

News Release



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Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge hosts Red Cross for September 1st Blood Drive

On September 1st, Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge and the American Red Cross invite you to do something important – help save lives by donating blood. Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, recognizing that nature includes people and stewardship includes supporting the vital health of our community, is proud to host an American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, September 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. While you are here you can participate in interactive nature activities for the family, take a stroll on the trail, watch wildlife, and explore the Wildlife Center exhibits.

Our community needs your contribution. The demand for blood in the Sherwood area has increased in past years because of a growing population, an aging population requiring more medical care, and increasingly sophisticated medical procedures that improve health care but also require blood transfusions. Meanwhile, blood donations routinely drop during the summer months when high schools and colleges are out of session and blood supply levels can become critically low following the Labor Day weekend. Any healthy person age 17 (or age 16 with signed parental consent) or older and weighing at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood. Valid identification is required for all blood donations.

To schedule your appointment go online to www.redcrossblood.org, use sponsor code: WildLifeRefuge or call 1-800 RED CROSS.

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System and is among a handful of urban refuges in the country. Situated within the floodplain of the Tualatin River, the refuge provides habitat for some of the most diverse and abundant wildlife in the river valley. When land acquisition is complete, the refuge will consist of 7,370 acres. Currently, the refuge manages 2,204 acres.

Since its establishment in 1992, refuge managers have been acquiring and restoring lands and waters for the benefit of native fish and wildlife. Native habitats include rivers and streams, seasonal and permanent wetlands, riparian areas, grasslands and savanna areas, and forested uplands. The refuge is now home to nearly 200 species of birds, over 50 species of mammals, 25 species of reptiles and amphibians, and a wide variety of insects, fish and plants.

The refuge also provides a variety of recreational and educational activities focused on fish and wildlife and their habitats. Visitor facilities include the Wildlife Center, environmental education shelter, trails, overlooks, observation deck, photography blind, environmental education study sites and exhibit panels. Current visitation is approximately 110,000 people per year.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.