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2021 Park Pop-Up Arboreta



Park Pop-Up Arboreta are back! They are free and open to the public. Visit one, or all of them, starting in May 2021.

Every one of Portland's parks has its own unique assortment of trees, each with a story to tell. This summer, 20 parks will be transformed into an arboretum full of educational, enjoyable, immersive experiences.

With more than 300 different kinds of trees in our Parks, no two Pop-Ups are the same!

Here are ways to enjoy the Park Pop-Up Arboreta this summer:

- Visit one of four featured parks each month **May – September**.
- Grab an **arboretum map**, scan the QR code, or open the interactive Google Map online.
- Download or borrow a park copy of the **Tree Scavenger Hunt** (available in three levels).
- Print out or **email us** for your **Tree Journal** to record your park observations.
- Find all of the highlighted park trees with green signs.
- **Submit a photo** of your Park Pop-Up Arboreta activities!

2021 Park Pop-Up Arboreta Schedule

May	June	July	August	September
April Hill Park	Buckman Field	Colonel Summers Park	Albert Kelly Park	Lilis Albina Park
Chimney Park	Elizabeth Carathurs Park	Gateway Discovery Park	Brentwood City Park	Ed Benedict Park
Kenilworth Park	Glenhaven Park	Johnson Creek Park	Knott City Park	Hillside Park
Lincoln City Park	Peninsula Park	Alberta Park	Woodlawn Park	Powell Park

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

www.portland.gov/trees/workshops



Permit Criteria

These things affect the type of permit needed:

- Species
- Size/DBH
- Location
- Ownership
- Health



Local Tree Care Providers Workshop

Friday, May 21, 2021, 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Online via Zoom

Calling all tree care professionals! If you work on trees within the city limits of Portland, then this online workshop is for you.

Learn about different kinds of tree permits and how to submit applications.

Urban Forestry staff will be online to answer your questions. ISA CEUs may be available.

After you register, we will send out the link to participate by May 14, 2021. Register [here](#).

Event Highlights

See photos from recent events

www.flickr.com/photos/urbanforestry



A flowering magnolia tree, photo by Jen Peck.

Flowering Tree Walk

Last week, on one of the many warm April evenings, participants went for a stroll through Old Town to take in the beauty of Portland's trees on a **Flowering Tree Walk**.

The flowering cherry trees that line our waterfront are familiar to many people, but if you step further into the streets of Downtown Portland, you will find many more charming trees with spring blooms.

Here are the flowering trees we saw on our walk:

- Japanese flowering cherry (*Prunus serrulata*)
- Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)
- Freeman maple (*Acer x freemanii*)
- Yoshino cherry (*Prunus x yedoensis*) – **Heritage Tree #217** at Fire Station 1
- Chinese photinia (*Photinia serratifolia*)
- Hawthorn (*Crataegus* spp.)
- Dogwood (*Cornus* spp.)
- Southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)
- Kwanzan cherry (*Prunus serrulata* 'Kwanzan')
- Deciduous magnolia (likely *Magnolia x soulangeana* or *Magnolia liliiflora*)
- Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*)

The flowering trees are not done yet. If you missed the walk, you can still find any street or park tree in your neighborhood using the **Tree Inventory Project webmap**.

Warm Weather is Here, Water Young Trees!



A bucket with 1/4 inch holes drilled in the sides is an inexpensive way to make sure your young tree gets the water it needs. Never pile mulch up around a tree in a "mulch volcano" as this can cause problems for your tree. Visit our [Establishment Care](#) web page for more information.

We are starting to move into longer, warmer, drier days in Portland. That may mean more fun for many of us, but we need to remember our new and recently planted trees too! Until the rains return in the fall, trees that have been in the ground for about 3 years or less will need water each week.

Urban Forestry is here to help you help your trees. Check out our tree care tips, and feel free to reach out to us for more information!

Watering:

- Young trees need 15 to 20 gallons of water per week.
- A deep, slow soak directly on the root zone close to the trunk is the best way to ensure the young roots will be able to use the water.
- Using a 5-gallon bucket is a good way to water young trees. Pour out water slowly or use a bucket with 2 or 3 holes to release the water. Refill the bucket 3 or 4 times in a week.
- When using a hose, leave it running on low for about an hour, or however long it takes to soak down 6 to 8 inches deep.
- Overwatering can be a problem for trees too. The soil should feel dry or mostly dry about 2 to 4 inches down between waterings.

Mulching:

- Put down a layer of mulch about 3 inches deep, 3 feet around the tree, and at least 3 inches away from the trunk of the tree. Mulch will help a tree retain moisture longer and keep weeds down.
- Make sure the mulch is not touching the tree trunk. You should be able to see the base of the tree.

Planting trees is an important first step in growing our urban forest. Caring for these trees until their roots can get water on their own is just as important! So, why not make a calendar reminder to check your trees once a week? Happy watering!

In Other News

Reminder, No Elm Tree Pruning April 15 through October 15: Dutch elm disease (DED) is a deadly disease that kills elm trees. To protect Portland's elms from the spread of DED, pruning any kind of elm tree is prohibited in Portland from April 15 to October 15. Thank you for helping to protect our elm trees! Learn more [here](#).

Urban Forestry and Portland Parks & Recreation Employment Opportunities: Urban Forestry is hiring! We have positions **posted now**, with more to come in the future. Portland Parks & Recreation is also ramping up their hiring after having passed a five-year Operations Levy to fund our parks. The Environmental Education program has many summer jobs available that are starting in June, check some of them out [here](#). Can you help us spread the word? Or have you thought about applying yourself? We encourage you to sign up for City of Portland job notices [here](#)!

Upcoming Webinar on May 4, 2021 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am PST: Portland Building and Urban Development Council, together with Trees for Life Oregon present a **joint webinar** titled: Exploring Portland's Transfer of Development Rights in the Multi-Dwelling Zones. This webinar will explore tree preservation and the development of needed housing, particularly around revised development and design standards in multi-dwelling residential zones. Register [here](#).

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