Ladybug Nature Walks

Discover Nature in Portland's Parks!

Walk through parks, gardens and natural areas with your youngster (2 - 5 years old) and a nature guide. Touch slimy slugs, smell tree bark, feel crinkly and soft leaves, hear musical bird songs and experience the many changes of the seasons.

Walks occur regardless of weather conditions. No registration is necessary... just meet at the designated locations.
All walks begin at 10am rain or shine, $3 per child*, no charge for adults.

*As of July 5, 2013 price will be $4/child

Preschools and other organized groups please call 503-823-3601 to arrange a special walk.

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Portland Parks Environmental Education
Our preschool program is **NutsAboutNature**.

Cover photo by Lisa Decker. Her photo of George in action during a Ladybug Walk was selected as the 2012 photo contest winner!

2013 Schedule Fridays at 10am, rain or shine!

Winter Walks

Feb 15 Hoyt Arboretum*
Feb 22 Whitaker Ponds Natural Area*
Mar 1 new! Albert Kelly Park*
Mar 8 Smith and Bybee Wetlands*
Mar 15 Powell Butte Nature Park
Mar 22 Tideman Johnson Natural Area*

Spring Walks

Mar 29 Columbia Park*
Apr 5 new! April Hill Park
Apr 12 Laurelhurst Park*
Apr 19 Columbia Slough*
Apr 26 John Luby Park*
May 3 Council Crest Park
May 10 Kenilworth Park*
May 17 Alberta Park*
May 24 Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge*
May 31 Cathedral Park*
Jun 7 Marshall Park
Jun 14 Kelley Point Park*

Summer Walks

Jun 21 Westmoreland Park*
Jun 28 Gabriel Park
Jul 5 Lair Hill Park*
Jul 12 Sellwood Riverfront Park*
Jul 19 Peninsula Park*
Jul 26 Maricara Natural Area
Aug 2 Mt Tabor Park
Aug 9 Elk Rock Island
Aug 16 Irving Park*
Aug 23 Lents Park*
Aug 30 Pier Park*
Sep 6 Washington Park*
Sep 13 Creston Park*

* Route is accessible to strollers
TriMet transportation available. May involve walking a few blocks. Please check routes.
Restroom or port-a-potty

Naturalist Osprey (aka Tori Newburn) gets kids pumped about seeing wildlife!

Fall Walks

Sep 20 new! Wallace Park*
Sep 27 Columbia Children's Arboretum*
Oct 4 Forest Park – Newton Rd
Oct 11 Fernhill Park*
Oct 18 new! Lesser Park
Oct 25 Grant Park*
Nov 1 Hoyt Arboretum*

Questions? Contact us!
City Nature - Environmental Education
503-823-3601
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Do you get the Raven Review, our monthly newsletter?

Sign up at any Ladybug Nature Walk!

Sign up for a Lil' Nature Kids class or one of our Rockin' Robins Nature Camps!!!

Lil' Nature Kids - *2-hour classes full of nature play & exploration with our Pre-school Naturalists!*
Summer Session is June 17-July 18

Rockin' Robins Nature Camp -
Half-day camps for children 4-6 yrs.
(Monday thru Thursday, 9am-1pm)

www.portlandonline.com/parks/preschool

Taking a closer look at a blade of grass with Naturalist Grey Fox (aka Janice Jenkins).

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Meeting Locations

Albert Kelly Park: From SW Dosch Rd take SW Mitchell St. west. Meet at end of SW Mitchell.

Alberta Park: Meet by the playground at NE 19th & Jarrett.

April Hill Park: From SW Vermont St. take SW 60th Ave. south, then take SW Miles St. east. Meet at the end of SW Miles St.

Cathedral Park: In St Johns, from N Lombard take N Baltimore Ave south and follow to the parking lot. Meet at the restrooms by the boat launch.

Columbia Children's Arboretum: Take Marine Drive east from I-5. Turn south on NE 13th (across from the Portland Yacht Club). Turn right on Meadow Drive. Turn left after 7 houses on unmarked gravel road. Meet at gate.

Columbia Park: N Lombard west from I-5 to N Woolsey Ave. Turn north and meet at the playground at next corner (N Winchell). Bus #75

Columbia Slough: Take N Columbia Blvd west of I-5 to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Turn north on N Portsmouth Ave and immediate right on Columbia Ct. Park along Columbia Ct.

Council Crest Park: Meet at circle inside stone wall at top of hill above Council Crest Drive. Take SW Talbot Drive from SW Vista Ave or SW Patton Rd, turn right on SW Greenway Drive to SW Council Crest Drive and drive uphill.

Creston Park: From SE Powell Blvd, turn south on SE 42nd, left on SE Rhone. Park in lot at end of Rhone. Bus #9 at Powell & 42nd

Elk Rock Island: Take McLoughlin Blvd (Hwy 99E) through Milwaukie to SE River Rd. Drive south to SE Sparrow, go west to SE 19th and park along the road. Meet at corner of SE 19th & Sparrow by the trailhead.

Fernhill Park: Meet near the playground on the west end of park. Park on NE 37th just north of NE Ainsworth. Bus #75 stops at 42nd & Holman. Walk one block west through the park.

Forest Park – Newton Rd: Follow NW Skyline Blvd northwest of Germantown Rd. Turn north on Newton Rd. Follow gravel road to end.

Gabriel Park: Meet at tennis courts across parking lot off SW 45th & Nevada. Bus #1

Grant Park: Meet at NE 36th & Brazee. Bus #10

Hoyt Arboretum: Take Hwy 26 to Zoo Exit. Follow road around parking lot to top of hill. Turn right on Fairview Blvd. Meet at picnic shelter about 500 feet on north side of street. Bus #63 or MAX and Washington Park Shuttle

Irving Park: Meet at tennis courts on NE 7th near NE Fargo. Bus #24 or #6

John Luby Park: Meet near park sign on NE Brazee (near NE 127th). Park along streets. Bus #23 stops at NE 133rd and NE Brazee.

Kelley Point Park: From I-5, take Marine Drive west about 4 miles. Turn right onto Kelley Point Park Rd and meet at the farthest parking lot.

Kenilworth Park: Meet at entrance near the intersection of SE 32nd & Cora Dr, just north of Holgate. Bus #17

Lair Hill Park: Park along SW 2nd Ave or SW Hooker and meet in the middle of the block on the 2nd Ave side. Bus #1 or #44

Laurelhurst Park: Meet on the park side of the Restroom/Office building facing SE Ankeny, one block south of E Burnside and one block west of SE 39th. Bus #20

Lents Park: Meet in parking lot at intersection of SE 89th & Steele. Bus #17

Lesser Park: Meet in park near at intersection of SW 57th Ave. & SW Haines St. Bus #78 at SW Lesser & Hanies.

Maricara Natural Area: From I-5 south take exit 295 (Capitol Hwy). Turn right on SW Taylors Ferry Rd, turn right on SW Capitol Hwy, left on SW Hubert, right on SW 35th, left on SW Maricara. Meet at the kiosk.

Marshall Park: From SW Taylors Ferry Rd, turn on Taylor's Ferry Ct (watch for signs to the park). Turn right and follow 12th Drive to the end. Park along both sides of street.

Mt Tabor Park: Meet at the shelter near parking lot. Take SE Belmont to SE 69th. Turn right on to Mt Tabor Way at stairs. Bus #15

Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge: Meet at the north parking lot across from 5040 SE Milwaukie Ave. From Hwy 99E (McLoughlin Blvd) take the Milwaukie exit and turn right. Bus #19

Peninsula Park: Meet at the bandstand facing the Rose Garden at N Albina & Ainsworth. Bus #4 or #44

Pier Park: Take N Lombard west of I-5 to N Bruce Ave. Turn right and meet at the intersection of N James. Bus #75 or #44

Powell Butte Park: Meet near 14424 SE Center St.

Sellwood Riverfront Park: From SE Tacoma, turn north on 6th Ave. Take Spokane west to Oaks Park Way. Turn right and immediately left into parking lot. Meet at restrooms.

Smith & Bybee Wetlands: On Marine Drive between the Expo Center and Kelley Point Park. Take I-5 to exit 307. Go west on N Marine Drive for 2.2 miles. Turn left at the large brown and white sign. Follow road to parking area near restrooms and shelter.

Tideman Johnson Natural Area: Meet near the restrooms/parking lot just off of Johnson Creek Blvd where it crosses the Springwater Corridor. Parking lot is just to the north of the Space-Pak warehouse at 4403 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. Bus #75

Wallace Park: Meet near the intersection of NW 25th Ave. and NW Raleigh St. Bus #15 at NW 23rd & Raleigh or NW 25th & Thurman.

Washington Park: Meet at amphitheater next to rose garden near 850 SW Rose Garden Blvd. Bus #63 or MAX and Washington Park Shuttle

Westmoreland Park: Hwy 99E (McLoughlin Blvd) to SE Bybee Blvd. Meet on the west side of park near intersection of SE 22nd & Rex. Bus #19, #70 or #41

Whitaker Ponds Natural Area: Take NE Columbia Blvd east of I-5 to NE 47th. Turn north on NE 47th and look for park sign on right side of road. Meet at parking lot. Bus #75

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Preschoolers ages 2-5 & their parents explore nature in Portland's parks with trained naturalists Fridays mornings

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