



Sandy River Delta (Thousand Acres)

99 Crown Point Hwy, Troutdale

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*IMPORTANT: this natural area does include off-leash areas for dogs.

From the parking lot, start your walk out in the meadow. Find the Confluence Trail. Walk the Confluence Trail to the Maya Linn bird blind.

1. Write down three different animals that Lewis and Clark saw during their expedition (hint: they are printed somewhere inside the blind)

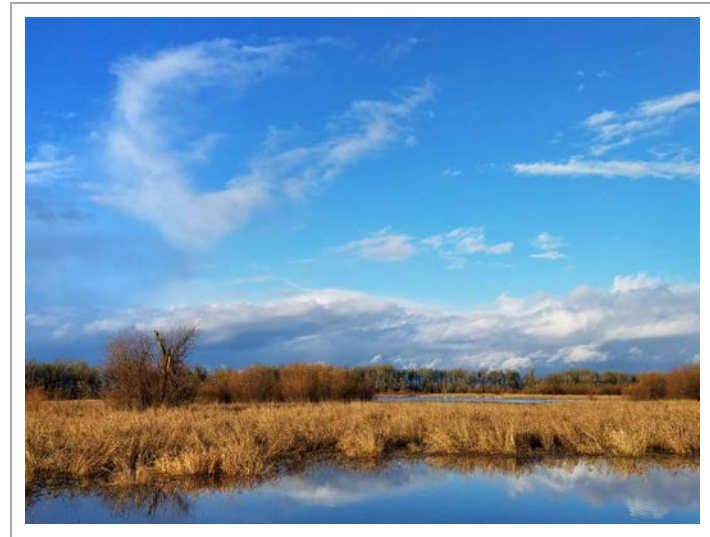
2. Stand under the power line tower, can you see the river? Which direction is it flowing? _____
3. Look for a sapling (baby tree) that has been planted? Draw or make a rubbing of its leaves.

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Wetland Passport



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How many wetlands will you visit this month?

It's American Wetlands month! We have put together a list of 10 wetlands to explore. We challenge you to visit as many as you can. Use the passport to plan your visits.

Passport Instructions

1. Pick a wetland to visit.
2. Answer the questions while you are at the wetland.
3. Send us you're filled in passport at the end of the month.
4. If you visit all 10, we will stamp it and send you a Wetlands Ambassador certificate.
5. Have fun!

Take Pictures

Take pictures and submit them to our American Wetlands Month photo contest. There are 4 categories: Lovely Landscapes, Beautiful Botanicals, Furry/Not So Furry Friends, and EMERGING LEADERS (under 15 yrs.). Take some photos and submit them on our website: www.wetlandsconservancy.com

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Fernhill Wetland

1399 SW Fern Hill Rd, Forest Grove

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From the parking lot and viewing stand, start walking to your right. Can you find the outdoor classroom?

1. Surrounding the classroom there are many small oak trees. Find a leaf on the ground and trace it:

2. Make your way to the wetland, do you see any snags (dead trees) or Great Blue Herons? Herons love to perch on the snags. Why do you think they sit above the wetland?



Great Blue Heron



Smith and Bybee Lakes

5300 N Marine Dr, Portland

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Find the Interlakes Trail, this will take you to both the lakes. Walk the trail, when you come to the first junction turn right.

- When you get to the wildlife viewing platform, take some time to look for Western Painted turtles sunning themselves.
 - If you don't spot any turtles, what else do you see from the wildlife deck?

Now, go back to the main trail and follow it to the wildlife viewing deck over Bybee Lake.

- While you are walking, take notice, how many different beaver chews (logs or sticks chewed by beaver) can you count? _____
- At the final wildlife viewing deck, choose a leaf, moss, lichen or other small piece of nature and make a rubbing. (Put the leaf behind the paper and draw over the leaf and you will see it appear on the paper).

Wetlands to Visit



Whitaker Ponds

7040 NE 47th Ave, Portland

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- Can you find the floating dock? Walk out to the end. Sit for 1 minute. Count how many birds you can see out in the pond or flying overhead.

- How many birds did you see? _____
- Do you know what kind any of them are?

- As you follow the gravel trail around the pond, you will see wire cages around trees. What do you think these cages are for? (Hint: This animal likes to chew on trees, can you find any trees it has eaten?)

- How many ponds are at Whitaker Ponds Natural Area?



Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge

19255 SW Pacific Hwy, Sherwood



Before you explore the wetland, go inside the Nature Center and check out the exhibits. Can you find the spotting scopes?

1. What can you see from the spotting scopes inside the Wildlife Center, list 3 things:

Find your way to the River Overlook on the footpath outside.

2. How many different types of animal tracks are printed in the path? _____

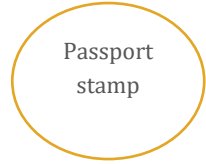
Now that you know what animal tracks look like, see if you can find the Education Shelter sandbox.

3. What type of tracks did you create in the sandbox? Which animal has the biggest tracks?



Mary S. Young Park

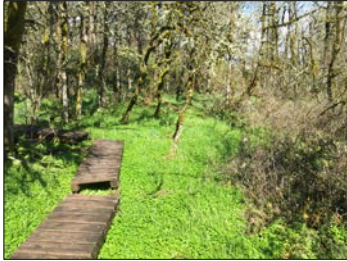
19900 Willamette Dr, West Linn



1. There is a perfect resting place along the Nature Trail carved out of a stump. What do you see when you sit in it?

2. Find the Cedar Grove Trail. How many steps are there at the beginning of the trail? _____





Camassia Natural Area

4800 Walnut St, West Linn



During your walk see if you can find the namesake flower of this natural area. Camassia are purple, star shaped flowers, with six petals. Draw one below!

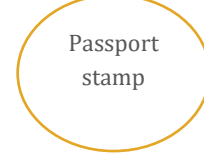
1. On the wilderness or loop trail, find some shelf fungi? Look for logs on the ground, get up close and see if you can find the mushrooms growing like shelves. What do they feel like?

2. Find the "Camassia" metal placard, who donated the land to the people of Oregon?



Howell Territorial Park

13901 NW Howell Park Rd, Portland (Sauvie Island)



Start your exploration at the historic house. Walk to the back porch.

1. What invasive species surrounded the house and even grew within the building? Hint: look for a sign.

Now make your way to the apple orchard. Close your eyes and listen for 3 minutes.

2. How many different types of birds can you hear? _____
3. Do you know the name of any of the birds?

To find the wetland, continue to walk through the orchard, walk the dirt road past the greenhouses on your left, continue past the Oak Savannah, turn right at the green flags onto a mowed path. Can you find a dried bull thistle? It is a spiky plant. Draw it below!



Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

SE Milwaukie Ave, one block south of McLoughlin, Portland



Start your exploration walking on the paved path. Walk down the hill. Can you find the Tadpole Pond study area?

1. Follow the gravel path. Do you see the green grass (sedge) in the pond? What do you think this grass does for the frogs?

2. Look for the sign about different amphibians that live in the Tadpole Pond.

- List 2 types of frogs that live here

- List 2 types of salamanders that live here

3. When you get back to the paved trail, look right and find the Oaks Bottom Bluff Trail. Can you find the sign that shows different kinds of animal tracks? As you walk look for tracks. What kind do you see?



Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve

2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro



Find the Kingfisher Loop Trail:

1. As you are walking the trail find the "sand trap". Are there any animal tracks in the sand? What animal made these tracks? (Look carefully!) _____
2. When you are walking into the Nature Center look up, is anything living in the rafters?

- Can you find a nest? _____
- What kind of birds are building the nests?

3. Inside the Nature Center, find the beaver exhibit and crawl inside the beaver den. What do the beavers sound like?

