



## Group Volunteer Opportunities at Metro

### Restore, explore, and come back for more

Metro works with community organizations, educational groups and businesses to provide hands-on service learning & teambuilding activities. We work in collaboration with service clubs, faith-based organizations, classes, youth groups to provide safe, accessible opportunities to participate in our nature spaces.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Metro. Volunteers are an important part of taking care of our public lands. We appreciate people who donate the gift of their time with us.

When we are coordinating volunteer groups, one of our goals is to meet the needs of our sites and the projects actively needing community support. However, if none of these feel like a fit, please let us know and we can explore other options with our staff so that we can provide you and your group with a meaningful experience.



Gloves, tools, training, parking, water, and snacks are provided for all volunteer activities.

Volunteer projects depend on the season and availability of the site. Here are some opportunities at our popular locations:

#### **[Howell Territorial Park](#), 13901 NW Howell Park Rd., Portland**

*(any sized groups, 5-150)*

This serene 120-acre park can accommodate the needs of large groups. This site has an accessible kitchen and indoor gathering space. If you're a school group, we can assist in connecting this project with the [Sauvie Island Center](#) for educational opportunities.

- Pulling invasive blackberry vines from an established hedgerow of native plants
- Tools, gloves, snacks, water and support provided.

#### **[Native Plant Center](#), 2661 SW Borland Rd, Tualatin**

*(best for groups up to 15)*

Help care for rare native plants that support regional restoration projects. No experience is needed—we are happy to teach if you're excited to learn!

- Weeding, watering, seed cleaning, seed harvesting.
- Several Saturdays a month to choose from, or on weekdays with prior arrangement.

**Smith and Bybee Wetlands, 5300 N. Marine Drive, Portland**

*(best for groups 20-40)*

One of Portland's best kept secrets. If your group is interested, we can assist in bringing out [our naturalists to create a program](#) for your group.

- Creating nature habitats close to trails for animals, with materials such as rocks and logs
- Trash pickup and building preventative structures along the highway
- Anchoring turtle habitats for basking

**Blue Lake Park, 21224 NE Blue Lake Road, Fairview**

*(any sized group from 5 - 150)*

Projects at this site support the wet-land habitats and beautify the park for visitors:

- Remove habitat-threatening invasive species, such as Himalayan blackberry, holly and ivy.
- Maintain the Natural Discovery garden with weeding and mulching.
- Paint, rake, clean, clear and prepare park shelters and grounds for spring visitors.



**Broughton Beach, 4356 NE Marine Drive,  
Portland**

*(best for groups up to 50)*

Long known as a gathering place for groups and partying around bonfires, projects at this site would primarily focus on cleaning up the beach.

- Landscaping, cutting back invasive species that encroach on the site.
- Site maintenance, revitalizing park amenities such as tables and benches.
- Picking up microplastics and trash in the park and along the trail

**Glendoveer Nature Trail, 14015 NE Glisan St.,  
Portland**

*(any sized group from 5 – 150)*

Surrounded by sequoias, big leaf maples, cedars, and Douglas firs, projects would be focused on the areas around 2-mile trail.

- Trail maintenance, potentially laying woodchips.
- Site maintenance, with painting or fixing benches, sign cleaning, and other trail amenities.
- Invasive plant removal.
- Trash pickup along the edges of the park.
- In walking distance to Trimet bus routes 73, 25, 77, and the MAX Blue Line

**Oxbow Park, 3010 SE Oxbow Park Rd, Gresham**

*(best for groups up to 50)*

In 1,000 acres of river and forest, you're sheltered from the rush of city life in the most extraordinary site along the wild and scenic Sandy River. If you're planning a whole day trip, this site is perfect for picnics, swimming, and hiking afterwards.

- Trail work, native plant care, invasive removal and/or campground clean-up.
- Building fences for public safety
- Carpooling is suggested for this site, parking is free for volunteers at this site



**Nature is for everyone**

If you need any assistance in planning or participating in an event, please email us about how we can meet you and your groups' needs. Metro can offer a variety of ways to assist in the coordination of your event, and we would like to hear more about what you would need from us to make an excellent work day.

Contact our team:

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503-813-7505

If you're interested in organizing a group event, please fill our form:

<https://tinyurl.com/yxnv2z5g>