

Bear Creek Stewardship Day, April 20, 2019

The cities of Central Point, Medford, Phoenix and Talent, and Ashland along with the Ashland Food Coop, Medford Food Co-op, the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District, Jackson County Parks, Starbucks Coffee, the Gordon Elwood Foundation, the Rogue Credit Union, and Rogue Valley Council of Governments have been organizing the Bear Creek Cleanup events each April and September since 2015.

Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLVE) is the state-wide sponsor and we have several local sponsors for the event including the Bi-Mart, the Grange Coop, Dutch Bros, the Human Bean, Food 4 Less, Trader Joes.

In April 2019, the event ran from 9 am-12 with check-in starting at 8:30 am at nine locations:

1. Pine Street in Central Point (RVCOG and City of Central Point)
2. McAndrews Road (Southern Oregon Geocache)
3. Hawthorne Park (City of Medford)
4. Bear Creek Park (Medford Food Co-op)
5. Coyote Trails (Rogue River Watershed Council)
6. Blue Heron Park (City of Phoenix/RVSS)
7. Lynn Newbry Park (City of Talent/RVSS)
8. Valleyview Drive in north Ashland (Rogue RiverKeeper)
9. Ashland Creek Park (City of Ashland)

Our efforts resulted in 232 participants removing more than 2.5 tons of trash and 1 acre of invasive blackberries from approximately 8 miles of the Bear Creek Greenway corridor.



**Pickup load at
Central Point.**

Summary of Cleanup efforts April 2015 - 2019

| Date | Participants | Check in locations | Miles cleaned up | Pound of trash | Other tasks | Notes |
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| April 2015 | 81 | 1 | 1 | 2,000 | | Medford |
| September 2015 | 32 | 2 | 2 | 1,200 | | Medford |
| April 2016 | 101 | 3 | 3 | 1,500 | | Medford |
| September 2016 | 52 | 3 | 3 | 2,000 | | Medford |
| April 2017 | 118 | 5 | 5 | 4,800 | | Medford and Phoenix |
| September 2017 | 81 | 7 | 6.5 | 4,500 | | Central Point, Medford, Phoenix and Talent |
| April 2018 | 191 | 8 | 7 | 5,100 | 0.25 acres of blackberry removal | Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland |
| September 2018 | 93 | 8 | 7 | 4,000 | 0.5 acres of blackberry removal | Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland |
| April 2019 | 232 | 9 | 8 | 5,600 | 1 acre of blackberry removal | Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland |