



Friends of Terwilliger Work Party

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Marquam Nature Park Work Party

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Location: Meet at Marquam Nature Park Shelter. Head south on SW Broadway. Bear to the right at SW 6th following signs to OHSU. Continue straight through 2 lights, and onto SW Sam Jackson Park Rd. Turn right at hairpin curve onto SW Marquam St. The Marquam Nature Park shelter is ahead. To google directions, the nearest cross streets are SW Sam Jackson Park Rd & SW Marquam St.

Backyard Habitat Certification Program

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For more information and to sign up, visit:
<http://audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat>

West Willamette Restoration Partnership
Work party info: Rachel.felice@portlandoregon.gov
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- Ivy provides poor habitat for desirable birds and wildlife, but creates a cozy haven for rats and other vermin.
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