



Eugene Outdoors

**Volunteer Opportunities
& Calendar of Events
2017**



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 one-time, for a few weeks, or years to come - Eugene Outdoors has a place for you.



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

Do you 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. Visit www.eugene-or.gov/parks for a full calendar of events.

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.



Calendar



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Activating the power of parks.

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.

January 16

8:30 – 11:30 am • *Hendricks Park*
MLK Day of Service. Pull ivy from trees and make room for native plants in the forest understory.

February 25

10 am – 1 pm • *Heron Slough*
Join this dedicated team focused on managing the riverbank without pesticides, and enjoy a bird watching tour of the area.

March 19

Noon – 3 pm • *Milton Park*
Weed and Feed! Weed and mulch Eugene's newest pesticide-free park followed by live music, food and awesome door prizes.

April 1

9 am – Noon • *Sheldon Community Center*
Help add some shine to the center and then stay and play with friends and neighbors.

May 20

9 am – Noon • *Irwin Park*
Get out and get active. Spruce up the park just in time for summer and stick around for fun and games.

June 3

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

July 16

10 am – 1 pm • *University Park*
Dig in to cleaning up the park, then gain some mad new skills learning the fun game of Petanque from local experts.

August 12

9 am - Noon • *Amazon Creek*
Adventure into Eugene's urban waterways at the Trash Bash! Make your own t-shirt to take home. RSVP required.

September 30

9 am – Noon • *West Eugene Wetlands*
Spend your National Public Lands Day in Eugene's wetland habitat caring for the home to so many unique plants and animals.

October 7

Time TBD • *Willamette Riverbank*
Get dirty for good at the Great Willamette Clean Up: 187 trash-bagging miles of rampant do-gooderism by people who believe in clean water.

November 5

10 am – 1 pm • *Mathews Community Garden*
Learn how to easily turn a sunny piece of ground into a garden at this hands-on sheet mulching workshop.

December 2

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



Let's work together.



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Connect

E-mail the team at eugeneparkvolunteers@ci.eugene.or.us or contact a Volunteer Coordinator to get started:
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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.



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