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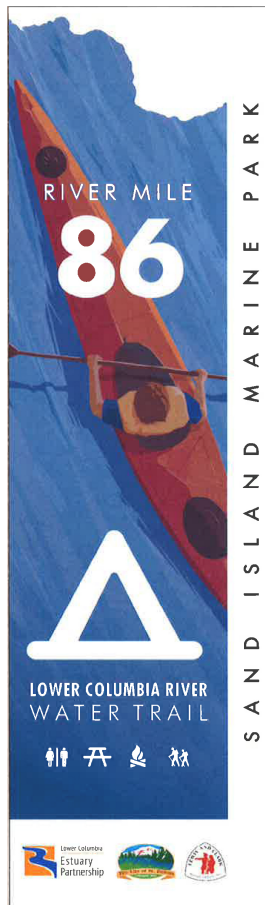
It's spring, and that means paddling and outdoor exploration. We hope to see you out in the community soon!

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## New signs to guide your Water Trail travels

This spring you may notice a few more things “blooming” along the lower Columbia River – [Lower Columbia River Water Trail](#) signs will be going up at sites from Beacon Rock, to the Port of Camas-Washougal, to the John Day Boat Ramp, to Netul Landing in Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. Each Water Trail sign is site specific and includes the site name, river mile, and amenity icons.



Water Trail signs will go up primarily at launch and landing sites, but select camp, lodging, and food sites are also getting signs, such as [Marks on the Channel](#) in Scappoose (pictured left). Water Trail signs help paddlers identify sites, and also brand and spread awareness of the trail.



## Upcoming Events

April 25 & 26, 9am - 4pm  
**Alder Creek's Spring Paddle Festival** at Vancouver Lake Park

May 17, 12 - 5pm  
**5th Annual Metro Trails Fair**

May 21, 7pm  
**Water Trail slideshow at Fort George** with Charlotte Austin

June 11, 6:30pm  
**Water Trail presentation at REI Clackamas**

June 15, 6:30pm  
**Water Trail presentation at REI Portland**

## Summer Big Canoe Paddles

[Registration opens 6 weeks before each paddle.](#)

*Additional dates to come!*  
Contact [McKenzie Miller](#) at

Funding for the signs was secured from the National Parks Service by the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. Thanks to both agencies and all the participating site owners!

(503)226-1565 x229 with questions.

June 17, TBA  
**Willamette Park Paddle and Pull**

June 23, 10am - 12pm  
**Vancouver Lake Paddle**

July 1, 8 - 10pm  
**Full Moon Paddle at Willamette Park**

July 9, 9:30am - 12pm  
**Willamette Narrows Paddle**

July 14, 9:30am - 2pm  
**Vancouver Lake Paddle**

## Cheers for Volunteers!

Last week was National Volunteer Week, so it's a very apropos time to thank all our volunteers! This year, we were treated to an unseasonably warm



and dry planting season. On February 21st, we had a record-breaking 61 volunteers join us at Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge, bringing our total for the planting season to **261 volunteers!** Our volunteer corps planted about **6,000 plants** this fall and winter at four parks: Steigerwald Lake NWR, Meldrum Bar Park, Salmon Creek Greenway, and Benson State Park.

**Thanks to generous donations from Kind, LLC and New Seasons Market,** volunteers were reenergized with delicious, healthy snacks and warm beverages.



Thank you to everyone who came out to plant with us. Special recognition for superstars **Katie Pierson, Barbara Bergquist, Michael Green, and Alyssa Lapine** for joining us for three or more plantings, and to our Board Member **Mary Lou Socia** and her family for showing on the

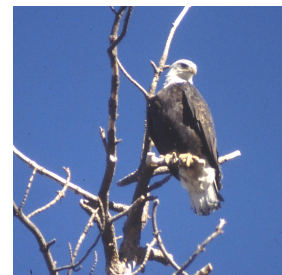
ground support!

We hope you'll plant with us again this fall!

### *Did you know?*

20 years ago, the outlook for bald eagles in the lower Columbia River was dismal.

[Find out why and how our work helps this keystone species.](#)



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# Become a Corporate Leader for the Columbia River

Get students outdoors to **ENGAGE, EXPLORE** and **EXPERIENCE** the natural world around them!



More and more, we understand the benefits of outdoor learning – it builds skills to address environmental challenges, it increases

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When you join the many Oregon and Washington businesses as a Corporate Leader for the Columbia River, you are investing in the next generation and the health of the Columbia River. Each year we provide over 4,000 Oregon and Washington students with in-depth watershed science education, outdoor exploration, and service learning projects.

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**We love our partners and we can't do it without you.** For more information on donor opportunities and benefits contact [Debrah Marriott](#) at (503) 226-1565 x227 or [Vanessa Bird](#) at x234.



Our **Science to Policy Summit: Toxic Reduction Successes & Obstacles** has been postponed until **November 19, 2015**. Keep your eye on our website and emails for information in the fall!



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# Introducing: Kingfisher & Osprey!



Last summer, we replaced our aging big canoes with shiny new Clipper Canoes. After much deliberation and thought, the canoes have been dubbed Kingfisher and Osprey. The names provide an engaging method for educating students about native wildlife. Kids might even see their canoe's namesake during their field trip!

We hope you'll join us this summer for one of our community paddles ([registration opens soon](#)), and take a spin in Osprey and Kingfisher yourself!

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