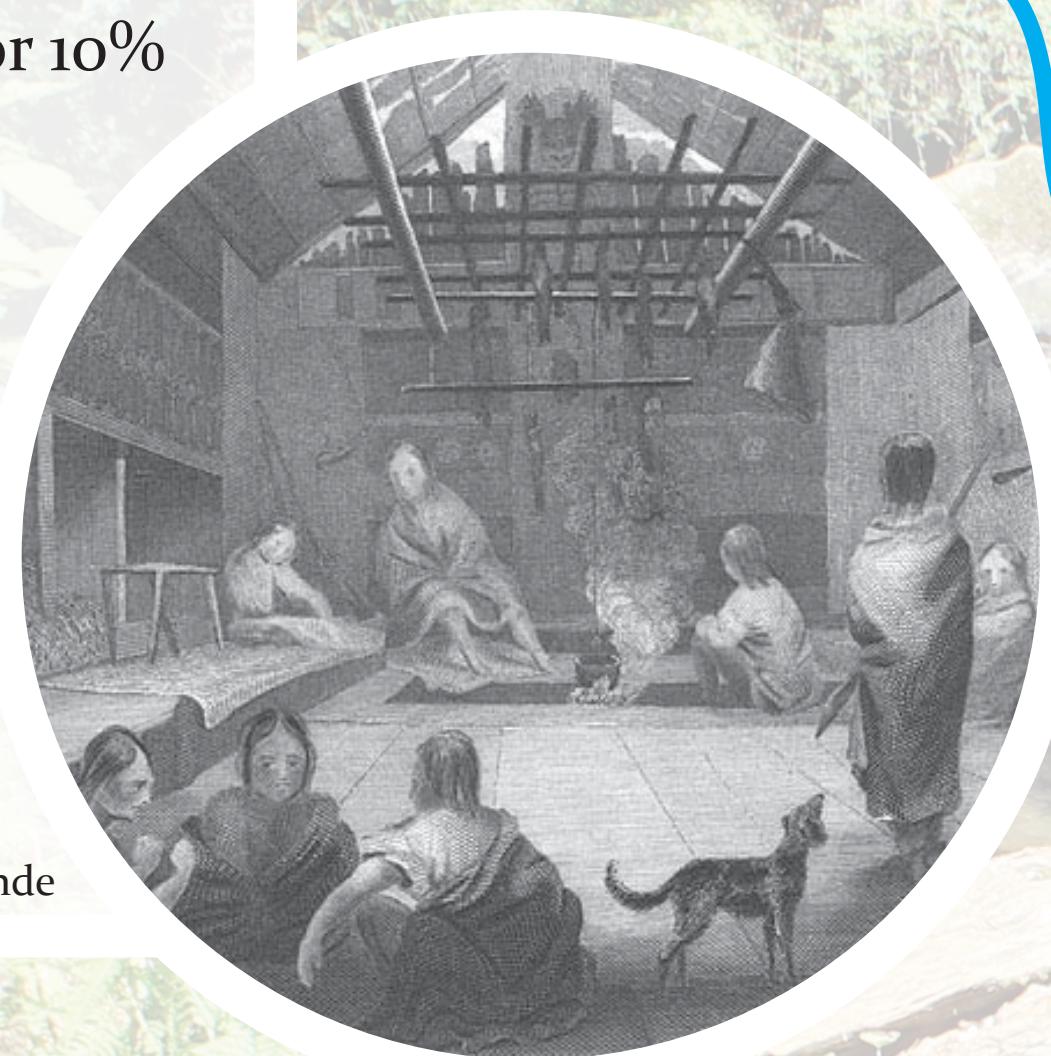


A River Runs Through It

The Clackamas Watershed

Welcome to Metzler Park, the best kept secret in the Clackamas watershed. It's valued not only for its fishing, hiking, and camping amenities, but also for the pristine streamside habitat of Clear Creek, which delivers cool clean water to the Clackamas River — a source of drinking water for 10% of Oregonians. Thriving agriculture, forest, and hydroelectric industries also benefit from the river. From time immemorial, the Chinookan tribes, referred to as the Clackamas People, have called this area home, building canoes and plankhouses from the wood of western red cedar trees like those seen around you.

Image by The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde



Salmon Stronghold

The Clackamas watershed is salmon country, home to Chinook, coho, and steelhead. Salmon are anadromous. They are born in fresh water, migrate to the ocean, and return to the stream where they hatched to spawn. After spawning they die, leaving behind their nutrient rich carcasses to not only nourish their young, but also support 137 other wildlife species that depend on them as a food source.

Metzler Park

BORING

DAMASCUS

Deep Creek

Eagle Creek

Eagle Fern Park

ESTACADA

Clear Creek

Metzler Park



Weed Watch

Invasive weeds spread aggressively, displacing native plants that are essential to Oregon wildlife. Unappealing to livestock, orange hawkweed can quickly take over pastures and lawns. It puts out runners, creating dense mats of plants that impede the growth of natives. If you spot this weed, report to oregoninvasiveshotline.org.

Neighborhood Native

Native plants are an important part of the Clackamas River ecosystem. Western red cedar can grow up to 230 feet tall, providing shade over the creek, and cooling water for fish. When the tree dies and falls into the creek, it creates important salmon habitat by forming deep pools and riffles where young fish can rest and hide from predators.



What Can You Do?

Plant natives — improve habitat for wildlife
Stash the Trash — take out what you take in
Protect fish — keep waterways chemical free
Conserve water — use only what you need



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