

Guided nature programs

Metro naturalists conduct guided nature programs throughout the year at Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area. Subscribe to the Metro GreenScene, a quarterly calendar of nature activities and volunteer opportunities all over the region, by calling 503-797-1850. You also can find the listings in Metro's online calendar at www.oregonmetro.gov/greenscene.

Field trips

To arrange an educational field trip with Metro naturalists for your school or group, call 503-972-8543 or send email to sandra.jamison@oregonmetro.gov.

About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy, and sustainable transportation and living choices for people and businesses in the region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges and opportunities that affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to providing services, operating venues and making decisions about how the region grows. Metro works with communities to support a resilient economy, keep nature close by and respond to a changing climate. Together we're making a great place, now and for generations to come.

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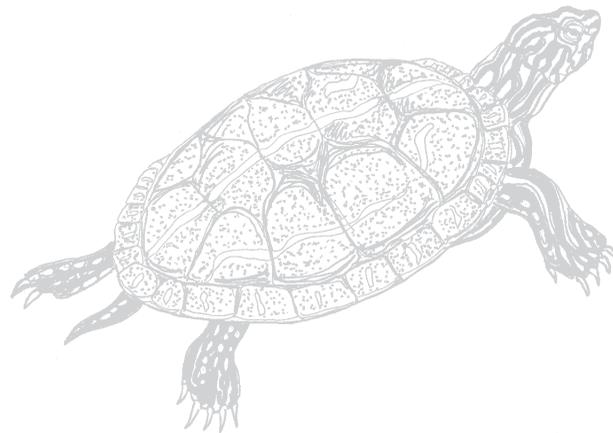
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Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area

5300 North Marine Drive
Portland, Oregon

Wildlife Checklist



At nearly 2,000 acres, Metro's Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area is the largest protected wetland within an American city. Most visitors to the natural area are surprised to find beaver, river otter, black-tailed deer, osprey, bald eagles and Western painted turtles living in an area surrounded by port terminals and warehouses, just minutes from downtown Portland.

Exploring the natural area

Wind your way through the wetlands on the Interlakes Trail, a flat, paved, trail that includes two wildlife viewing platforms. A boat launch for kayaks and canoes on the north shore of Smith Lake provides an opportunity to experience the natural area from the water.

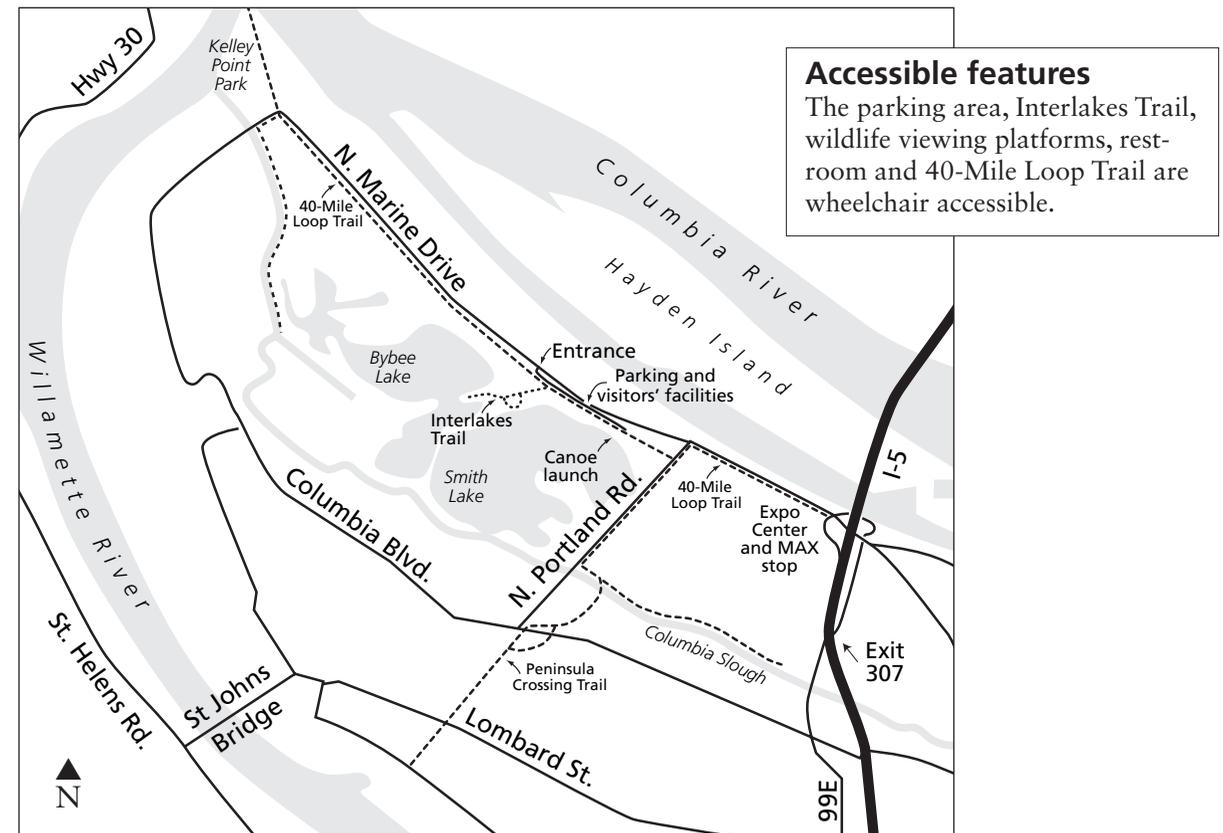
The natural area is open every day during daylight hours; seasonal hours are posted. Leave pets at home.

Getting there

The natural area is located on North Marine Drive between the Expo Center and Kelley Point Park. By car, take I-5 to exit 307 and go west for 2.2 miles.

Cyclists and pedestrians can get to the natural area using the 40-Mile Loop Trail, which connects to MAX Yellow Line and the Peninsula Crossing Trail.

Traveling to the natural area by bicycle is encouraged, but bikes are not allowed on the Interlakes Trail. Bike racks are available.



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Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area includes open water, marshes, meadows and wetland forests. This rich diversity of habitats attracts a wide variety of wildlife, most noticeably the 100 types of birds regularly seen during the year. The most common mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish are listed here.

Mammals

Most mammals are nocturnal, secretive and hard to see. Look for signs of their presence – tracks, trails, scat, chewings, etc. All mammals except bats are residents all year.

- Virginia opossum
- Trowbridge's shrew
- Townsend's mole
- Bats (several species)
- Eastern cottontail rabbit (introduced)
- Deer mouse
- Townsend's vole ("meadow mouse")
- Beaver
- Nutria (introduced)
- Muskrat
- Red fox
- Coyote
- River otter
- Mink
- Long-tailed weasel
- Short-tailed weasel (ermine)
- Raccoon
- Black-tailed deer

Birds

Birds vary greatly with the seasons. Birds are most likely to be seen:

- Y = all year
- W = winter resident; October – March
- S = summer resident; April – September
- M = migrant, pass through in spring and fall; April, May, September, October

Waterfowl

- Canada goose..... Y
- Cackling goose..... W
- Wood duck Y
- Mallard..... Y
- Northern pintail..... W
- Northern shoveler..... W
- American wigeon W

- Gadwall W
- Green-winged teal..... W
- Cinnamon teal S
- Canvasback..... W
- Lesser scaup W
- Ring-necked duck W
- Bufflehead W
- Common merganser..... W
- Hooded merganser..... W
- Ruddy duck W

Other water birds

- Pied-billed grebe..... Y
- Double-crested cormorant..... Y
- Great blue heron Y
- Great egret Y
- Green heron S
- American coot..... Y

Gulls and terns

- Glaucous-winged gull..... W
- Ring-billed gull W
- California gull..... W
- Caspian tern..... S

Shorebirds

- Killdeer Y
- Greater yellowlegs..... M
- Lesser yellowlegs..... M
- Spotted sandpiper Y
- Western sandpiper..... M
- Long-billed dowitcher..... M
- Wilson's (common) snipe S

Birds of prey

- Turkey vulture..... S
- Osprey S
- Bald eagle..... Y
- Northern harrier Y
- Sharp-shinned hawk..... Y
- Cooper's hawk Y
- Red-tailed hawk..... Y
- American kestrel Y
- Peregrine falcon Y
- Great horned owl..... Y

Doves

- Mourning dove Y
- Eurasian collared-dove..... Y

Swifts and hummingbirds

- Vaux's swift..... S
- Rufous hummingbird..... S

Kingfishers

- Belted kingfisher..... Y

Woodpeckers

- Pileated woodpecker Y
- Downy woodpecker Y
- Northern flicker Y

Jays and crows

- Stellar's jay Y
- Western scrub jay Y
- American crow..... Y

Flycatchers

- Western wood pewee..... S
- Pacific slope flycatcher S
- Willow flycatcher S

Swallows

- Tree swallow S
- Violet-green swallow..... S
- Barn swallow S
- Cliff swallow..... S

Chickadees and similar families

- Black-capped chickadee Y
- Bushtit Y
- Brown creeper..... Y
- Golden-crowned kinglet..... W
- Ruby-crowned kinglet..... M, W

Wrens

- Bewick's wren Y
- House wren..... S
- Pacific (winter) wren W
- Marsh wren Y

Thrushes

- American robin..... Y
- Varied thrush W
- Swainson's thrush..... S
- Hermit thrush M

Waxwings and starlings

- Cedar waxwing..... Y
- European starling (introduced) Y

Warblers and vireos

- Warbling vireo M
- Yellow-rumped warbler..... M, W
- Yellow warbler..... S
- Wilson's warbler S
- Common yellowthroat S
- Orange-crowned warbler M
- Black-throated gray warbler..... M

Blackbirds and tanagers

- Red-winged blackbird Y
- Brown-headed cowbird S
- Bullock's oriole..... S
- Western tanager M

Sparrows and finches

- Spotted (rufous-sided) towhee Y
- Song sparrow Y
- Fox sparrow..... W
- Savannah sparrow..... S
- White-crowned sparrow..... Y
- Golden-crowned sparrow..... W
- Dark-eyed junco..... W
- House sparrow..... Y
- Black-headed grosbeak..... S
- House finch..... Y
- American goldfinch Y

Reptiles

(seen March–October)

- Western painted turtle
- Northwestern garter snake
- Common garter snake

Fish

- Chinook salmon
- Threespine stickleback

(all of the following fish are introduced)

- Carp
- Largemouth bass
- Black crappie
- Brown bullhead (catfish)

Amphibians

- Long-toed salamander
- Pacific chorus frog
- Bullfrog (introduced)

