



Nature, even better

You may notice changes afoot at Blue Lake. Thanks to voters, Metro is making your regional parks and natural areas healthier, safer and more fun for all. A 2013 levy allows Metro to restore habitat, add visitor amenities and improve maintenance at parks and natural areas across the region.



Park guidelines

- Park closes at legal sunset.
- Reservations are necessary for picnic shelter areas and for groups of 25 or more; call 503-665-4995.
- Pets are not allowed in any of Metro's parks or natural areas in order to protect wildlife.
- Metal detectors, firearms (including BB guns) and fireworks are prohibited.
- Fishing regulated by Oregon state laws. Children under 13 can fish without a license.
- No personal watercraft allowed on lake May 1 to Sept. 30. Watercraft allowed on lake Oct. 1 to April 30 for angling only.
- Alcohol, music and amplified sound is permitted only in designated areas with a park-issued permit and paid reservation.
- Campfires are not permitted. Barbecues are provided for cooking at designated picnic areas.
- Please do not disturb or remove landscaped plants and trees or any flowers in the park or demonstration garden.

Swimming guidelines

- Swimming is only allowed at the swim beach.
- Swim at your own risk; no lifeguards are present.
- Life vests and personal flotation devices are recommended. Never swim alone.
- Be aware that the shallow water in Blue Lake deepens quickly.
- Children under the age of 5 are not allowed in the lake.
- Outdoor swimming in cold water saps body heat. Test the temperature and wade in slowly.
- Maintain constant supervision of children.
- Most importantly, if you feel uncomfortable in a specific area, trust your instincts and get out of the water.