure that we are maximizing the use of our resources in these efforts. Involving the public in this citizen-science project provides an opportunity for interested residents to make a difference in their watershed and involve them in working on solutions to a healthier habitat.

For more information

Call Sean Tevlin, Tryon Creek Watershed Coordinator at 503.636.4398 x121

## ECOTRAILS UPDATE

It seemed like February lasted forever. As the rainy days went on an on, I sometimes thought I was living the movie “Ground Hog Day”.

The extraordinarily wet weather created many trail maintenance problems, more than our volunteers and county crews were able to keep up with. Muddy puddles, overflowing ditches and unwanted gullies in trails were the most common concerns. Many ditches and water bars were re-dug several times. Keeping up with puddles was even slower, particularly those on Cedar and Lewis & Clark trails, as many gravel deliveries were best done with buckets. Although the heavy rains caused several slides in the Park, none affected trails significantly enough to close them to the public. A summer challenge for Park staff will be deciding how to handle the worst problems before the next rainy season.

Ivy removal work parties focused on extending the cleared area inside the North Horse Loop, while plot adopters and some school groups accomplished removal close to other trails through the wet season. Large patches of Himalayan blackberry inside the North Horse Loop were removed by a core of five regular volunteers, who also tackled some patches near trails elsewhere, and a county crew took out a large patch near the bike path.

As spring tried to appear, garlic mustard received significant attention. In many areas a significant reduction in the population of this aggressive plant was noticed, the result of repeated removal. Unfortunately, wild animals have spread this pest to locations away from trails where it had never been seen before, and it’s unlikely all of those places have been discovered. Even though most known patches were cleared this year, the long life of garlic mustard seeds will give us more work next spring. In addition, our hard-core volunteer group renewed its attack on English holly, focusing on areas recently cleared of ivy and blackberries.

All of the above efforts involved the full range of individuals and groups who continue to support this program – company employee groups, college students, school and church groups, Multnomah County alternative community service crews and many regular and occasional Friends’ volunteers. To learn how to help in future efforts like these contact our volunteer manager, Amy Hoffman at amy@tryonfriends.org.

Phil Hamilton  
Eco-Trails Committee Chair

## BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCHEDULES MAJOR WORK ON THE CREEK BED THIS SUMMER

Starting in July, the Bureau of Environmental Services/City of Portland will be doing some significant repair work that will impact the creek bed just north of High Bridge and just north of Beaver Bridge. The work will focus on reinforcing and covering portions of the sewer system that runs through the park and will require the use of some heavy machinery which will need to be brought into that area. This effort will cause some trails in the park to be closed for periods of time although OPRD will do its best to keep as many open for as long as possible during our busy summer season. The main trails affected will be Boones Ferry Horse Trail, portions of West Horse Loop, and the southern end of the North Horse Loop.

## TRILLIUM FESTIVAL WRAP-UP



Another successful Trillium Festival that saw huge crowds and some sales records broken – \$23,494 in plant sales and \$7,941 in art and craft vendor sales – made this one of the highest grossing events ever for the Friends. In addition, we saw several new corporate sponsors come on board in 2011 – The Standard, REI, Moss Adams, New Seasons and the Backyard Bird Shop – who all stepped up to provide monetary support for our efforts. Crowds definitely felt larger than ever – we estimated about 6,000 came through the park that weekend. So thanks again to all the incredible volunteers who allowed us to pull off such a grand event and to all those who had some direct involvement, adding up to making this another huge success.

# Summer Events and Activities

## KIDS IN NATURE

Activities include age appropriate science lessons, stories and hand-on creations

For children ages 4 – 7 accompanied by an adult

\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member)

Fee covers one adult and one child. Pre-registration required.

## SUMMER EDITION - THURSDAYS, 10:00 - 11:30AM



### **K** WHAT'S IN ALL THOSE HOLES?

Thursday, June 23

Join the Friends as we explore the park to discover what lives in all the holes we see around the park.

### **K** WIGGLY WORMS

Thursday, June 30

Join the Friends as we explore the world of worms. We'll find worm homes in the park on our exploratory walk, learn what worms eat and make a "Worm Hotel" to take home and continue our wormy observations.

### **K** CRAYFISH

Thursday, July 7

Walk to Tryon Creek with a Park Naturalist and explore the wonderful world crayfish call home. Pet a crayfish and learn about their special adaptations.

### **K** BIRD NESTS

Thursday, July 14

Explore the park to find where our birds have been hiding their babies. You will look at different types of birds nests – and get to make your own!

## WEEKEND EDITION - SUNDAYS, 10:00 - 11:30AM

### **K** BERRY BONANZA

Sunday, July 17

Join us as we go on a scavenger hunt for all the berries that abound in the park. We'll also learn how important these berries are to Tryon's wildlife as we search for signs of their use.

### **K** HAWKS

Thursday, July 21

Learn about the hawks that make Tryon Creek State Park their home. You will get to play the hawk and mouse game as you explore the park to find where these amazing predators make their homes

### **K** PLANT DEFENSES

Thursday, July 28

Look but don't touch! Learn about the many ways plants defend themselves. This is a good introduction to plants you want to learn to avoid.

### **K** NO PROGRAM

Thursday, August 4

### **K** WATER STRIDERS

Thursday, August 11

How can an insect walk on water? We'll learn about water properties as well as visit the creek to watch these fun insects in action.

### **K** BANANA SLUGS

Thursday, August 18

Get to know a banana slug up close and personal! Learn about why this unsung hero is an important part of our forest ecosystem.

### **K** RABBITS

Thursday, August 25

Learn about bunny behavior and adaptations as you explore the meadow to discover what they are eating and where they make their homes.

### **K** MEADOW DWELLERS

Sunday, August 21

Join the Friends for an exploration of our meadow and the different plants and animals thriving in the full sun. We'll also have plenty of time for some meadow based games.

## **K** NATURE AFTER HOURS: ATTRACTING NATIVE POLLINATORS

Thursday June 2

6:00 - 8:30pm

Join us for a Nature After Hours presentation with Matthew Sheppard, Senior Conservation Associate with The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. This talk will be tied to the new book *Attracting Native Pollinators* for gardeners, small farmers, orchardists, beekeepers, naturalists, environmentalists, and public land managers on how to protect and encourage the activity of the native pollinators of North America. **Free program for adults. Beer, wine, and refreshments will be served. No registration necessary.**

## **K** NIGHT SENSES HIKE: CELEBRATE STATE PARKS DAY

Saturday, June 4

7:00 - 8:30pm

Come celebrate Oregon State Parks Day with a night hike at Tryon Creek State Natural Area. Are you a night owl? Ever wonder how animals see and hunt at night? Naturalists will answer these questions and others, while exploring individual senses during a moonlit stroll. Once your eyes have adjusted, and your senses have heightened, a world emerges from the shadows of the forest. **This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.**

## **K** SPECIAL EVENT: STATE OF THE WATERSHED

Wednesday, June 15

See page 3 for details.

## **K** FAMILY EVENT: SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 21

7:00 - 9:00pm

Learn about the longest day of the year in a fun and active way! This family oriented evening will include craft activities for families followed by a walk in the woods as the sun sets on this special day. Hikes will focus on the scientific explanation of the solstice as well as lore associated with this great day. Family members of all ages are welcome. Hike times will be assigned as people arrive.

**Don't have kids?** Come for an adult only hike that departs the nature center at 8:00 PM. **Pre-registration required. This is a free program but enrollment is limited.**

Separate registration for adult-only hike

Register online at [www.tryonfriends.org](http://www.tryonfriends.org) or call us at 503.636.4398.

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## **f** FAMILY CAMPFIRE ADVENTURE

Tuesday, June 28

6:30 - 8:30pm

On this night we'll travel through the forest learning about the ways indigenous people used Tryon Creek. Following our hike we'll make a campfire, share Native American legends, and make delicious banana boats for dessert.

**\$10/family (non-member); \$9/family (member)**

**Pre-registration required.**

## **f** FAMILY FUN WITH WORM BINS

Sunday, July 3

2:00 - 4:00pm

Join the Friends for an afternoon of creepy-crawly fun at the park. Discover worms in their natural habitat and see first-hand how truly invaluable these invertebrates are to the park's ecosystem. We'll then venture inside as we get to work making our own worm bins for our entire household composting needs. This is a family friendly program that will focus on engaging children throughout the whole process while concurrently providing parents with all the worm-bin information they'll ever need!

**Program Cost: \$25 Fee includes materials for worm bin and covers one family.**

**Pre-registration required.**

## **a** ADULT WORKSHOP: HOW TO DRAW BIRDS

Saturday July 9

10:00 - 4:00pm

This course will introduce participants to sketching birds from skeleton to feather. This course will cover many birds specific to the Northwest and their habitats with pencil, ink, colored pencil and watercolor.

**Bring a 9x12 spiral sketchbook, all other supplies included in \$15 material fee.**

**PCC Tuition is \$45.**

**Registration required. Please register with Portland Community College**

**([www.pcc.edu/registration/](http://www.pcc.edu/registration/) or 971-722-4234)**



Photo Courtesy of Janice Lorentz

## **f** LANDSCAPING FOR CONSERVATION: LET NATURE WORK FOR YOU

Sunday, July 10

1:00 - 4:00pm

Save time, save money and help out the environment by letting nature do your gardening. Join Stephanie Wagner for a Landscaping for Conservation workshop and learn how your garden can function more like the natural system surrounding us. You will learn about your garden from the ground up - starting with the soil and its complex role supporting plants. You will also learn about gardening with native plants which use less water and don't require expensive fertilizers and pesticides. Everyone who attends will receive a free plant and the opportunity to receive a garden consultation.

**This is a free program but enrollment is limited, pre-registration is encouraged.**

## **f** FAMILY EVENT: DUTCH OVEN COOKING

Saturday, July 16

3:00 - 4:30pm

Join us for an Outdoor Demonstration led by a park ranger to learn more about cooking in the outdoors. Pioneers use these cast iron pots on a regular basis and today outdoor enthusiasts are making them a part of their outdoor camping experience. Our staff will give you insight into charcoal in the park and then cook with it as we share a treat.

**This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.**

## **f** LANDSCAPING FOR CONSERVATION: NATIVE GARDEN SUPPORT

Sunday July 17

2:00 - 4:00pm

Have you attended a Landscaping for Conservation course before? Is your Native Garden looking fantastic? Alternatively, are you having trouble getting things going? Join the Friends as we seek to create a network of support for our friendly habitat builders and conservation gardeners. Perhaps you have a story of success you'd like to share or maybe you have 101 questions. Either way, we'll be there to help get this community going with answers to questions, resources, personalized consultation time, and of course, an opportunity for inspiration out on the trails. **This is a free program but enrollment is limited, pre-registration is encouraged.**



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## EVENING GUIDED HIKES

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Evenings are a great time to explore Tryon Creek State Park. Explore the park with a Friends of Tryon Creek Naturalist as the sun is going down and observe the changes that come with nightfall. Each week we will focus on a different topic. These walks are free and appropriate for all ages.

June 29<sup>th</sup> - Batty About Bats

July 6<sup>th</sup> - Owls of Tryon Creek

July 13<sup>th</sup> - Insects of the Night

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Night Creatures

July 27<sup>th</sup> - Frogs and Salamanders

August 10<sup>th</sup> - Owls of Tryon Creek

August 17<sup>th</sup> - Insects of the Night

August 24<sup>th</sup> - Night Creatures

August 31<sup>st</sup> - Frogs and Salamanders

## FOREST MUSIC SERIES

Opening Concert: Puddin' River Jazz Band

SATURDAY, July 30<sup>th</sup>

7:00 - 8:00pm

Sundays, 2:00 - 3:00pm

July 31<sup>st</sup> - Innisfree Traditional Irish

August 7<sup>th</sup> - TBA

August 14<sup>th</sup> - Millenium Clarinets

August 21<sup>st</sup> - Sweet Thunder Jazz

August 28<sup>th</sup> - Connie Bieberach / Armonia

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## **1** FAMILY CAMPFIRE ADVENTURE

Tuesday, July 19

6:30 - 8:30pm

Join park naturalists for an adventure in night tracking. We'll certainly look for tracks and scat, but we'll also learn how we can track insects and other intriguing animals. Back at our campfire we'll have a sing-along as we create a dutch oven dessert.

\$10/family (non-member); \$9/family (member)

Pre-registration required.

## **a** ADULT WORKSHOP: HOW TO DRAW CATS

Saturday July 23

10:00 – 4:00pm

Learn the basics to drawing one of our beloved pets, the cat—from skeleton to fur—using pencil, ink, colored pencil and watercolor.

Bring a 9x12 spiral sketchbook, all other supplies included in \$15 material fee.

PCC Tuition is \$45.

Registration required. Please register with Portland Community College ([www.pcc.edu/registration/](http://www.pcc.edu/registration/) or 971-722-4234)

## **1** FAMILY EVENT: SUSTAINABILITY DAY

Saturday, July 30

10:00 - 2:00pm

Join Portland State University students and Friends of Tryon Creek to learn simple ways you and your family can all reduce your carbon footprint. Walk through the park and visit stations along the trails designed to give you ideas on how to eat seasonally and locally and find creative ways to reuse and recycle more efficiently. You will be making items you can take home with you to help you reduce your own carbon footprint.

Fun, free hands-on activities for the entire family.

## **a** FAMILY EVENT: BAT CHAT NIGHT HIKE

Wednesday, August 3

7:30 – 9:30pm

Signup for a free, night hike led by trained naturalists to experience the bats of Tryon Creek up close and personal. We will talk about the amazing adaptations that allow bats to survive. We will be walking in groups to the creek and the meadow to listen to echo locating bats with the Bat Detector. Parents must accompany children on all hikes. Pre-registration is required for this free program.

## **a** NATURE AFTER HOURS: FOREST EDIBLES

Thursday, August 4

6:00 - 8:30pm

Join the Friends for beer, wine, and some wild refreshments as we learn about forest edibles of the Pacific Northwest. This fun filled evening will focus on how and where such wonders of the wild can be safely procured, how to prepare these treats, and how we can integrate these delicious and healthy foods into our gardens and our diets. Don't worry though, there will also be plenty of time for snacking and socializing! Free program for adults. Beer, wine, and refreshments will be served. No registration necessary.

## **a** TRYON CREEK: BEHIND THE SCENES

Sunday, August 7

10:00 – Noon

Join the Friends for an afternoon getting to know the park as an urban ecosystem. We'll explore the park's history and investigate how it came to have a sewer line running through it. We'll then take a hike and discuss how that history relates to the current construction project and the repairs and restoration efforts that will be made as a result.

This is a free program but enrollment is limited, pre-registration is encouraged.

## **1** FAMILY CAMPFIRE ADVENTURE

Tuesday, August 16

6:30 - 8:30pm

Join park naturalists as we learn about the adaptations of nocturnal animals. We'll challenge ourselves to hike without our flashlights as we rely on our night vision. After our hike we'll sing some fun camp tunes, and enjoy the campfire with smores for dessert.

\$10/family (non-member); \$9/family (member)

Pre-registration required.

## **a** LANDSCAPING FOR CONSERVATION: NATIVE GARDEN SUPPORT

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10:00 – Noon

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## **M** MORNING BIRD WALKS AT WAPATO ACCESS GREENWAY

Saturday, June 11  
Saturday, July 9  
Saturday, August 13  
8:00 - 10:00am

Join a Park Naturalist for Morning Bird Walks at Wapato Access Greenway on Sauvie Island. These informal walks will focus on bird identification & behavior, and exploring resident bird populations. They will occur the second Saturday of each month. This event is free to the public and pre-registration is not necessary. Bring your binoculars, a water bottle, and expect to have a great time!  
**Wapato Access Greenway (Sauvie Island)**  
19101 NW Sauvie Island Rd.  
Portland, OR 97231  
503-636-9886

**Directions and Meeting Place:** After crossing the Sauvie Island Bridge, stay on NW Sauvie Island Rd. for about two miles. Stay left at the Y-intersection. The wildlife area headquarters is on the right about ¼ mile past the Y-intersection. Pass the headquarters by roughly another ¼ to ½ mile and park in the small dirt parking lot on the left side of the road. Meet at the parking lot trailhead.

## **S** Story and Stroll

Free activity for younger families (children 3-6 years old preferably). Pre-registration Required.

### **Wednesdays; 1:00 - 2:00pm**

June 1 – Rabbits  
June 8 – Trout are Made of Trees  
June 15 - The Listening Walk  
June 22 – Fox  
June 29 – If I Were an Ant  
July 6 – Create a Creek  
July 13 – Show Me the Energy  
July 20 – In a Tree  
July 27 – Camp Out!  
August 3 – Camouflage  
August 10 – Crawdad Creek  
August 17 – The Dragonfly Door  
August 24 – Hide and Snake  
August 31 – Plant Defenses

### **Fridays; 10:00 - 11:00am**

June 3 – Nature Yoga  
June 10 – Trout are Made of Trees  
June 17 - The Listening Walk  
June 24 – Fox  
July 1 – If I Were an Ant  
July 8 – Create a Creek  
July 15 – Show Me the Energy  
July 22 – In a Tree  
July 29 – Camp Out!  
August 5 – Camouflage  
August 12 – Crawdad Creek  
August 19 –The Dragonfly Door  
August 26 – Hide and Snake



## **S** Saturday Guided Nature Walks

**Saturdays; 10:00 - 11:30am**

Parents must accompany kids on all hikes. **NO LARGE GROUPS PLEASE. If you would like to arrange a time for your group please contact us at 503.636.9886 at least one week in advance.**

**NOTE: Each 'Tryon Tour of the Bridges' covers 2-3 miles and will take 2+ hrs**

June 4 – Wildflower Walk  
June 11 – Creek Critters  
June 18 – Conifers  
June 25 – Our Feathered Friends  
July 2 - Wildflower Walk  
July 9 – Creek Critters  
July 16 – Tryon Tour of the Bridges: Part 1  
July 23 –Our Feathered Friends  
July 30 – Watershed Walk  
August 6 – Wildflower Walk  
August 13 – Creek Critters  
August 20 – Tryon Tour of the Bridges: Part 2  
August 27 – Our Feathered Friends



## **J** Junior Ranger Program

Fun for ages 6-12! Join a park ranger and learn how you can help protect our natural resources, plants and animals. Participating in nature games, nature crafts and park explorations will help junior rangers earn their badge. Parents must sign a permission slip before children participate. We strongly encourage you to participate with your children but you may choose to take a walk in the park during program time.

**Saturdays; 1:00 - 2:00pm**

June 4 – Ethnobotany  
June 11 – Water Cycle  
June 18 - Busy Bees  
June 25 – Butterflies  
July 2 – Salmon Life Cycle  
July 9 – Owls  
July 16 – Ethnobotany  
July 23 – Amphibians  
July 30 – Nature Journaling  
August 6 – Map and Compass  
August 13 – Crayfish  
August 20 – Ethnobotany  
August 27 – Composting

**Sundays; 1:00 - 2:00pm**

June 5 – Invasive Weed Invaders  
June 12 – Creek Critters  
June 19 - Ethnobotany  
June 26 – Geology  
July 3 – Scavenger Hunt  
July 10 – Tracking  
July 17 – Ethnobotany  
July 24 – Conifers  
July 31 – H2O Quality Control  
August 7 – H2O Quality Control  
August 14 – Ladybugs  
August 21 – Ethnobotany  
August 28 – Banana Slugs and Sundaes:  
Junior Ranger Celebration!

# Volunteering & Stewardship Activities

Contact: Amy Hoffman at 503-636-4398 or [amy@tryonfriends.org](mailto:amy@tryonfriends.org).

## VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, June 8

6:00 - 7:30pm

Meet at the Nature Center at Tryon Creek State Natural Area

All are invited to our volunteer orientation. We will discuss a bit of park history, our mission and goals, our special relationship with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, our Watershed Council, our programs, our volunteer opportunities, and answer any questions that you may have.

Refreshments served by the Friends of Tryon Creek

Can't make it this time? No worries—we will have a volunteer orientation scheduled each season.

R.S.V.P. to Amy Hoffman at 503-636-4398 or [amy@tryonfriends.org](mailto:amy@tryonfriends.org)

## NATURE CENTER HOST LUNCHEON AND ORIENTATION

Tuesday, June 21

at Noon

Meet at the Nature Center

Current and interested new hosts are invited  
Lunch served by the Friends

Would you like to make a big impact on behalf of the Friends of Tryon Creek? Do you like to visit with people? Come to our Nature Center Host Orientation Luncheon and learn how you can help us greet our visitors and keep our Nature Center running smoothly. Nature Center Hosts work at the front desk and gain valuable experience answering phones, selling merchandise, working with visitors, and supporting staff with projects. Help us share our story and orientate people to the park and our programs. This is a very important part of our organization as you are truly the face of the Friends and will help build lasting relationships with our visitors.

R.S.V.P. to Amy Hoffman at 503-636-4398 or [amy@tryonfriends.org](mailto:amy@tryonfriends.org)

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUMMER PARTY

Wednesday, July 27

6:30 - 9:00pm

Dancing from 7-9pm in the shelter  
Dessert and beverages served by the Friends

Let's enjoy a summer evening together and celebrate all of the wonderful contributions given to the park by all of you, our outstanding volunteers! Meet new people and connect with old friends while learning some new dance steps. Bob Laughland will lead line dancing (The Electric Slide, Samba Line Dance, Mambo #5, and Boot Scooting Boogie). He has graciously volunteered his time to honor our volunteers by teaching you all some new moves. Partners are not necessary and all can join in.

Bob and Nancy have been dancing for 25 years, and Bob has been teaching ballroom dance in Portland for the last 10 years. He is a regular teacher at the Multnomah Athletic Club and he teaches through the school year at Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation. He also teaches the "Friday Night Dance Class" for 7th and 8th graders—a Portland tradition!—every fall. Bob and Nancy also teach Ballroom classes on cruises every year.

Please R.S.V.P. to Amy Hoffman at [amy@tryonfriends.org](mailto:amy@tryonfriends.org) or 503-636-4398.

Family and/or friends are welcome—please include with your final head count to Amy

## FOREST MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

Do you enjoy music and the outdoors? Share your time and outgoing personality with the park later this summer by helping us make our music concert series safe and fun for all park visitors. Volunteers direct traffic and guide people into appropriate parking spaces. Volunteers are provided an orange safety vest and communicate with other volunteers via walkie-talkies. This is a short and sweet opportunity to get involved with no commitment necessary outside of your 2 hour shift. Training provided.

Volunteers are needed: Every Sunday from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm

Special evening concert July 30<sup>th</sup> needs volunteers from 6pm to 8pm

Contact Amy Hoffman at [amy@tryonfriends.org](mailto:amy@tryonfriends.org) or 503-636-4398 to sign up.



## STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

9:00 - Noon

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays are always ivy pulls and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays may be trail maintenance in the winter

Pull together to remove invasive English ivy and to protect our forest. Ivy outcompetes our native plants, covers the tree canopy, stops photosynthesis, takes over the forest floor, and ruins precious habitat.

- Registration is not required but please call ahead with groups of 5 or more
- ALL MINORS must be checked in at the Nature Center with their minor's insurance form signed by a parent/guardian
- Anyone under 16 MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Gloves and a light snack provided
- Please bring your own water bottle
- Please dress for the weather, to get dirty, and to be off trail (sturdy shoes and long pants are strongly suggested)
- Be prepared for a 15-20 minute hike to worksite.

We have lots of fun and hope to see you on a Saturday! Questions? Contact Amy Hoffman at 503-636-4398 or [amy@tryonfriends.org](mailto:amy@tryonfriends.org)

## Dates

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Ivy Pull

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Ivy Pull

July 9<sup>th</sup> – Ivy Pull

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ivy Pull

August 13<sup>th</sup> – Ivy Pull

August 27<sup>th</sup> – Ivy Pull

# Volunteers Make it Happen

## 2011 Trillium Festival Highlights

Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Trillium Festival and Native & Hardy Plant Sale was a huge success thanks to our hard-working volunteers. Over 100 Festival volunteers helped with the plant sale, education activities, parking and directing traffic, general hospitality, raffle sales and membership throughout the weekend. I hope you all had a good time and got a chance to enjoy the festival yourself. All proceeds raised will go directly to supporting our Education, Stewardship, and Volunteer programs. Below you will see volunteers in action at this year's event.

Hope to see you all at the park soon!

- Amy Hoffman, Volunteer Coordinator



**Marcia Hollander, our hard-working volunteer Kitchen Manager fed festival volunteers, keeping them nourished and very happy again this year**



**Tessa McAllister entertained many kids and their families while helping with face painting and education activities in the classroom**



**Carolyn Vernon provided her usual top-notch visitor services and cashiering expertise while keeping things running smoothly in our Nature Center store**



**Leanne Hartman, a floater volunteer, saved the day by jumping into our raffle and enthusiastically selling opportunities to win some fabulous prizes**



**Patrick Rowe and Darren Weirnick, two of our board members, showcased their dedication to the park and encouraged others to join the Friends through our membership program**



**Brandon Watkins donated his muscles to our Native Plant Sale by carrying plants to festival visitor's cars**

# Volunteer & Stewardship News and Updates

## BUSINESS & SCHOOL GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

A big thank you to all of the school, business, and community groups that continue to support our Stewardship programs by helping us remove invasive species such as English ivy here in the park. Below you will see a few group highlights.



Portland Community College students and staff rolled up their sleeves and pulled together to remove invasive English ivy



Catlin Gable students reap the rewards of their hard work by taking an ivy break to jump rope with one of their vines



Waggener-Edstrom Worldwide celebrate Earth Day by giving back to Tryon Creek

## JUST FOR VOLUNTEERS: CHAMPOEG STATE HERITAGE AREA FIELDTRIP



Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Meeting time at the Nature Center to be determined

As I have chatted with many of you throughout the years I am always surprised by how many of our volunteers are not familiar with Champoeg State Heritage Area and their Friends group. On Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> I intend to remedy that. Please join us for a special adventure about 30 minutes down I-5 south to Champoeg. This park offers several miles of walking and bike paths, beautiful views of the

Willamette River, a Disc Golf course, Oregon oak and ash trees, and opportunities to view wildlife. This fieldtrip will also provide a special opportunity for our volunteers to connect with the Friends of Champoeg group and get a taste for the programming at the park. They too have a visitor center, a new exhibit within their center, education programs, and special events. Their Friends group will deliver a place-based program to compliment our Friends' trip.

**Please bring binoculars, sunglasses, suntan lotion (because it will be sunny!), rain gear just in case, snacks, and water/drinks. I will provide lunch. We will carpool from Tryon.**

**R.S.V.P. to Amy Hoffman at 503-636-4398 or [amy@tryonfriends.org](mailto:amy@tryonfriends.org)**

**To learn more about Champoeg State Heritage Area**

**please visit: [http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park\\_113.php](http://www.oregonstateparks.org/park_113.php)**

## TRILLIUM FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: JOAN DECHAIINE



Hats are off to Joan DeChaine who has run our annual plant sale at the Trillium Festival for 20 years now! We could not have done it without her connections and relationships with the vendors, her passion for gardening with native plants, her dynamic attention to details, and her overall dedication to the Friends and the park.

Joan's energy is amazing as she orders all the plants, organizes the plant deliveries, helps to advertise the sale, as well as working with us to plan the event. She is here leading the plant sale set-up on Friday not to mention running the sale throughout the weekend. She is a joy to work with and truly an inspiration to us all. We are eternally grateful for all of her hard work!

Joan DeChaine with her plaque given to her by the 2011 Trillium Festival plant vendors honoring all her hard work over the years

Thank you Joan!!

**Want to Get Involved?**

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# Supporting the Friends

## THINK ABOUT A LASTING GIFT TO THE FRIENDS OF TRYON CREEK

Many of us might think that our estates are not “vast” enough to consider that a charitable gift is even possible. But if you own a home at the minimum, you have assets that could be turned into direct support for an organization you care about. Making a Planned Gift as part of your personal estate planning effort could be a way to connect you to the Friends of Tryon Creek into the future, providing needed support so the Friends can continue to operate and offer the quality programs we’ve become known for. If you have any questions about planned giving or want to find out how you can make this happen, feel free to contact David at 503 636-4398.

## STEPPING UP TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS

Thanks to Founders Circle members and some corporate champions who have stepped up to support the Friends in a major way. Founders Circle members renewals include **Margot Dewart, Dr. Michael and Ruth Brodeur, Donna and Richard Peach, Phil Richman, Ramona Svendgard and Jeff Lang and Stephanie and Rick Wagner.** Businesses that have shown their strong support include **The Standard, REI, New Seasons Market, Moss Adams and the Backyard Bird Shop,** all of whom helped make the Trillium Festival a huge success.

## Contributions from January 16<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Please let us know if you have inadvertently been left off this list.  
Recent contributions will be noted in our next newsletter.

### Contributions

#### Founders Circle \$1,000 - \$1499

Margot Dewart

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**Helene Bremmer;** Fred Stokeld  
**Laura Harris and Thyryza Pelling;** Jean Fitzgerald

## Who are the Friends of Tryon Creek State Park?

The Friends of Tryon Creek State Park, in collaboration with Oregon State Parks, strive to provide world-class interpretive and educational experiences to visitors of the park; act as a natural history resource to families, teachers and students throughout the Portland Metro-region; enrich the health of visitors of all ages by maintaining trails for walkers and horseback-riders; and are a leader and partner in the protection, restoration and conservation of this park and the watershed it resides within.

## Mission

To conserve and enhance the natural resources, and promote the educational, interpretive and recreational programs of Tryon Creek State Park.

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# Summer Calendar of Events

JUNE

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC	NOTES
2	Thu	6:00pm	Nature After Hours	Attracting Native Pollinators	A free adult program, No registration necessary
4	Sat	7:00pm	Night Senses Hike	Celebrate State Parks Day	This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.
8	Wed	6:00pm	Volunteering	Volunteer Orientation	RSVP with Amy at amy@tryonfriends.org
11	Sat	8:00am	Special Guided Walk	Morning Bird Walks at Wapato	Meets at the Wapato Access Greenway on Sauvie's Island. See description page 9.
11	Sat	9:00am	Volunteering	Stewardship Saturdays - Ivy Pull	Minor forms required. Youth 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
15	Wed	6:30pm	Special Event	State of the Watershed	This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.
17	Fri	TBA	Volunteer Appreciation	Field Trip	RSVP with Amy at amy@tryonfriends.org
21	Tues	12:00pm	Volunteering	Nature Centure Host luncheon	RSVP with Amy at amy@tryonfriends.org
21	Tues	7:00pm	Family Event	Summer Solstice Celebration	Pre-registration required. This is a free program but enrollment is limited.
23	Thu	10:00am	Kids in Nature	What's in all those Holes?	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
25	Sat	9:00am	Volunteering	Stewardship Saturdays - Ivy Pull	Minor forms required. Youth 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
28	Tues	6:30pm	Family Event	Family Campfire Adventure	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
30	Thu	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Wiggly Worms	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.

JULY

3	Sun	2:00pm	Family Event	Family Fun with Worm Bins	\$20 Fee includes materials for worm bin and covers one adult and one child. Pre-registration required.
7	Thu	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Crayfish	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
9	Sat	8:00am	Special Guided Walk	Morning Bird Walks at Wapato	Meets at the Wapato Access Greenway on Sauvie's Island. See description page 9.
9	Sat	9:00am	Volunteering	Stewardship Saturdays - Ivy Pull	Minor forms required. Youth 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
9	Sat	10:00am	Adult Workshop	How to Draw Birds	Registration required. Please register with Portland Community College - 971-722-4234
10	Sun	1:00pm	Adult Workshop	Landscaping for Conservation	This is a free program but enrollment is limited, pre-registration is encouraged.
14	Thu	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Birds Nests	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
16	Sat	3:00pm	Family Event	Dutch Oven Cooking	This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.
17	Sun	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Berry Bonanza	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
17	Sun	2:00pm	Adult Workshop	Native Garden Support	This is a free program but enrollment is limited, pre-registration is encouraged.
19	Tue	6:30pm	Family Event	Family Campfire Adventure	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
21	Thu	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Hawks	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
23	Sat	9:00am	Volunteering	Stewardship Saturdays - Ivy Pull	Minor forms required. Youth 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
23	Sat	10:00am	Adult Workshop	How to Draw Cats	Registration required. Please register with Portland Community College - 971-722-4234
27	Wed	6:30pm	Volunteer Appreciation	Summer Appreciation Party	RSVP with Amy at amy@tryonfriends.org

# Tryon Creek State Natural Area

AUGUST

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC	NOTES
28	Thu	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Plant Defenses	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
30	Sat	10:00am	Family Event	Sustainability Day	Fun, free hands-on activities for the entire family.
30	Sat	7:00pm	Forest Music	Puddin' River Jazz Band	Free, family concert
31	Sun	2:00pm	Forest Music	Innisfree Traditional Irish	Free, family concert
3	Wed	7:30am	Family Event	Bat Chat Night Hike	Pre-registration is required for this free program.
4	Thu	6:00pm	Nature After Hours	Forest Edibles	A free adult program, No registration necessary
7	Sun	10:00am	Adult Workshop	Tryon Creek: Behind the Scenes	This is a free program but enrollment is limited, pre-registration is encouraged.
7	Sun	2:00pm	Forest Music	TBA	Free, family concert
11	Thu	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Water Striders	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
13	Sat	8:00am	Special Guided Walk	Morning Bird Walks at Wapato	Meets at the Wapato Access Greenway on Sauvie's Island. See description page 9.
13	Sat	9:00am	Volunteering	Stewardship Saturdays - Ivy Pull	Minor forms required. Youth 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
14	Sun	2:00pm	Forest Music	Millenium Clarinets	Free, family concert
16	Tues	6:30pm	Family Event	Family Campfire Adventure	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
18	Thu	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Banana Slugs	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
21	Sun	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Meadow Dwellers	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
21	Sun	2:00pm	Forest Music	Sweet Thunder Jazz	Free, family concert
25	Thu	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Rabbits	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
27	Sat	9:00am	Volunteering	Stewardship Saturdays - Ivy Pull	Minor forms required. Youth 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
28	Sun	10:00am	Adult Workshop	Native Garden Support	This is a free program but enrollment is limited, pre-registration is encouraged.
28	Sun	2:00pm	Forest Music	Connie Bieberach / Armonia	Free, family concert

## Also

<b>Wednesdays</b>	1:00pm	<b>Story and Stroll</b>	Every Wednesday from June 1 - August 31
<b>Wednesdays</b>	7:00pm	<b>Evening Guided Walk</b>	Every Wednesday starting June 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Fridays</b>	10:00am	<b>Story and Stroll</b>	Every Friday from June 3 - August 26
<b>Saturdays</b>	10:00am	<b>Nature Guide Walk</b>	Every Saturday from June 4 - August 27
<b>Saturdays</b>	1:00pm	<b>JR Ranger Program</b>	Every Saturday from June 4 - August 27
<b>Sundays</b>	1:00pm	<b>JR Ranger Program</b>	Every Sunday from June 5 - August 28

See page 9 for descriptions

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## Visiting the Park

Tryon Creek State Natural Area is a 675 acre day use area approximately 15 minutes from downtown Portland. There are 8 miles of hiking trails and 3.5 miles of horse trails. Pets **on leash** are welcome in the park. Please keep pets (and yourselves) out of the Creek. Although a State Natural Area there is no day use fee.

### Directions

The main entrance to the park is along Terwilliger Blvd. east of Barbur Blvd. between the Boones Ferry-Terwilliger fork and State Street (HWY 43). The park is accessible from I-5 at Exit 297.

### Hours

Park: 7:00am to Dusk

Nature Center: 9:00am - 4:00pm Every Day

### Contact and Address Information

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