



CHEHALEM RIDGE NATURE PARK

Self-guided tour

- 1 As a sky clearing opens past the Doug-fir-tree-lined park entrance, look for the first of three steel sculptures. The first of the “Three Elders” stands with the message of welcoming and protecting space.
- 2 Follow the gravel path along **Timber Road** and turn left on **Castor Trail** (castor is Spanish for beaver). **Castor Trail** brings you near the edge of the stream where this crepuscular critter can occasionally be seen harvesting willow meals and constructing dams, altering their home waterways.
- 3 Take a right on **Woodland Trail** and cross over **Timber Road** to **Ammefu Trail**. The second of the “Three Elders” is designed with wapato leaves that hold recognition for the relationship held between Wapato Lake, wapato as a first food, and the Indigenous peoples of this space—the Kalapuya—since time immemorial.
- 4 Just past the **Witches Butter Trail** is a shrubby clearing. Looking north, you can see volcanoes in the distance on a clear day.
- 5 The **Chehalem Ridge Trail** takes you to the **Madrona Trail**, which leads you to some of the most diverse habitats in the park. Look for Oregon white oaks and Pacific madrone trees as well as large patches of native shrubs that are a magnet for dozens of bird species, coyotes, and the elusive alligator lizard.
- 6 Continuing on to the high point of the park via the **Mampat Trail**, the screen of young Douglas fir trees falls away to reveal a panoramic view of the Tualatin Valley and Coast Range. The third and final steel statue contains dentillium — a seashell used as traditional money — in its chest, a nod to the traditional stories of this place and its people. From the observation point, watch as the winter Wapato Lake basin in the Tualatin Valley fills up once again, repeating a pattern that has happened for thousands of years.



Chehalem Ridge Nature Park Opening Celebration

Friday
June 17, 2022
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Welcome to Chehalem Ridge Nature Park

Chehalem Ridge Nature Park is here because of you! Metro was able to purchase land for the park thanks to voters choosing to invest in nature. Community members from across Washington County created the vision for the park and guided park planners to design a park for you. And you make this park a special place by visiting and making memories here.

Shuttle bus info

Free shuttles will run every 30 to 45 minutes from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. between Centro Cultural and Chehalem Ridge Nature Park. Starting at 3:30 p.m., the shuttles will be drop-off only.

Don't get left behind! The last shuttle will leave Chehalem Ridge Nature Park at 4 p.m.

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Opening celebration

Wildlife scientist

 Meet a Metro Wildlife Scientist at the Woodland/ Ammefu trail intersection to learn more about wildlife in the park. Binoculars and field guides will be provided. All ages. Includes sloped areas.



Photo booth
all day



Breath & movement
10, 10:45,
11:30, 3:15



Community resource tables
all day



Craft activities
all day



Mainstage & DJ
10 - 1:30,
3 - 4



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Metro welcome table
First aid and emergency gathering spot



Trailhead

Guided nature walks

Join Metro staff for a leisurely 50-minute stroll along the trails of Chehalem Ridge and learn about how the park will be conserved for future generations. Easy-moderate walks. (For self-guided walks, see reverse.)

10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. (bilingual), 3 p.m.

Park dedication and remarks
2 - 3 p.m.



atuchip
3 - 4 p.m.

In place of a ribbon cutting, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will share an activity based on the Tualatin Kalapuya people's cultural practice of **atuchip** (a-dOO-chip)—“heaping up of earth and rocks.”

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Equestrian lot
Meet a horse!

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TIMBER ROAD

To SW Dixon Mill Rd

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Sensory-friendly station



Food
all day