TUALATIN RIVERKEEPERS®

Discovery Day Is Nearly Upon Us

Paddlers enjoy a section of river near Fanno Creek

In the early 1990s, a group of Washington County residents mobilized to oppose the proposed West Side

Bypass, which would have bisected Washington County and changed the fabric of our watershed. As part of their opposition, and to show the region that the Tualatin River was a beauty that just needed a little love, Tualatin River Discovery Day was born. **Discovery Day remains the soul of our organization, and the 2024 version will span the river from King City Community Park to Tualatin Community Park.** A number of exciting projects - including new, accessible launches - are planned for this section of river, and we're excited to paddle it with so many of our good friends.

Register Today

Moss and Mycelium, Oh My!

Our latest Watershed Science takes us to the Swallowtail School and Farm in Hillsboro on May 29. Moss and mycelium are two underappreciated parts of our landscape that we can learn from to build healthier communities. With biological soil health practices, we can eliminate the use of chemicals in our landscapes and build nature’s capacity to mitigate pollution. Kieran Sikdar, a water harvesting professional, permaculture designer, and Soil Food Web student will share tips for what you can do in your backyard and to advocate for soil health that builds regenerative systems in our communities.

Join Us

EPA Sets Limits on PFAS in Drinking Water

In early April, the Environmental Protection Agency issued guidelines requiring every municipal water system in the country to test for and limit the presence of five PFAS chemicals within five years, the first time these toxic chemicals have been regulated at a national level. PFAS chemicals were invented in the early 1900s and have become ubiquitous in products ranging from food packaging to waterproof clothing. Over time, the chemicals flake off into water and soils causing significant risks to health. We applaud the EPA for taking action on these toxic chemicals and for our friends at Clean Water Services for their tireless efforts to ensure that biosolids in our watershed remain free from elevated levels of PFAS.

Learn more from EPA

River Rentals Open Next Week

Long summer days are nearly open us, and our River Rental staff and Paddle Trip Leaders are busy preparing for another exciting summer. **Our Cook Park boat rentals open Memorial Day weekend, with next Friday, May 24 serving as the opening day of our season. Rood Bridge Park rentals follow on June 15, and we're excited to be offering more than a dozen rental days at our Hillsboro location.** Be sure to refresh our events calendar over the coming weeks, as we'll be hosting a number of guided paddle trips throughout the season.

Reserve Your Boat Today

So Many Ways to Support Our Work

Over the course of Earth Month, we were inspired by the generous spirit of so many in our community. This spirit showed up in the hundreds of volunteers who joined us for restoration projects, the sponsorships from our community partners and in our Annual Boat Sale. As we prepared for the Boat Sale, we were surprised by how many boats we actually had to sell. Of the 32 that we displayed at the event, nearly two dozen were donated to us over the course of the past year. These donations, and subsequent sale, directly support our work to protect and restore this incredible watershed and help more paddlers experience the Tualatin River. We certainly encourage you to keep the boats coming, and visit our website to learn about all the ways to contribute to our work. From all of us, thank you!

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