

July 29: A fish story you can believe in!



Join Ken Kane on the morning of **Wednesday, July 29** for an interpretive hike along the entire length of southeast Portland's Crystal Springs. This hike is offered through the Trails Club of Oregon. Members and guests are welcome.



This hike begins at **9:30am** at Johnson Creek Park, at the intersection of SE 21st Av. & Marion St. Park on the street nearby ... but not at the yellow curbs! Tri-Met bus #33 stops about a half-mile away at SE McLaughlin Blvd. & Ochoco St.

Note: our starting point does not have restrooms. The first opportunity comes about a half-hour into the hike at Westmoreland Park ... *plan accordingly!!*

We'll spend most of our time during this 5+mile hike on city streets, though we'll also walk beneath trees and alongside Crystal Springs and Reed Lake. We'll go through Westmoreland Park which has been extensively renovated over the past couple of years to benefit people, waterfowl and fish. Much of our walk will focus on habitat restoration in the area and we hope to be joined by an expert on such matters.

We'll walk through the Eastmoreland neighborhood, checking out some of the impressive homes along Reed College Place. We'll also pass by three impressive – and threatened – sequoias (*if they're still there*), the focal point of the "Save These Giants" neighborhood rallying cry.





We'll cross the Reed College campus to experience the raw and natural grandeur of Reed Lake and get close to the spot where the Crystal Springs emerge from underground. Then we'll emerge from Reed Canyon on the former Rivelli & Montecucco Farm, now part of the Reed campus.

We'll skirt Eastmoreland Golf Course and the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. Finally, we'll retrace our steps a bit along Crystal Springs Creek, passing a yet-to-open Orange Line MAX stop featuring environmental art, eventually returning to our starting point.



We'll make several stops during the hike to learn about efforts to return salmon, steelhead and other fish to this portion of southeast Portland, including the importance of culverts which



take the creek beneath streets. We'll also enjoy Westmoreland Park and Reed Canyon. The hike should be completed around 12:45pm.

Afterwards, those who wish to will head off to the Iron Horse restaurant for lunch.

