

## Bear Creek Stewardship Day, September 23, 2017

The cities of Central Point, Medford, Phoenix and Talent, along with the Medford Food Co-op, Starbucks Coffee, the Gordon Elwood Foundation, the Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District and Rogue Valley Council of Governments organized volunteers from local businesses, schools, churches and service groups to perform a Bear Creek Stewardship Day. The event removed litter and debris along Bear Creek and the Bear Creek Greenway from Highway 62 to the U.S. Cellular Community Park in south Medford, Blue Heron Park in Phoenix and Lynn Newbry Park in Talent.

Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLVE) is the state-wide sponsor and we have several local sponsors for the event including the Rogue Valley Mall, The Rogue Credit Union, Starbucks and REI.

### Past Events

In 2017, the event ran from 9 am-12 with check-in starting at 8:30 am at seven locations:

1. Pine Street: 18 folks (16 adults, 2 youth), 600 pounds of trash
2. McAndrews Road: 7 adults , 1700 pounds
3. Hawthorne Park: 15 folks (13 adults and 2 youth), 500 pounds
4. Bear Creek Park: 20 folks (16 adults and 4 youth), 1750 pounds
5. Coyote Trails: 8 folks ^ adults and 2 youth), 500 pounds
6. Blue Heron Park: 4 adults, 540 pounds
7. Lynn Newbry Park: 15 folks (11 adults and 4 youth), 540 pounds

Our efforts resulted in 87 participants removing over 2 tons of trash from approximately 6.5 miles of the Bear Creek Greenway corridor.

### Summary of Cleanup efforts 2015-2017

For more information please visit [BearCreekStewards.com](http://BearCreekStewards.com).

Date	Participants	Check in locations	Miles clean up	Pound of trash	Notes
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	87	7	6.5	4,422	Central Point, Medford, Phoenix and Talent