

INVITATION TO WONDER: MYRTLEWOOD GROVE NATURE TRAIL



RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
"Keeh-ah. Keeh-ah!" The hawk calls,
glides above you, and melts into the mist.

Enter nature's ever-changing magic show. Grasses rustle on a windless day. Then, a hawk flaps and soars overhead. Native plants flourish after removing invasive plants like Scotch broom and gorse. Trees rise from a meadow in what's called forest succession.

As you HIKE, NOTE WHAT'S HIDDEN, DISGUISED, OR SURPRISING.



THE GIVING TREE

Slow roast the peeled nuts. Crack and eat, or grind into flour to mix with berries, meat, and plants and form protein-rich patties. Rub the pungent, oily leaves on skin to repel bugs. These are ways the Coquille Indian Tribe value the Cid3i'ls nik'in (*Shh-Jills Nick-in*), the name for the Myrtle tree in the Miluk language.

THE TRAIL AHEAD

The trail forms a figure eight. First, enter the woods, pass the newt pool and walk uphill to the meadow becoming forest. The Myrtlewood grove is in the center. Enjoy views of Ni-les'tun Marsh and Bullard's Bridge.

The trail surfaces range from gravel to natural and are mostly flat and easy to traverse. Take one loop for a shorter stroll of a half-mile or both loops for the full mile-long experience.



NEST BOXES

Tree and Violet-green Swallows swoop in and out of nest boxes. Listen for twitters. Watch acrobatic flights. By late summer, the birds vanish—migrating south.

MYRTLEWOOD GROVE

Enter a shadowy realm of old trees giving life to saplings. Marvel at how myrtle trees grow in a column from a log.

SNAGS

Dead or alive? Standing dead trees (snags) thrum with woodpeckers, chirp with birds, and scurry with beetles.

NEWT POOL

Fringed in ferns, this forest eye seems ready to blink! In winter, rough-skinned newts swim, mate, and lay eggs in freshwater pools.

- Hours: Sunrise to Sunset
- Dogs Prohibited
- Snap a photo to locate points of interest

