

Bear Creek Stewardship Day, September 28, 2019

The Bear Creek Stewards is a collaboration of individuals and organizations that promote a thriving Bear Creek Greenway corridor through the convergence of art, environmental stewardship and recreation. Since 2015, the group has organized a Bear Creek Stewardship Day every April and September.

The Bear Creek Stewards hosted a Bear Creek Stewardship Day on September 28th, 2019 as part of the Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLVE) sponsored Beach & Riverside Cleanup. We want to thank the 167 volunteers that removed more than 3,345 pounds of trash, planted 420+ plants, and removed Himalayan blackberry during the event.

While SOLVE is the state-wide sponsor, we had several local donors for the event including Ashland Food Co-op, Dutch Bros., Medford Food Co-op, Plant Oregon and Starbucks.

The event ran from 9 am-12 pm at 11 check-in locations along or near Bear Creek from Central Point to Ashland.

1. SORV/Expo, Central Point. (Jackson County)
2. Pine Street, Central Point. (RVCOG)
3. McAndrews Road, Medford. (City of Medford)
4. Hawthorne Park, Medford. (Rogue Riverkeeper)
5. Bear Creek Park, Alba Dr., Medford. (Medford Food Co-op)
6. CTNC, Medford. (RRWC)
7. Colver Road Park, Phoenix. (City of Phoenix and RVSS)
8. Lynn Newbry Park, Talent. (RVCOG)
9. Wranglers Arena, North Ashland. (Southern Oregon Geocaching and City of Ashland)
10. Ashland Creek Park, Ashland. (Ashland Food Co-op and Ashland Parks and Rec)
11. Wagner Park, Talent. (City of Talent and RVSS)

Since 2015 the Bear Creek Stewards have removed more than 35,000 pounds of trash from the Bear Creek corridor. This would not have been possible without the tireless effort of volunteers. For more information about the Bear Creek Stewards visit <http://www.bearcreekstewards.org>.



Fall 2019 Clean-Up Event Registration				
Location/Date:	Attended	Adults	Minors	Pounds of Trash
SORV/Expo Center	3	2	1	60
Pine Street	16	14	2	500
McAndrews Road	25	17	8	1310
Hawthorne Park	20	16	4	500
Bear Creek Park	36	21	15	450
Coyote Trails Nature Center	9	6	3	100
Colver Road Park	9	7	2	0
Lynn Newbry Park	25	12	13	100
Wranglers Arena	10	8	2	300
Ashland Creek Park	4	3	1	0
Wagner Park	10	10	0	25
Total	167	116	51	3345

123%	69%	31%
Attended vs registered	were adults	were under 18

79%	21%
registered on BCS	registered on SOLVE

Our efforts resulted in 167 participants removing more than 1 2/3 tons of trash, 10 yards of invasive blackberries from approximately 10 miles of the Bear Creek Greenway corridor. In addition 420 plants were planted.



Coyote Trails Nature Center Check-in Location

Summary of Cleanup efforts 2015 - September 2019

Date	Participants	Check in locations	Miles clean up	Pounds of trash	Other tasks	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	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	Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland
September 2019	167	11	10	3,345	Planted 420 plants Removed 10 cubic yards of blackberries	Central Point, Medford, Phoenix, Talent and Ashland