



Cultural resource use permit policy

Metro manages public lands that have a unique relationship to the Native American community. The public sites that Metro manages are part of lands ceded from regional tribes, and we strive to coordinate with the Native American community to facilitate culturally appropriate access to the parks and natural areas that Metro manages on behalf of the public. This may include cultural events, culturally significant plant material harvesting or utilizing a Metro park or natural area for ceremony space.

CULTURAL RESOURCE USE POLICY

1. Metro is committed to cultivating diversity, advancing equity and practicing inclusion in all of its work.
2. Metro manages 17,000 acres of regional public parks and natural areas that are ceded lands from regional tribal nations. Metro strives to work with the Native American community to coordinate culturally appropriate access to these parks and natural areas.
3. Culturally appropriate access may include cultural events, culturally significant plant material harvesting, or utilizing a Metro park or natural area for ceremony space.
4. Early notification about your cultural resource use needs helps us plan better and accommodate your needs.
5. Metro's Indigenous Community Liaison will work directly with each permit applicant to coordinate their use.
6. Metro's Indigenous Community Liaison will review the Cultural Resource Use application within 10 business days of receipt of the application. A Metro director or designee may approve the permit, approve the permit with conditions, or deny the permit request depending on site-specific restoration priorities. To learn more about resource protection, see page 15 of the Special Use Permit Guide.

CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT PLANT MATERIAL HARVESTING

7. For culturally significant plant material harvesting, the Permittee will work with the Indigenous Community Liaison to visit the site before the planned harvest date to map out areas for harvesting based on the health of the harvest species at that time.
8. The Indigenous Community Liaison will coordinate with Metro's site conservation managers to coordinate plant collection based on seasonal abundance and conservation priorities.
9. Only hand-powered collection of seed and plants will be permitted.
10. A copy of the permit with specified provisions and a map will be maintained by the Metro natural areas land manager. A second copy of the permit will be in the possession of the Permittee/harvester/collector while on site collecting or scouting seed and/or plant materials.

PRICING POLICY

Because this type of use is culturally significant and educational, the fee is waived for a Cultural Resource Use Permit.