



Calling All Paddlers!



Tualatin River Discovery Day is our annual celebration of the river, where up to 150 paddlers explore the beauty of the Tualatin and this incredible watershed. Join us for the **35th annual Discovery Day on Saturday, June 22**, as we paddle from King City Community Park to Tualatin Community Park. This fun event sells out every year and registration closes soon. Reserve your launch time today!

Have questions or want to volunteer? Please contact Mark at mark@tualatinriverkeepers.org.

[Learn More and Reserve Your Launch Time](#)

EPA Acts to Protect Communities from PFAS in Drinking Water



In early April, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) took a long overdue step to protect communities from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), the now-ubiquitous “forever chemicals” linked to deadly cancers and many other health issues. The Biden-Harris Administration issued the first-ever legally enforceable drinking water standard to protect communities against exposure to PFAS. PFAS are found in a host of commonly-used items, including most of the waterproof clothing favored by residents of our region. In our watershed, PFAS levels are generally lower due to the relative lack of manufacturing, and Clean Water Services has taken early action to monitor and treat ongoing risks to drinking water.

[Read More](#)

Meet our New Team Members



Emily Pappas



Destiny Stepp

Get to know us! Check out the complete Riverkeeper team on our [website](#).

Tualatin Riverkeepers is expanding! We're thrilled to welcome **Emily Pappas** as our half-time Communication and Events Associate, and **Destiny Stepp** as the seasonal River Rental Manager at our Cook Park and Rood Bridge Park rental locations. Emily is off and running with helping to organize Discovery Day and Destiny will be between each rental location all summer, so be sure to welcome them on your next paddle! Check out each of their bios on [our staff page](#).

Stay Informed this summer with Oregon Health Authority's Cyanobacteria Advisories

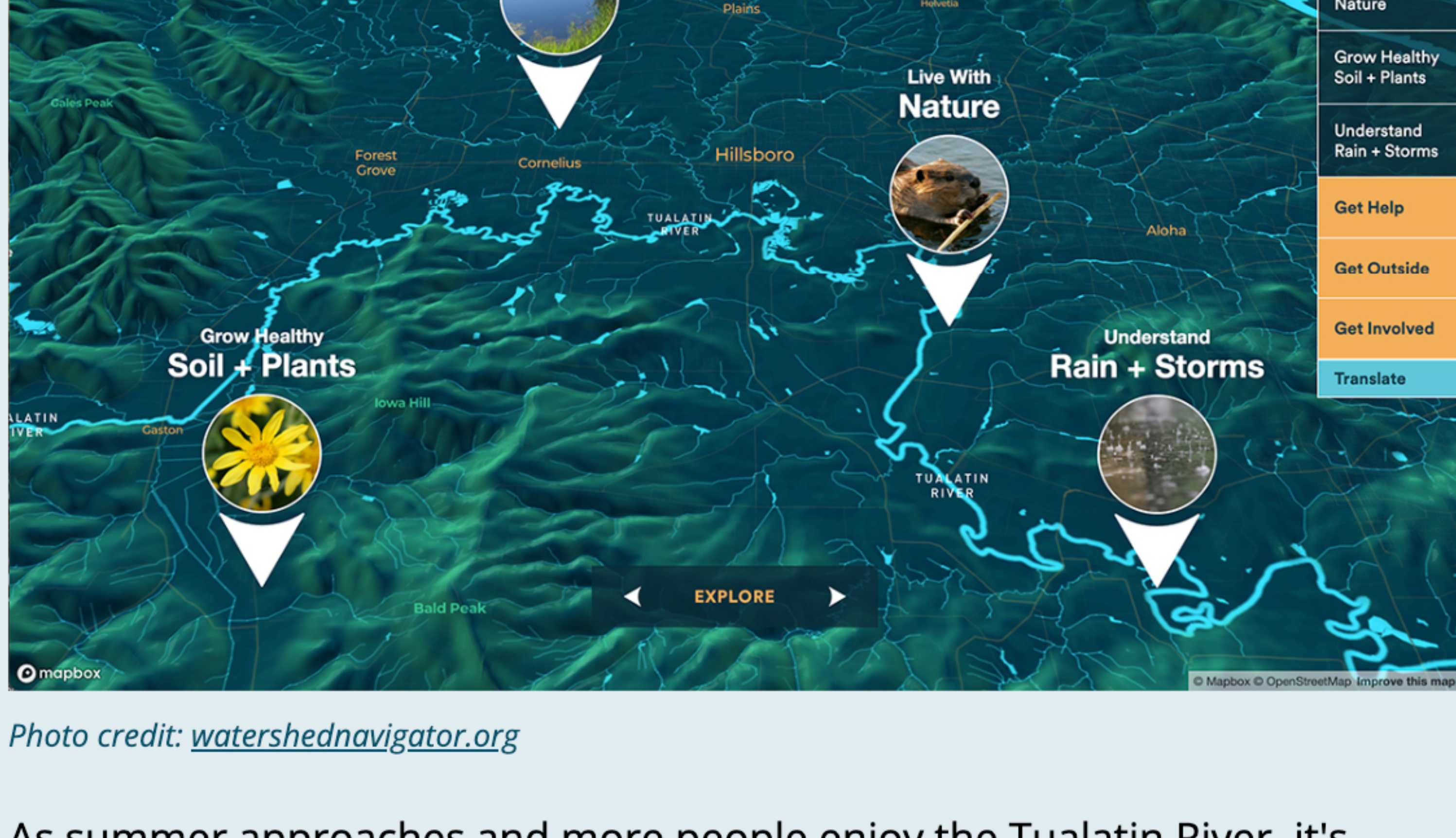


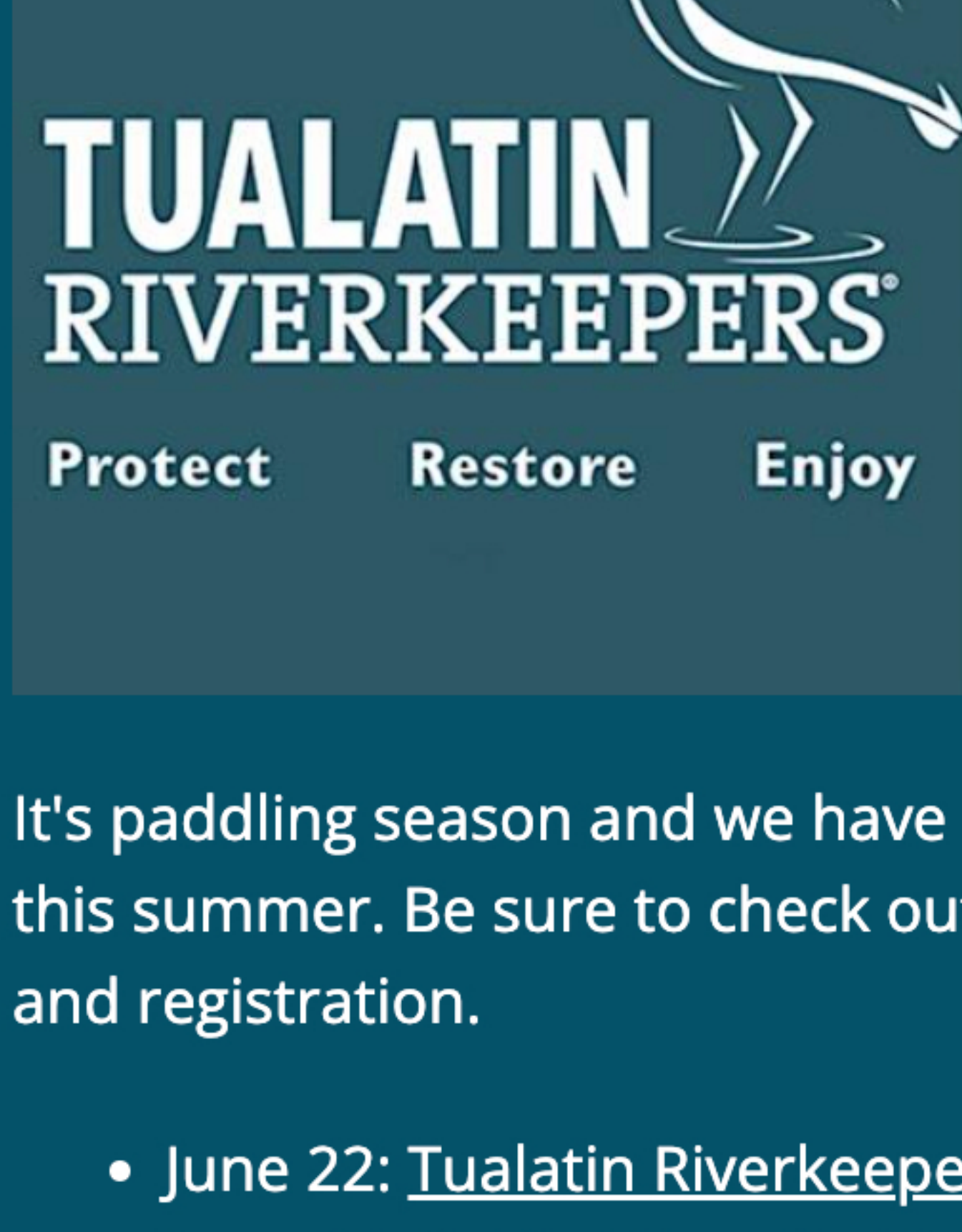
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As summer approaches and more people enjoy the Tualatin River, it's important to stay informed about water safety, especially concerning harmful algal blooms (HABs). HABs can occur during summer and fall due to low water flow, high temperatures, and nutrient availability. They were more common in the river before the efforts of TRK and partners over the past few decades to clean and restore the river. Fortunately, Clean Water Services' (CWS) summer cold water releases into the river have reduced levels of all nuisance algae, including cyanobacteria, compared to the past. While nuisance algae are still present, harmful algal blooms have not been seen for some time, and the river is generally safe for summer recreation.

CWS partners with the USGS to monitor the river at several locations using gauges that provide an indirect measure of blue-green algae through phycocyanin, a light-harvesting, pigment-binding protein isolated from algae. Though not a direct metric, it's a good relative indicator. The gauges may provide an indication of relative abundance but do not necessarily indicate the presence of cyanotoxins.

[Keep Reading for Summer Safety Tips](#)

Tualatin Riverkeepers' Upcoming Events



It's paddling season and we have many exciting river experiences planned this summer. Be sure to check out our [website](#) for a complete list of events and registration.

- June 22: [Tualatin Riverkeepers 35th Annual Discovery Day](#)
- June 28: [Guided Tualatin River Paddle Tour](#)
- July 5: [Canoe Flatwater Introductory Lesson](#)
- July 19: [Paddle Under the Stars](#)
- August 16: [Paddle Under the Stars](#)

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