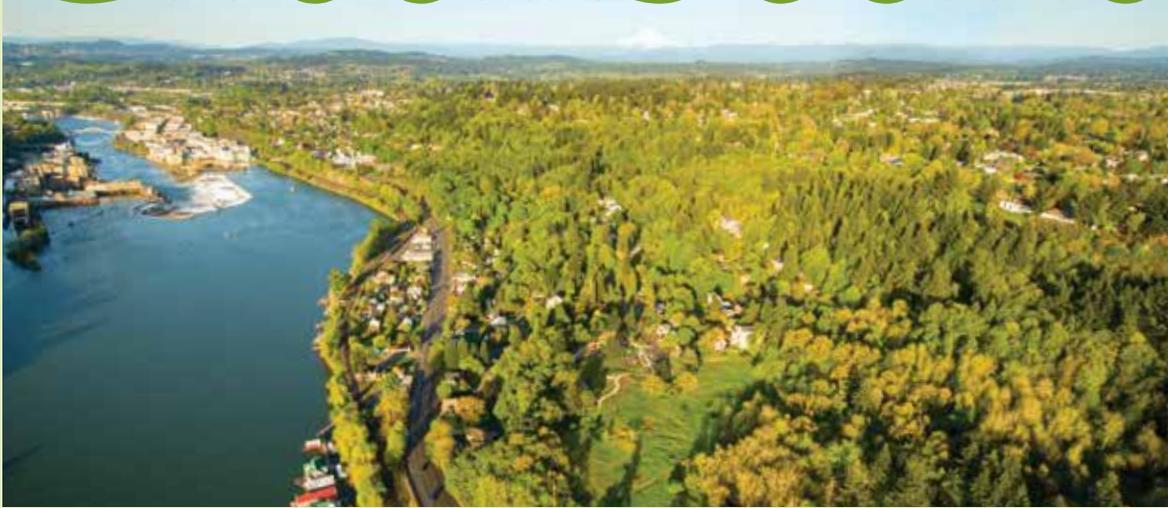


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Making a splash for 50 years: *Blue Lake and Oxbow celebrate milestones*

Fifty years is the golden anniversary. But blue and green are a better match for Oxbow and Blue Lake regional parks, as each celebrates half a century as public destinations.

Since 1963 Oregonians have trekked to Oxbow to canoe the Sandy River, cast a line into its ripples and relax along its shores – and, on hot summer days, escape into a towering forest before returning to their campsites. At Blue Lake, visitors paddle, picnic in the shade, play disc golf or horseshoes, and dig and explore in a nature-themed playground.

Families return over and over, with Oxbow and Blue Lake serving as backdrop for reunions, weddings and childhood photos. And every year newcomers discover the parks, two of the region's most beloved places to enjoy nature.

On July 12, help Metro commemorate Oxbow and Blue Lake's 50th anniversaries. On this free-admission day, sign up for a nature expedition or carve out a few hours to explore their blue-green glory on your own schedule. See the back cover for more information.



Through the ages: Oxbow and Blue Lake

Pre 1800 Native people hunt deer and other game, and gather salal and other berries on the riverside terraces of today's Oxbow Regional Park.

Nichaqwli, a settlement of Native Americans, is located at the site of today's Blue Lake Regional Park.

1805 Nichaqwli people show explorers Lewis and Clark the mouth of the Willamette River, which they record as "Multnomah."

1883 Pioneer Anderson Johnson homesteads 40 acres across the river from today's Oxbow Regional Park boat ramp.

1920s Isolated Gordon Creek, a tributary of the Sandy River upstream from Oxbow's boat ramp, is home to bootleggers.

1925 Blue Lake Park opens as a private amusement park with swimming and a dance hall. It is a contemporary of Jantzen Beach Park on Hayden Island, which opened in 1928.

1930s The Great Depression cancels construction of a golf course planned for Blue Lake Park.

1939 In this photo, teens in an American Red Cross life-saving class



practice their technique at Blue Lake. Mary Lou (Welsh) Johnson, daughter of the park's owners, is in the second pair from the right, in the back.

1944 Blue Lake Park offers Sunday night dancing with big band music. Park admission is 30 cents for adults, 20 cents for children.

1950s Arch Diack, who grew up fishing in the Sandy River near what is now Oxbow Regional Park, envisions the area as a public park. His family later donates land that becomes part of today's park.

1957 to 1959 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife purchases 221 acres along the Sandy River to provide public fishing access. In 1962, ODFW sells the acreage to the county for parkland.

1950s Alder Ridge, now part of Oxbow Regional Park, is logged and the land sold to ODFW.



Jerome Hart photo

Oxbow Regional Park: life on nature's time

A river flows, glassy green and silent along a cliff carved by a winter flood, then slows and chatters along gravel and sand bars bright with flecks of mica. Above, the wind finds its voice on a ridge caught between the river's bends.

It's hard to believe you're in Multnomah County, home to streetcars, high rises, neighborhoods and freeways. Here, in 1,000 acres of river, forest and ridge, you're sheltered from the rush of life in one of the nation's extraordinary places, Oxbow Regional Park on the wild and scenic Sandy River.

A park is born

An oxbow is a u-shaped bend in a river caused by erosion of the outside bank. At Oxbow Regional Park, the river's s-shape offers two bends that provide water access or views at almost every vantage point. The park's human history dates back millennia, to native people who fished and gathered here. The trees they foraged beneath still cast shadows on the river.

In 1963, the land became a county park. In 1994, recognizing the regional draw of the park, the county transferred it to Metro.

Change comes to Oxbow on nature's timetable – sometimes slowly and seasonally, sometimes with cataclysmic lurches. Each

year, the river decides its own course. In February 1996, water running at 85,800 cubic feet per second churned furiously through Oxbow's canyon, carving away sandy cliffs, exposing ancient trees buried during earlier floods and creating a new 3-acre beach. In May 2013, by contrast, the flow was 2,370 cubic feet per second.

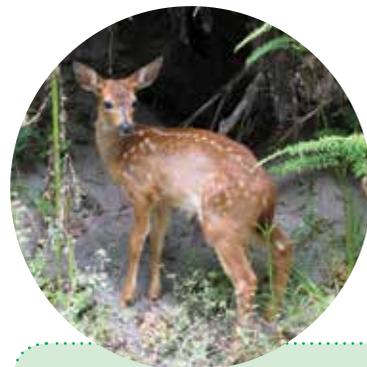
An ancient forest towers above the river, but even it changes. In 2009 a microburst sheared tops off several trees, bringing sunshine to parts of the forest floor that hadn't seen it for centuries.

Wildlife thrives in the park. Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens says that Oxbow and protected lands around it offer an ideal home for large animals: "Elk, black bear and cougar have enough space and habitat in the Sandy River Gorge, including Oxbow, to get everything they need without bothering people."

Get your nature fix

This summer, let your timetable slow to nature's pace. Reserve a campsite in the woods at Oxbow or come out for a day of hiking and river play. Float in an inner tube or launch a boat. Stand in the shallows and cast your line. Drive or walk through 160 acres of old growth timber or hike up a wind-swept ridge. Track animals on volcanic sand beaches. Reserve a group picnic shelter for your next work meeting, family reunion or book club.

See just how close the wild is to your doorstep. Leave your devices at home. Instead, tune in and recharge with the nature of Oxbow.



Reserve an Oxbow getaway

All it takes is a few clicks, and a weekend on the river is on the calendar. Hike, fish, swim and at night, gather around the campfire for stories and old-fashioned entertainment. From late June through August at Oxbow, enjoy live music on Friday nights and presentations by naturalists and storytellers on Saturday nights. These free programs in the park amphitheater are open only to overnight campers; day use ends at legal sunset when park gates are locked. Reserve your Oxbow campsite with Visa or MasterCard; visit www.oregonmetro.gov/oxbow or call Reservations NW at **1-800-452-5687**.

1960 Multnomah County acquires Blue Lake Park and upgrades the park's water system, builds a new bathhouse and dock, dismantles rides and razes the dance pavilion.

1963 Blue Lake Park reopens, operated by Multnomah County Parks and Memorials.

1963 to 1969 In this photo, Neighborhood Youth Task Force Conservation Corps members, assisted by the BLM, build shelters and trails at Oxbow. Blue Lake Park is improved with a food concession, maintenance buildings and sport courts.



1965 A gravel quarry run by Multnomah County at Buck Creek, a Sandy River tributary, closes and the land turned over to the county to expand Oxbow Park.

1973 The lower Sandy River, including the section that flows through Oxbow Regional Park, is designated

an Oregon Scenic River. Surrounding lands are protected from logging.

1970s Blue Lake Park thrills swimmers with two dive towers and three spring boards; up to 17 lifeguards watch over the swimming area.



1988 The lower Sandy River, which flows through Oxbow Regional Park, is designated a national Wild and Scenic River.

1989 Multnomah County Park Services Division hires its first permanent environmental educator at Oxbow, as a regional system of parks emerges.

1991 The former swimming area at Blue Lake becomes a fishing dock.

1994 Salmon Appreciation Day begins at Oxbow, later called the Salmon Homecoming, an annual October celebration of salmon returning from the sea to spawn and die in the Sandy River.

Blue Lake Regional Park: life on the water

As Metro celebrates Blue Lake's 50 years as a public park, Mary Lou Johnson, daughter of the park's original owners, tells of her childhood on the 61-acre lake in Fairview.

"In the beginning," Mary Lou said, "Dad and Mother bought the boat and canoe concessions. My brother and I lived with them on the top story of the white boat concessions building that first summer. I was three years old when it all began." That was in 1928.

Growing up at Blue Lake meant swimming was second nature. "My brother and I learned to swim before we could walk, really," said Mary Lou.

Her parents, Nick and Maidie Welsh, charged a modest park entrance fee. "It cost 10 cents each to get in the gate and an additional 10 cents if you wanted to swim and use the bathhouse," she said. "You could buy a pass for \$5 that covered everything all summer long. My dad gave away hundreds of passes each year. He loved seeing kids enjoy the park and all the fun it offered."

Back then, Mary Lou said, "East County was covered with berry fields as far as you could see. Everyone picked berries in the



Fred Joe photo

morning and then came to Blue Lake to go swimming in the afternoon. It wasn't unusual for a family of 10 kids to be dropped off at the park entrance."

More than probably anyone, Mary Lou knows the park, inside and out. She recalls, "I worked the gate selling tickets, helped in the bath house, cleaned toilets, picked up garbage and raked leaves. Each morning we had picked up all the garbage by 8 a.m. I remember the day the county installed large pink pigs in the park. Visitors put their

garbage into the pig's mouth and it would snort. After that there was a lot less garbage to pick up!"

Beginning in the 1940s, Mary Lou and her husband raised their own family at Blue Lake. Though they sold the park to Multnomah County in 1960, she still lives on the lake and likes the changes Metro has made since it acquired the park from the county in 1994. "Metro installing a disc golf course was a great idea," she said. "We see disc golfers on a daily basis. It's interesting to watch

them because they are so serious. You can see they are just having a great time."



Mary Lou Johnson

1994 Multnomah County Park Services Division merges with Metro Greenspaces to become Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces. Oxbow and Blue Lake parks add "Regional" to their names to reflect a park system that serves increasingly diverse populations throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

1996 Park naturalist Deb Scrivens counts 20 landslides in one walk at Oxbow after February floods. A new 3-acre beach is created.

2000s Funds from the 1995 and 2006 bond measures are used to acquire and protect significant areas along

the Sandy River and its tributaries adjacent to Oxbow Regional Park.



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2005 "Encounter at Nichaqlwi" (nee-chalk-lee) monument (above) is dedicated to the native people who once lived at the site of Blue Lake

Regional Park, and their encounter in 1805 with the Lewis and Clark expedition.

2012 A disc golf course opens at Blue Lake Regional Park, receiving gold-level accreditation from the Professional Disc Golf Association.

2013 At Oxbow, the Happy Creek project restores the natural path of a perennial stream diverted by 1940s road-building. This project is the first of several in the lower Sandy River to restore habitat for threatened wild salmon and steelhead.

2013 Oxbow Park attracts 200,000 visitors each year; Blue Lake draws 350,000.



Sandy River at Oxbow

Thanks to Mary Lou Johnson for her firsthand account and images of life at Blue Lake Park, as well as to pdxhistory.com and Charles M. Ciecko for his "A Teaching Guide to Oxbow Park," published by Multnomah County in 1982.



Come out and play

The new disc golf course, which has won national recognition, is just one way to play at Blue Lake.

Like to fish? Each year, Metro stocks the lake with trout. Anglers under 13 don't even need a license. Rent a canoe, paddleboat or rowboat. Swim in the lake or

splash in the 3,500-square-foot spray ground next to the beach. Reserve a covered shelter for a big group picnic, have your next meeting or reception at the Lake House, and learn about the lake's Native American history at the Nichaqwli monument. Bring your discs, balls or bike and play all day. When you want a break, hike in quiet wetlands at the lake's west end.

Plan to make some summer memories close to home. Visit www.oregonmetro.gov/bluelake for more information.

Voters pass parks and natural areas levy, cueing up improvements across the region

Thanks to voters, changes are coming to Metro parks and natural areas. Voters across the Portland metropolitan area approved a five-year local option levy in May, dedicating about \$10 million per year to upgrade regional parks, open more natural areas to the public, restore waterways and wildlife habitat, and expand opportunities to volunteer, learn about nature and apply for grants.

This investment will touch virtually every park and natural area in Metro's portfolio. Watch for new playgrounds at Oxbow Regional Park, expanded parking at Cooper Mountain Nature Park, and new opportunities to hike at Newell Creek Canyon Natural Area and bird-watch at Killin Wetlands. Oak habitat will be restored in the Willamette Narrows, and water quality improved in Johnson Creek. Metro will more aggressively control weeds on its voter-protected land.

Some improvements will happen within the coming year; many others are in the planning stages. To get involved and learn more, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/nature.



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Breakfast in the woods

Take a guided walk in the woods, plunk yourself down for a picnic breakfast, hear about restoration projects – and join the conversation about our region's natural resources. Get behind the scenes and into the woods at these two free events:

Oxbow Regional Park: a sanctuary for salmon 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3

Nestled in the Sandy River Gorge, Oxbow has long been a haven for salmon. Now, the park is doing even more to protect Oregon's iconic fish. Learn how Metro's partners are helping young salmon on their journey to the Pacific Ocean by placing logs in a side channel, building a new culvert for a Sandy River tributary and restoring habitat along the river's banks. \$5 per vehicle (\$7 per bus) fee. *Co-hosted by the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council.*

Canemah Bluff Natural Area: oaks and the birds that love them 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21

This Oregon City oak woodland perches on basalt bluffs above the Willamette River. Learn how thinning the firs here provides breathing room for the oaks, enhancing habitat for plants and animals that depend on them. You'll also learn about Canemah Bluff's annual bird counts, which show how chipping sparrows, red-breasted sapsuckers, white-breasted nuthatches and other rare species are responding to restoration of the woodlands.

Both events are suitable for ages 8 and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required in advance; visit www.oregonmetro.gov/calendar.

Nature University

Want to give back to your community? Consider a sojourn at Nature University to become a volunteer naturalist with Metro. Over the course of 12 Tuesdays, you'll learn principles of discovery learning and effective teaching techniques; you'll also become familiar with native plants and the ecology of wetlands, forests and prairies. Instructors are Metro naturalists. Upon graduation, you agree to volunteer 40 hours leading field trips and assisting in other experiential learning programs at Oxbow Regional Park, Smith and Bybee Wetlands and other natural areas.

Nature University runs each year from January to April, with most volunteer opportunities during the school year. Deadline to apply is in November. For more information on the benefits and requirements of Nature University, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/natureuniversity or call 503-972-8543.

Summer calendar of Metro events

Native Plant Center volunteer ventures

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, July 6 and 20, Aug. 3 and 17, Sept. 7 and 21

Learn to propagate native species used in restoration projects. Volunteers harvest and clean seeds, maintain grow-out beds, build bulb beds and work with species from the region's prairie, oak, riparian and forested habitats. Gloves, tools and snack provided. Suitable for all ages. Advance registration required; call 503-797-1653.

50th anniversary park celebrations

Friday, July 12

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Oxbow Regional Park

noon to 2 p.m.
Blue Lake Regional Park

See back cover for details.

Mount Talbert's hidden beauty

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13

Explore a past when the Willamette Valley was a patchwork of habitats that provided wild foods for humans and wildlife. The oak woodlands of Mount Talbert – a rare remnant of these habitats – offer refuge to migrating songbirds such as warblers, tanagers, orioles and cedar waxwings. On this 2-mile hike, move quietly through shaded groves in search of the elusive western gray squirrel and learn to identify poison oak. Trails are rough and steep in places. Suitable for ages 10 and older. Registration and payment of \$5 per adult required in advance; call 503-794-8092. *Metro and North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District*

Family Nature Explorers: Bug hunting!

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 20

Smith and Bybee wetlands are famous for bird-watching year-round. And in summer,

arthropods (insects) can be as diverse as the birds, with dragonflies, spiders, centipedes, millipedes and freshwater crustaceans to discover. Join Metro naturalist James Davis for a morning of bug hunting. Nets and observation tools provided. Suitable for ages four and older. Registration and payment of \$11 per household required in advance; see page 7.

Oaks, floods and fires of Canemah Bluff

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 20

Canemah Bluff Natural Area is a patchwork of wild habitats adjoining a historic Oregon City neighborhood. Join Metro naturalist Ashley Conley on a 1.5-mile walk to explore how floods, fires and world-class geologic events created the bluff's woodlands, prairies and ephemeral wetlands. Learn about Metro's restoration and enhancement efforts here. Registration and payment of \$6 per adult or \$11 per household required in advance; see page 7.

Discovering Oxbow's ancient landscapes

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 27

Hundreds of years ago, Mount Hood erupted. Mud, rock and sand flowed down the Sandy River, burying tall trees. Today at Oxbow Regional Park, visitors hike, sleep and barbecue atop this buried ancient forest. Join Metro naturalist Dan Daly on a 5-mile walk to search for evidence of the volcanic mudflows, lava floods and other geologic events. Expect 600 feet of elevation gain. Suitable for ages 12 and older. Registration and payment of \$6 per adult or \$11 per household required in advance; see page 7.

Columbia Slough Regatta

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 28

In this leisurely, wildlife-watching group paddle, canoe in slack water in search of eagles, otters, turtles and fish. On land, enjoy hands-on nature activities

and snacks for purchase. Bring your boat or reserve a 45-minute rental. Meet at the Multnomah County Drainage District, 1880 NE Elrod Drive. T-shirt provided. \$8 suggested donation. To reserve a canoe, visit www.columbiaslough.org. *Metro and Columbia Slough Watershed Council*

Stories in the stones

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3

With Metro naturalist Ashley Conley, explore the rugged beauty of Mount Talbert Nature Park as you wander a white oak woodland. Learn about the region's geology atop Mount Talbert, one in a series of cinder cones and small shield volcanoes that began bubbling up almost three million years ago. On this 3-mile walk, trails are rough and steep in places. Suitable for ages 10 and older. Registration and payment of \$5 per adult required in advance; call 503-794-8092. *Metro and North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District*

Ancient forest ecology

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10

Beat the August heat with a stroll through the ancient forest of Oxbow Regional Park. In the shade of 700-year-old Douglas firs, walk 1.5 miles with Metro naturalist Ashley Conley and learn about the components and progression of a late-successional forest. Terrain is steep in places. Suitable for ages 4 and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. \$5 per vehicle (\$7 per

bus) fee. Registration and payment of \$6 per person or \$11 per household required in advance; see page 7.



Bug Fest

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24

Celebrate invertebrates and the critical roles they play in our environment. Explore discovery stations, crafts and games, and enjoy family entertainment. Inspect and admire live bugs. Catch your own bugs and bring them to be identified. Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center. \$3 per person; ages 2 and under free. For more information, visit www.thprd.org. *Metro and Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District*

Family Nature Explorers: Fire by friction

10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15

Fire without matches? Learn how at Oxbow Regional Park. Carve your own "bow drill" friction fire kit, learn to use it and take it home. Metro naturalist Dan Daly also covers fire safety, construction and fuel selection. Suitable for ages 4 and older. Participants use knives; safe conduct of children is the responsibility of their guardians. \$5 per vehicle (\$7 per bus) fee. Registration and payment of \$11 per household required in advance; see page 7.

Visit Metro's Healthy Homes booth



Looking for safe, simple cleaning solutions that protect your family? Visit Metro's Healthy Homes booth at upcoming community events to explore alternatives to common hazardous household chemicals. You'll find solutions to make your home safer for people, pets and the environment. Find the booth at Celebrate Hillsboro, July 20 in downtown Hillsboro, and the Clackamas County Fair, Aug. 13 to 18. Visit www.oregonmetro.gov/healthyhome for more upcoming events.

How to register for Metro nature activities

For all events (except those listed with a phone number), register and pay online by visiting www.oregonmetro.gov/calendar. Find your event by searching or browsing and then follow the instructions.

Questions?

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Blue Lake Regional Park

20500 NE Marine Drive, Fairview
503-665-4995 option 0

Cooper Mountain Nature Park

18892 SW Kemmer Road, Beaverton
503-629-6350

Graham Oaks Nature Park

11825 SW Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville
503-665-4995 option 0

Howell Territorial Park

13901 NW Howell Park Road, Sauvie Island
503-665-4995 option 0

Metro's Natural Techniques Garden

6800 SE 57th Ave., Portland
503-234-3000

Mount Talbert Nature Park

10695 SE Mather Road, Clackamas
503-742-4353



Metro naturalist Dan Daly at
Oxbow Regional Park

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Oregon Zoo

4001 SW Canyon Road, Portland
www.oregonzoo.org
503-226-1561

Oxbow Regional Park

3010 SE Oxbow Parkway, east of Gresham
503-663-4708

Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area

5300 N. Marine Drive, Portland
503-665-4995 option 0

Volunteer for the 6th annual Intertwine Regional Trail Count

Help gather accurate trail-use data that impacts where and when new trails are built or funded. It's easy: in two-hour shifts, trail counters tally the number of people biking and walking in various places on the Intertwine – the region's system of trails, parks and natural areas. Trail counts happen from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 10 to 12; and from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15. Training in early September. To register or for more information, call 503-797-1870 or visit www.oregonmetro.gov/trailcounts.



Lone Fir Cemetery opens garden for cremains

Chestnut Grove Memorial Garden, a new cremation garden at Lone Fir Cemetery, opened in June. Lone Fir, established in 1855 in Southeast Portland, is one of the region's most scenic and historic cemeteries. Its 30 wooded acres are the resting place for more than 25,000 people, including Portlanders with names like Lovejoy and Hawthorne. Now those who choose cremation can choose Lone Fir. To learn more, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/lonefir, call 503-797-1709 or send e-mail to cemetery@oregonmetro.gov.



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Aerial view of Canemah Bluff Natural Area, upstream from Willamette Falls. Campers at Oxbow Regional Park gather for a fireside presentation.

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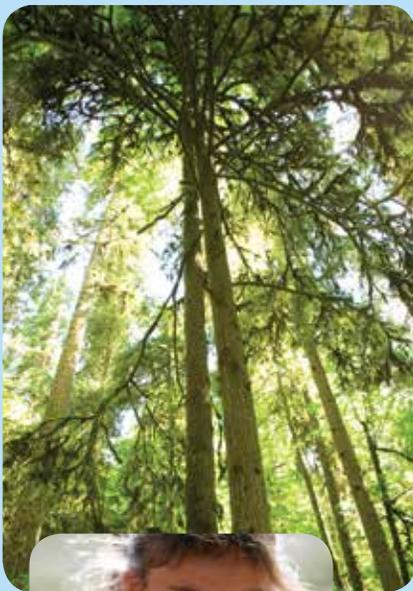
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On July 12, free anniversary celebrations of two very special public parks



Jerome Hart photos

This summer, Oxbow Regional Park on the Sandy River and Blue Lake Regional Park in Fairview celebrate their 50th anniversaries as public parks. On Friday, July 12, park entry is free all day; if you haven't been out for a while, come see what's new. At Oxbow last year, the river carved away a bank and exposed long-buried trees, standing where they grew centuries ago. At Blue Lake a new disc golf course is "mega," "epic" and "dope" say recent players. Treat yourself to a mini-vacation in two jewels of our regional park system.

Oxbow: exploring a forest 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oxbow hides its ancient forest and rushing waters in the folds of a deep gorge. Hike in the cool of old growth firs and cedars, catch a stonefly in the Sandy River and watch osprey raise their young in a treetop nest. Drop in at picnic shelter A, where park naturalists share stories of how volcanic and flood events have shaped Oxbow over the centuries. From there, kids can head off on a scavenger hunt to earn their Oxbow Junior Ranger badge.

Blue Lake: crafts for kids noon to 2 p.m.

Drop in at the canopy behind the spray ground, where park volunteers will set you up for a self-guided tour of Blue Lake's wetlands. Or stay for a while and make nature-based crafts, geared to all ages. Then head out to picnic, swim, rent a boat, visit the Natural Discovery Garden or play in one of Blue Lake's many ball fields.

Learn more about Oxbow and Blue Lake regional parks at www.oregonmetro.gov/parks.



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