



Parks &  
Open Space



# Eugene Outdoors

## Volunteer Opportunities & Calendar of Events **2019**

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*Activating the power of parks.*

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**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.



# Custom Fit Volunteer Experiences

## What's your volunteer super power?

**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.

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

**Comfortable behind a camera?** We are always looking for people to help showcase our beautiful parks and wonderful volunteers. This can be as simple as uploading a photo and tagging @EUGparks with #EUGoutdoors, or step in as the on-site photographer for one of our many volunteer events.

**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, or life-long learner, interested in internship opportunities with Parks and Open Space, please let us know.

**Feeling independent?** 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.

## 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!

## BYOG: Bring Your Own Group

You've got the volunteers, we've got the project. From businesses, schools, local clubs and faith organizations, we can match any size group with a volunteer project that makes an impact. Volunteering in the park system is a meaningful experience that connects your group with neighbors, causes and opportunities that make our community a more vibrant place to live. A group project can be anywhere from a few hours to a few days and tailored to your group's interests.



# Let's work together.



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Contact a Volunteer Coordinator to get started:

**Natural Areas** – Carrie Karl, 541-682-4850, ckarl@eugene-or.gov

**Developed Parks** – Vanessa Young, 541-682-4831, vyoung@eugene-or.gov

**Native Plant Nursery and Waterways** – Kelsey Irvine, 541-682-4845, kirvine@eugene-or.gov

**Hendricks Park** – Christina Bentrup, 541-510-4636, cbentrup@eugene-or.gov

**Community Gardens** – Heidi Schroeder, 541-554-1717, hschroeder@eugene-or.gov



# Calendar

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](http://www.eugene-or.gov/parks) for a full calendar of events.

## January 21

9 am – noon • Bethel Community Park  
Make a lifelong investment in water quality: plant a tree!

## February 16

9 am – noon • A-2 Along Jessen Path  
Share your love of trails this February by lending a hand to plant trees along the new Jessen pathway.

## March 16

9 am – noon • Ferndale Park  
Help the Ferndale bio-swale clean rainwater before it flows into the river.

## April 21-27

Various parks and times  
Celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Week and volunteer across the park system in a range of opportunities designed to protect, enhance and restore our native plant community.

## May 4

9 am – noon • West Eugene Wetlands  
Protect the Willamette Wet Prairie during American Wetlands Month!

## June 15

9 am – noon • Amazon Creek  
Treat trash collection like a scavenger hunt at the Trash Bash at Amazon Creek! Make your own T-shirt as a souvenir for your effort. RSVP required.

## July 12

10 am – noon • Skinner Butte RiverPlay  
Be a superhero by helping us scrub the Skinner Butte RiverPlay playground and enjoy free face painting and summertime fun.

## August 3

10 am – 1 pm • Owen Rose Garden  
Off with their heads! Spend the morning deadheading roses to promote summer blooms then stick around for wine tasting and light refreshments in the gazebo.

## September 21

9 am – noon • Whiteaker Community Garden  
Putting the beds to bed! Come celebrate Fall Equinox in the gardens with us by helping to prepare the beds for winter rest and enjoying some warm apple cider.

## October 5

TBA • Willamette River  
Get dirty for good at the Great Willamette Clean Up. Trash be gone after four hours and 187 miles of dedicated effort by clean water enthusiasts.

## November 2

9 am – noon • Awbrey Park  
Get your hands dirty to protect this neighborhood park and waterway.

## December 7

10 am – 1pm • Hendricks Park  
Help free the forest at Hendricks Park from the grasp of invasive English ivy.

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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.