



Metro

Chehalem Ridge

Chehalem Ridge Nature Park: a place to protect, connect with nature

Thanks to voters, regional parks and natural areas are getting healthier and more fun. A 2013 levy allows Metro to restore habitat, add visitor amenities and improve maintenance at sites across the Portland metropolitan area.

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Help shape one of the greater Portland region's most spectacular outdoor destinations: Chehalem Ridge.

Rising above Forest Grove, this breathtaking forest offers views from the Cascades to the Coast Range. Streams flow to the Tualatin River, which provides drinking water for hundreds of thousands of people. Native plants and animals depend on habitat here to travel to Wapato Lake and the Tualatin River floodplain, including the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge.

When Metro purchased Chehalem Ridge in 2010, it was a commercial timber farm – proposed for development as rural estate homes. Voter investments made it possible for Metro to protect the landscape for future generations and begin the transition to a healthy, mature forest. Restoration is already getting rid of weeds, helping native plants thrive and attracting wildlife.

Now, it's time to welcome visitors to enjoy this special place. Let's make the most of Chehalem Ridge!

Fulfilling Metro's promises

Metro Parks and Nature protects clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, and creates opportunities to enjoy nature close to home through a connected system of parks, trails and natural areas.

Over the past 25 years, voters have made this mission a reality by approving two bond measures to purchase natural areas – and, in 2013, a levy to care for this growing portfolio of land. All three voter investments have called for public access as an important part of Metro's work.

Chehalem Ridge is poised to be one of the crown jewels of Metro Parks and Nature, allowing people to connect with nature in a place that supports clean water and healthy wildlife.

What can Chehalem Ridge become?

Community ideas and participation this year will help create a master plan to guide the future of Chehalem Ridge.

In the short term, Metro will focus on low-cost, low-maintenance improvements like trails, signage and parking. The master plan could call for more significant amenities as funding becomes available in the future.