

MAKING A GREAT PLACE



Whether you're in the mood for a short hike or a weekend camping trip, a boat ride or a picnic, Metro has a destination for you. You'll share the landscape with salmon swimming in restored streams, birds streaking across the sky and giant old oak trees towering overhead.

Thanks to voters, you can explore 17,000 acres of regional parks, trails and natural areas across the Portland metropolitan region. You also have opportunities to take nature classes and volunteer at these special places.

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Why provide access?



The North Tualatin Mountains Natural Area preserves valuable habitat, streams and biodiversity corridors between Forest Park and the Coast Range. Protecting habitat and water quality here is Metro's first priority.

With careful planning, it's possible to create opportunities for people to enjoy nature while also protecting it. Access to nature supports healthy, active lifestyles and provides places for peace, quiet and renewal. The North Tualatin Mountains are an opportunity for all to share in these benefits.

Metro intends to develop access to these sites in a sensitive and balanced way that ensures healthy habitats and meaningful experiences with nature. In approving investments in parks and nature, voters in the region supported habitat restoration and public access.

1995 Open Spaces Bond Measure

"Provide areas for walking, picnicking and other outdoor recreation."

2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure

"Public Access: Provides opportunities for nature based recreation activities near where people live."

"Limited improvements can be made with bond funds to lands in target areas to provide public access, use and enjoyment of these sites in the future."

"Public use facilities such as trailheads, restrooms, picnic tables and shelters, children's play areas, viewing blinds, water systems, camp sites and barbeque pits, fishing piers, associated accessories such as information signs, fences,

security lighting, and circulation facilities (i.e. entry, egress, and circulation roads, parking areas.), trail design, engineering, construction and landscaping."

2013 Parks and Natural Areas Levy

Agency Creek (former name of Burlington Creek)/McCarthy Creek: "Various parcels near to but outside of Forest Park are currently or could be used by walkers or cyclists to access nature close to Portland. Access to the site is challenging and there may be opportunities to enhance use. Over the past decade the demand for single track mountain biking trails has increased. This project would explore the potential to provide quality cycling and hiking experiences for formal single track cycling and walking trails, and as appropriate, construct the facilities."

