



Parks &
Open Space



Eugene Outdoors



Volunteer Opportunities
& Calendar of Events
2018

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Custom Fit Volunteer Experiences

What's your volunteer super power?

Good with people? The Outreach Team helps staff information booths at community events so you can share your passion for parks.

Have knowledge to share? Become a docent and help guide visitors through their park experience. Answer questions, give directions, share park history, and point out interesting landmarks and wildlife.

Like to tinker? Repair, sharpen and tune-up the valuable fleet of hand tools and small equipment volunteers rely on.

Fascinated by science? Satisfy your inner ecologist and help collect important data to care and steward our parks and wildlife habitat.

Fear commitment? Keep it low-key by picking up trash and debris while your kids play, sweeping walks, pulling invasive weeds along your hike, or meditating to the raking of leaves.

Got a green thumb? Share your skills to enrich Eugene's Community Gardens with educational workshops or keeping the common areas free of grass and weeds. Or, join weekly seasonal work parties at Hendricks Park, Owen Rose Garden and the Native Plant Nursery.

Soar Like an Eagle? Eagle Scout projects are welcome in Eugene Parks. Let us help you flex those leadership muscles.

Dream of a career in public service? If you are a student interested in internship opportunities with Parks and Open Space, please let us know.

Adopt Your Park

Eugene Outdoors is grateful for the dedication of our existing Friends Groups who are committed to caring for their favorite park. Consider joining one of these fine groups, or band together with neighbors and create your own park adoption. Annual park adopters are asked to hold four work parties in the year and sign an adoption agreement. Park adopters collaborate closely with one of our talented coordinators – we are in this together!

Corporate Teambuilding

Is your company looking for a unique team-building opportunity? Let us lead you on an expedition into some of Eugene's most beautiful parks for an active day of nature bonding. Packages are customizable to fit your needs and rates will vary.



Let's work together.



Contact a Volunteer Coordinator to get started:

Natural Areas – Carrie Karl, 541-682-4850, carrie.l.karl@ci.eugene.or.us

Developed Parks – Vanessa Young, 541-682-4831, vanessa.l.young@ci.eugene.or.us

Native Plant Nursery and Waterways – Kelsey Irvine, 541-682-4845, kelsey.c.irvine@ci.eugene.or.us

Hendricks Park – Christina Bentrup, 541-510-4636, christina.r.bentrup@ci.eugene.or.us

Community Gardens – Lorna Baldwin, 541-520-6092, lorna.j.baldwin@ci.eugene.or.us





Eugene Outdoors makes it easy to go out, get dirty and give back with monthly family-friendly events. No experience is necessary. Tools, instruction and snacks are provided. Visit www.eugene-or.gov/parks for a full calendar of events.

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January 15

10 am – 1 pm • *Hendricks Park*
MLK Day of Service. Pull ivy from trees to make room for native plants in the forest understory.

February 17

10 am – 1 pm • *A-3 Channel*
Throw some shade on it! Plant trees to protect this urban waterway.

March 10

9 am - Noon • *Ferndale Park*
Lend a hand and learn how the Ferndale bio-swale cleans rainwater before it flows into the river.

April 7

10 am – 1 pm • *Alton Baker Park*
Care for the trees in our urban forest on Oregon Arbor Day, and take part in the Tree City USA Award presentation with Mayor Vinis.

May 5

9 am - Noon • *West Eugene Wetlands*
Protect Willamette Wet Prairie during American Wetlands Month.

June 16

9 am – Noon • *Amazon Creek*
Adventure into Eugene's urban waterway. Clean-up trash then make your own Trash Bash t-shirt to take home.

July 13

10 am – Noon • *Amazon Playground*
Strap on your cape and be a Super Hero! Help scrub Amazon Playground, and enjoy face painting and musical fun.

August 18

9 am – Noon • *Golden Gardens Park*
Wade or paddle into these lovely ponds to remove invasive aquatic weeds. Tour the turtle nesting area to see why your work matters.

September 29

9 am – Noon • *Ridgeline Ribbon Trail*
Hit the trails on National Public Lands Day to help maintain Eugene's only official National Recreation Trail.

October 6

Time TBD • *Willamette Riverbank*
Get dirty for clean water at the 9th annual Great Willamette Clean Up. After-party with pizza and drinks.

November 17

9 am – Noon • *Bond Lane Park*
Come together to celebrate National Family Volunteer Day by clearing out blackberry. Warm up with hot cocoa and cookies.

December 1

10 am – 1 pm • *Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park*
Battle invasive plants along the riverfront, then show that ivy who's boss by turning it into a festive holiday wreath.

Si deseas mezclar diversión con aventura en tu voluntariado, ¡llegaste al sitio perfecto! Aprende habilidades nuevas, conoce personas maravillosas y ayuda a mejorar la calidad de vida de Eugene. Participa como voluntario individual, adopta un parque, o ven a gozar nuestras fiestas mensuales de trabajo. Sea cual sea tu estilo, Eugene Outdoors (Eugene al Aire Libre) tiene un lugar para ti.

If you like to mix fun and adventure when you volunteer, then you're just our type!

Learn new skills and meet awesome people, all while making a difference and improving the quality-of-life in Eugene. Whether you have time to volunteer once, for a few weeks, or years to come - Eugene Outdoors has a place for you.

