

Park Rules

Welcome to the West Eugene Wetlands.

Enjoy your visit, and please remember:

- Keep dog(s) on leash and under control at all times. Dispose of pet waste properly.
- West Eugene Wetland sites are closed to the public one hour after sunset through one hour before sunrise (except for the Fern Ridge Bike Path).

Prohibited activities include:

- Overnight camping and open flame fires.
- Littering or dumping of waste.
- Use of motorized vehicles.
- Possession and/or consumption of alcohol.
- Possession of glass beverage containers.
- Hunting, discharging of firearms, possession of weapons, and/or use of fireworks.
- Collecting or disturbing any natural resource.
- Entering areas that are closed to public use.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Willow Creek Natural Area

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spreadwing damselfly, camas, Fender's blue butterflies





# Explore the West Eugene Wetlands



## West Eugene Wetland Partners

U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
City of Eugene  
The Nature Conservancy  
Oregon Youth Conservation Corps  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
McKenzie River Trust  
Willamette Resources  
and Educational Network

This map shows wetlands and uplands owned by the City of Eugene, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, The Nature Conservancy, Oregon Department of Transportation, and Lane County, as of March 2006.

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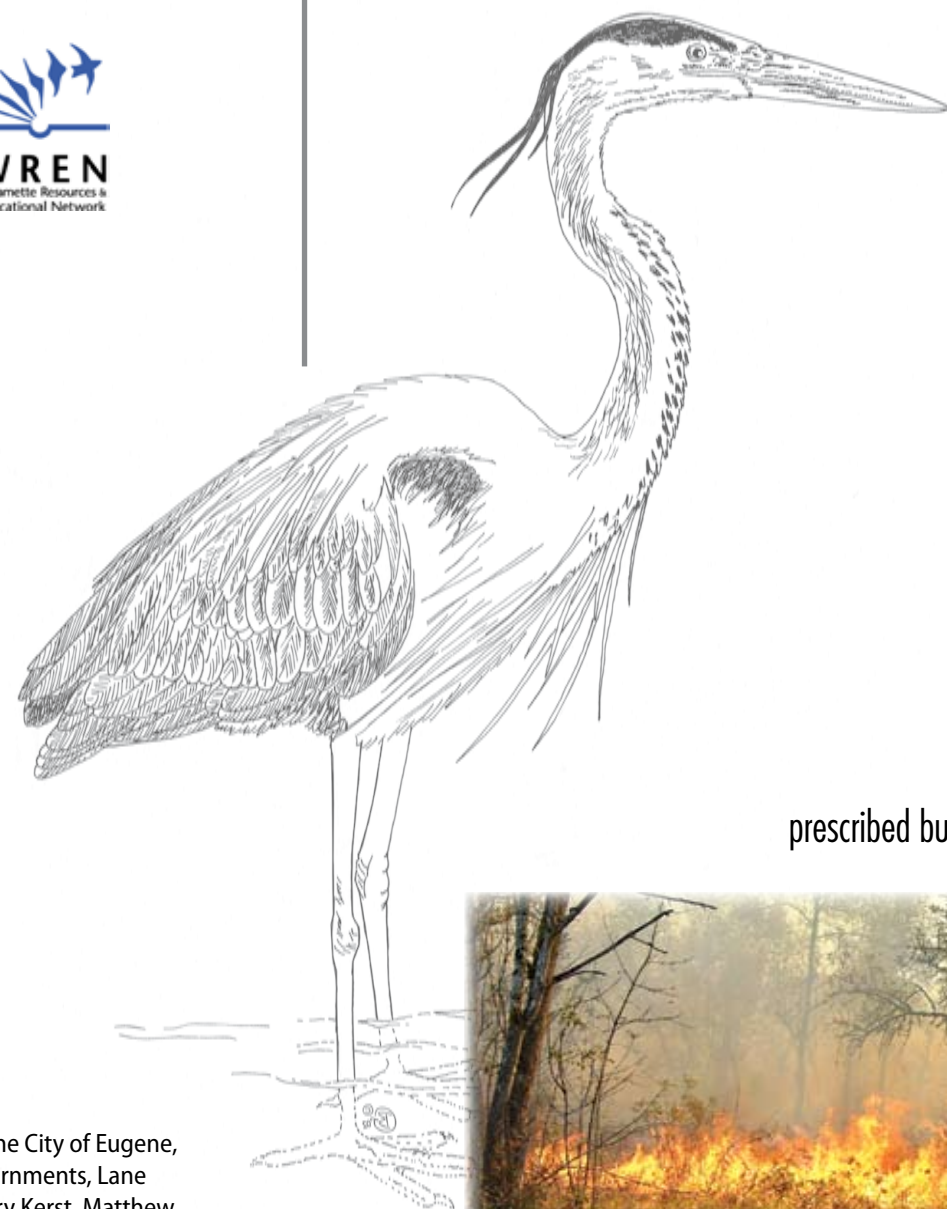
## Meadowlark Prairie

### Wetland Prairie Restoration

Meadowlark Prairie is one of the largest wetland restoration projects of its kind. Initial work included moving the levees away from the banks of Amazon Creek to the perimeter of the restoration area, allowing winter floodwaters to once again flow over the wetlands.

Work also included sculpting the landscape that had been leveled and filled for agriculture. Today the topography mimics the historic mound and swale terrain. Restoration specialists dispersed hand-collected native seeds over the landscape and planted native seedlings.

Meadowlark Prairie provides the most expansive view of the watershed that influences the West Eugene Wetlands. Visitors can view the Coburg Hills, the Cascades, the Coast Range, and Spencer Butte.



Dragonfly Bend,  
prescribed burn, mallard duck



seed collecting

City of Eugene Wetland Ecologist  
inspects plant materials for restoration.



## Bertelsen Nature Park

### Wildlife Diversity

Bertelsen Nature Park has high habitat diversity, including wooded wetland (ash swale), oak savanna, large winter ponds, and smaller permanent ponds. The variety of habitats supports high wildlife diversity, including many species of dragonflies and damselflies.

This urban wetland is not only home to a large variety of wildlife, but is an important place of solace for nearby employees and visitors who walk the trail and quietly observe.



Stewart Pond at Bertelsen Nature Park



river otter,  
cats ear,  
black-tailed deer



## Tsal Luk-wah "River of Grass"

### Wet Prairie Remnant

Tsal Luk-wah is centrally located within the West Eugene Wetlands. It is the current site of the West Eugene Wetlands office and the future location of the Wetlands Education Center. Amazon Creek and Willow Creek meet in this wet prairie remnant. The early inhabitants, the Kalapuyans, prized the wet prairie for the food it provided, and for materials for creating shelter, clothes, and tools.

This site is named to celebrate the Kalapuyan people. The name is derived from tsal meaning "river" and luk-wah meaning "grass" to describe the river of grass dominated by tufted hairgrass.



Tsanchiifin Walk — a place for exploration and discovery