

Tualatin River Greenway Trail

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony set for April 9th

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The Tualatin River Greenway Trail is a ¾ mile long bicycle and pedestrian facility that promotes active, healthy living while connecting people with nature. The trail meanders through stately trees, provides beautiful views of the Tualatin River, skirts the edge of a bird-filled wetland, and crosses under Interstate 5. The trail provides a safe bike and pedestrian alternative to driving while improving connectivity between residential and commercial areas with public facilities, such as parks and the library. The trail promotes safety by enabling a safe and interesting alternative to crossing over Interstate 5 at the Nyberg Street bridge.

Nature conservation is an important benefit of this project. More than two acres along the south bank of the Tualatin River have had invasive non-native plant species removed and were replanted with trees and shrubs to improve water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, soil conservation, air quality, and natural beauty.

The Tualatin City Council named a peaceful, tree-lined overlook along the trail at the edge of the Tualatin River after Yvonne Addington in honor of her contributions to the mission and purposes of parks and recreation in the City of Tualatin. Yvonne served as Tualatin's first City Administrator between 1969 and 1982 and continues to serve through her passionate and effective volunteerism with the City of Tualatin, Tualatin Historical Society, and other public and private organizations.

Educational interpretive elements along the path enable people to experience a walk through geologic time while discovering, exploring, and learning about the last Ice Age Missoula Floods, Pleistocene megafauna of the Willamette and Tualatin valleys, the emergence of Paleo-Indians, transportation improvements of early settlers, and how land uses transform over time.

This trail project has received an Excellence in Sustainability Award for Green Infrastructure from the American Planning Association in April 2016.

This award honors green infrastructure projects that utilize sustainable principles in planning, implementation or preservation, and operations.

The trail fills a gap in a 4.7 mile segment of the Tualatin River Greenway that is located on the north and south sides of the Tualatin River while running through the cities of Tualatin, Durham, and Tigard. The trail connects four major parks (Tualatin's Brown's Ferry Park and Tualatin Community Park, Durham City Park, and Tigard's Cook Park) and crosses the Tualatin River at the Ki-a-Kuts Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge at the north end of Tualatin Community Park. New wayfinding signs guide people to and along the trail.



Tualatin River Greenway Bicycle and Pedestrian Shared Use Path
SW Barngrover Way to SW Nyberg Lane

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TUALATIN RIVER GREENWAY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SHARED USE PATH

Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
April 9, 2016 At Barngrover Way

Across from the Tualatin Public Library



FREE
Commemorative Bandanas for Everyone Attending!

Schedule of Events

- 8:00 am The Times Trail Trekker 5K Run/Walk**
Meet at Barngrover Way
- 9:00-11:30 am Arbor Week Tree Planting**
Meet at Nyberg Woods shopping center east of Best Buy
- 12:00 pm Commemorative Heritage Tree Planting**
Meet at Barngrover Way
- 1:00-1:30 pm Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
Welcome
Dennis Wells, Tualatin Park Advisory Committee (TPARK) Chair
Introductions, Comments, and Dedication of Yvonne Addington Overlook
Mayor Lou Ogden
Comments
Matt Garrett, Director, Oregon Department of Transportation
Drum Performance
The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 1:30-3:30 pm Family Scavenger Hunt and Craft Activities**
Meet at Barngrover Way
- 2:00- 3:00 pm A Walk Through Geologic Time Interpretive Walks**
& **2:15- 3:00 pm Bird Walk with Naturalist**
Meet at Barngrover Way
- 2:30-3:30 pm Terra Tempo Ice Age Safari and Missoula Floods**
Meet at Tualatin Public Library

Tualatin
geographic name
Tu-a-la-tin |
\ tū-'ā-lə-ten\
: city NW Oregon. A nice place to live, work, and play.
Pop 26,590

River
noun | river | \ 'ri-vər\
: a large natural flow of water that crosses an area of land and goes into an ocean, a lake, etc. The 80-mile-long Tualatin River meanders slowly from the Coast Range to the Willamette River.

Greenway
noun | green.way |
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a corridor of undeveloped land to preserve the scenic value of the Tualatin River, enhance water and air quality, provide fish and wildlife habitat, and enable recreational and commuter use from Tualatin's western to eastern boundary.



Free commemorative bandanas for everyone attending.
For more information visit www.tualatinoregon.gov/recreation.
Or call 503-691-3061

FUN FACTS ABOUT THIS TRAIL

- 33 years ago (1983) Parks and Recreation Master Plan started planning for this trail.
- 23 years ago (1993) the City acquired the land north of Forest Rim Apartments.
- 9 years ago (2007) the City acquired land rights north of Nyberg Woods shopping center.
- 2 years ago (2014) the City acquired land rights north of Nyberg Rivers shopping center.
- 1 year ago (2015) the City acquired land rights under I-5.
- Trail opened officially for public use on February 23, 2016.
- The new trail segment is ¾ of a mile long.
- Each step between Barngrover Way and I-5 represents 25 years in geologic time.
- The boardwalk decking is made out of 100% recycled plastic.
- The boardwalk decking has 67,602 screws.
- 1,700 pounds of seeded glass was used within the concrete to represent the end of the last Ice Age.
- 160 foot crossing under I-5.



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