

HOLE-EARTH POPUP PUTT PARK

Mini Golf Homage to the Central Oregon Coast Bioregion



Newledo Exploration Hub is a creative climate action hub and immersive regenerative education center, 3 miles from Newport and the Central Oregon Coast.

Newledo is creating a 9-hole miniature golf course as an immersive experience for the public to learn about the Central Oregon Coast bioregion and the many dimensions that comprise it.

Each of the stations will be designed and/or created by designers, artists, community groups, students, kids, innovators, builders, activists or others inspired to contribute to this show.

Station designs are to, literally or conceptually, represent a theme related to our local bioregion, the continually transitioning ecosystems or the impacts the climate crisis will have on this area.

The Newledo Popup Putt Park is intended as a fun, interactive way to engage the public, locals and visitors, in the complex landscape and dynamics of our region.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR STATION DESIGNS

Take a look at the suggested themes below and submit an idea!

Individuals and teams are welcome to submit a proposal.

Each submission should include a description of what theme it's addressing, explanation of what the station will look like or how the player will interact with the station and a drawing of the idea.

Deadline for submissions is May 15

Submissions should be emailed to Newledo, Nicole@NewledoHub.org or mailed to 88 Fruitvale Rd, Newport, 97365.

For more about Newledo, please visit NewledoHub.org

Selected teams/individuals will be notified by June 1

Selected submissions will each receive \$300 towards materials, fabrication needs and labor

Fabrication Assistance

Newledo will host 3 building sessions to help fabricate the stations

Newledo will provide space for the fabrication of the stations. To help those with fabrication, we'll host 3 building sessions in July.

Hole-Earth Popup Putt Park Mini-Golf will be installed from August 1-30, 2024 and open on Saturdays and Sundays

Newledo will also seek additional sites for the putt park to be installed, becoming a traveling show throughout the region

THEME IDEAS

The follow are some suggested themes pertaining to the Central Oregon Coast bioregion, from big themes like the Pacific Ocean, to a more localized themes such as lack of beavers in Beaver Creek

- Watershed - connecting sky to creek to bay to ocean
- Salmon as a keystone species
- Coastal changes with sea level rise, coastal erosion, etc
- Pacific Ocean - with multiple mini themes including marine life, growing interest in kelp as food, our resident whale population
- Living with wildlife such as elk, bear and mountain lions
- Increased flooding with climate change
- Increased drought with climate change
- Wildfires - both as benefit to the forest and as threat to our built environment
- Transformation of Beaver Creek, that runs through Newledo, to bring back beaver
- Transformation of Beaver Creek to create habitat for salmon
- 30 by 2030 - returning 30% of the land to the wild
- Forests, timber, logging, tree farms
- Landscape for cows, landscape for plants, landscape for people
- Trash, waste, microplastics from humans impacting the environment
- Highway 20, one of the longest highways in the United States, connecting Newport to Boston
- Regenerative agriculture, local farming and local food security
- Rich diverse vegetation in the region, foraging for wild mushrooms and other plants

A FEW MINI-GOLF DESIGN IDEAS

- The station platforms can be various shapes and sizes - see examples below
- The challenge at each station could vary and doesn't need to necessarily be mini golf. It could be a frisbee tossed through a ring, ball bowling down objects or... We're open to ideas. Whatever the activity is, it should be easy to reset for consecutive players.
- The strategy could be unexpected. For example, a station highlighting our local waste, a player could, instead of trying to get a ball to miss the sand trap, aim to avoid the trash trap.
- The ball can be a unique design. For example, for a station about salmon, the ball could be decorated to look like a salmon and the station could have various barriers that the ball has to go through, representing the challenges salmon endure as they return to their spawning ground
- The putter could be uniquely designed. Perhaps it represents a golf club or a carrot or a completely different object that better fits the theme of that particular station.

INSPIRATIONS

Putting Green, a mini golf course in Brooklyn, NY raising awareness about the climate crisis



Rocket Park at the New York Hall of Sciences



Various other examples of creatively designed mini-golf stations



