

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?



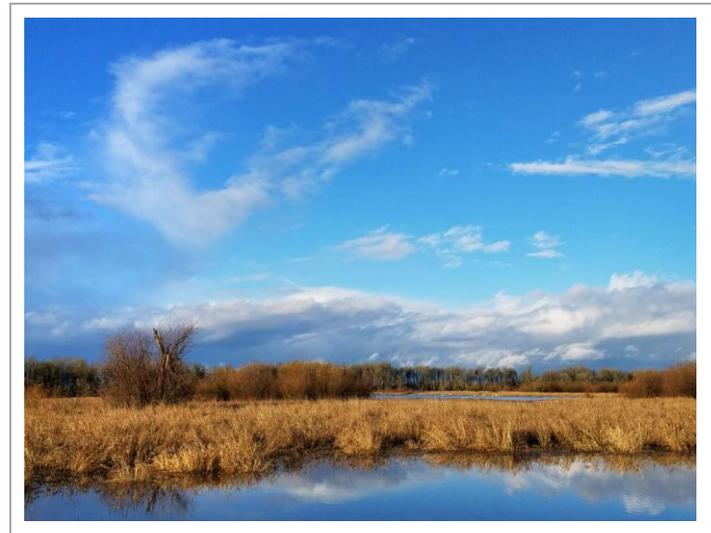
Great Blue Heron

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Wetland Passport



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Wetlands are a great place to explore nature

May is American Wetlands month! We have put together a list of wetlands to explore. Use the passport to plan your visits.

COVID-19 Notice: Please observe social distancing on the trails.

Passport Instructions

1. Pick a wetland to visit.
2. Answer the questions while you are at the wetland.
3. Send us your filled passport at the end of the month.
4. If you visit a wetland in May, 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 5 categories:

- Things with Wings
- Botanical Beauties
- Views & Vistas
- Terrestrial & Aquatic Life
- My Backyard

Take some photos and submit them on our website:
www.wetlandsconservancy.com

Send Passport to:
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Howell Territorial Park

13901 NW Howell Park Rd, Portland
(Sauvie Island)

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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!

Wetlands to Visit



Smith and Bybee Lakes

5300 N Marine Dr, Portland
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Whitaker Ponds

7040 NE 47th Ave, 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).

Look for some of these locations and count the ponds.

- 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?



Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

SE Milwaukie Ave, one block south of McLoughlin, Portland



Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve

2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro

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

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

- 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

- 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?

Find the Kingfisher Loop Trail:

- Along the trails, look for bird nests
 - Can you find a nest? _____
 - What kind of birds are building the nests?

 - What materials do the birds use for their nests?

 - Where are the nests? In a tree, shrub, dead snag or on the ground? _____
- As you are walking the trail find the "sand trap". Are there any animal tracks in the sand? (Look carefully!)
 - What animal made these tracks?

 - Make a sketch of the tracks below.