Tualatin Hills Nature Park and Interpretive Center

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This Park and Facility are owned and operated by the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District. They officially opened: April 18, 1998. There is no charge to use the park or to visit the Interpretive Center.

Mission Statement: The Tualatin Hills Nature Park is an ecologically diverse sanctuary. Its purpose is to promote conservation of natural resources, environmental education, and appreciation of the outdoors. The Nature Park is here for you to enjoy and learn about nature in an urban setting.

Facts about the park:

Acres: 222

Park Hours: Dawn to dusk.

Outdoor bathrooms: Open dawn to dusk.

Trails: 1.5 miles of ADA accessible paved trails and 4 miles of secondary chipped/gravel trails.

Physical Assets: Beaverton and Cedar Mill Creeks that are Tualatin River Tributaries, 6 seasonal ponds, meadows, wetlands, deciduous and coniferous forests including oak woodlands.

Park Rules: The following activities are not allowed in this park: dogs/pets, smoking, alcohol/drugs, skateboarding/in-line skating, fires, camping, removing/collecting plants, animals or property, hunting/fireworks/firearms/weapons and motorized vehicles. Bicycles are allowed on the paved trails only.

Please enjoy walking and wildlife viewing.

Park Maps:
Maps are available at each Park entrance and in the Nature Park Interpretive Center or go to www.thprd.org

In 1998 the Nature Park received the PGE Earth Smart Award.

Energy Efficient and Sustainable building products used:

- Glulam beams (no old growth)
- Fiber cement siding panels
- Gypsum wallboard
- Transom windows (air circulation)
- Heat pump with natural gas backup
- Ceramic tile floors
- Light reflective paint colors
- Linoleum
- Stainless steel sinks
- Hand dryers
- Low flush toilets
- Motion sensor lights
- Auto turn-off faucets
- Recycled plastic lumber benches & decking
- Native plants
- Bio-swales for storm water

Facts about the Nature Park Interpretive Center:

Hours of Operation:
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat & Sun 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed on most major state and federal holidays.

Facility Size (sq ft):

Beaver Den	890
Kitchen	113
Fireplace Room	465
Interpretive Display Room	888
Robin's Nest	449
Maintenance Yard	2,040
Total square feet	**4,845**

Offers: Two year round picnic areas, Nature Education programs for all ages, Interpretive Displays, District Natural Resource Information, Nature Library, Nature Store, and Rental Space.

Park and Facility Cost:

Nature Park 222-acre Land Purchase:	$9,780,663
Interpretive Center Building Costs:	$1,936,257
Park Trail Development & Improvements:	$406,325
Interpretive Center Budget 2008-2009:	$36,584
Interpretive Displays:	$39,080
Attendance for Facility & Park 2007-2008:	195,000
Center Programs 2007-2008:	430
Annual Program Hours 2007-2008:	2,400

Annual Events:
Earth Day: April
Native Plant Sales: October and April
Bug Fest: August
Newt Day: November

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