



# Trail Inspection Guidelines

(For ages 5 – 11)

Using the materials listed below, individuals and groups can play an important role in our local parks by picking up trash, clearing sticks and other debris from trails and reporting issues to our Park Rangers. Groups performing these inspections must have minimum ratio of one adult for every five children.

While performing the inspection, please follow the safety recommendations listed below and refer to the included Trail Inspection Form for appropriate activities. Be sure to keep an eye and ear out for wildlife! All of our natural areas are home to a variety of animals. Record your observations about wildlife on the Trail Inspection Form.

Once you have completed the inspection, return the inspection form(s) to the Tualatin Hills Nature Center located at 15655 SW Millikan Way in Beaverton. Your inspection forms will be passed on to the Park Ranger who manages the site you have inspected.

## Materials Needed

- Clipboards
- Pens or pencils
- Trail Inspection Forms
- Gloves (nitrile gloves or plastic coated gardening gloves)
- Buckets or plastic bags for trash
- Flagging tape to indicate low branches or fallen trees
- Park maps, from Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District website

## Safety

During the inspection, please stay along trails or mowed turf. You can pick up any trash that is easy and safe to remove. You may come across heavy or hazardous items, such as needles, broken glass, car batteries, etc. For your own safety, please do NOT pick up anything potentially hazardous. Report any hazardous items on the Trail Inspection Form, so staff can safely remove these items.



# Trail Inspection Form

Park: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trail(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## Inspection checklist

- Pick up trash along the trail and around benches. Look for tiny micro-trash!
- Keep an eye out for sticks on the trail and move them off the trail.
- Inspect the trail for trees that have fallen on the trail and report these to the Ranger.
- Watch out for low-hanging branches and report these to the Ranger.
- Be on the lookout for slugs and newts! Use a leaf to move them safely off the trail.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Ranger Report

1. Did you find any low branches or trees on the trail that need to be cut by a Ranger?  
Nope. All clear!  
Yes. Describe location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Was there any trash that was too big or unsafe to pick up?  
Nope. All clear!  
Yes. Describe location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe the cool wildlife sightings or interesting plants you noticed along the trail.  
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4. What question do you have for the Park Ranger?  
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Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_