

SOME SEASONAL BIRDS...

Seen only from spring through summer, they come to nest every year.

TREE SWALLOW
Dark blue-green above; white below. Catches insects in the air. Seen around the ponds.



RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD
Male: red metallic throat, orange back, white belly. Female: red-flecked white throat, green back, white belly. Seen in meadow and edges of woodland.



COMMON YELLOWTHROAT
Olive green above; yellow below. Male has black mask. Seen in marsh and meadow. Song: witchity- witchity- witchity-witch.



McLane Creek

natural tunnel

Old Grade

Beaver Lodge

Trail
Entrance/
Restrooms

Self-guided Walk

1.1 Miles — Allow 1 hour

Via Old Grade

0.6 Miles — Allow 0.5 hours

* Interpretive Site

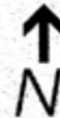
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Every season

has something

new and

interesting to

see.

A TRAIL FOR ALL SEASONS

In winter, evergreen trees add a dash of color to the subtle tones of the season and ice may cover the beaver ponds. Spring is when nature renews with colorful blooms and baby animals. Summer brings sun-ripened-berries - food for hungry birds and mammals. With fall's arrival, salmon return to McLane Creek to spawn and die. Maple leaves turn golden and winds blow briskly as animals prepare for another winter season.

SOME SEASONAL FLOWERS...



WESTERN TRILLIUM
Three white to purple-pink petals mid-April-May. Likes moist, shady woods.



CREeping THISTLE
Pale purple flowers June-September. Found in meadow. Two to four feet tall.



SKUNK CABBAGE
Swamp plant with aromatic yellow blooms March-April.



PACIFIC BLEEDINGHEART
Small pink hear-shaped flowers mid-April-early June. Likes moist, shady woods.



FOXGLOVE
Tube-like pink to purple flowers late June-August. Found around McLane Creek.

“There is symbolic as well as actual beauty in the migration of the birds, (and) ... the folded bud ready for spring. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature - the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after the winter.”

Rachel Carson
Sense of Wonder, 1956

SOME COMMON PLANTS AND ANIMALS ANY SEASON

WESTERN REDCEDAR
Stringy, red-brown bark; scaly evergreen leaves with new growth in spring; small 1/2-inch brown cones.



PILEATED WOODPECKER
Large, black with red crest. Hammers big holes in snags to get insects. Lays 3 to 5 eggs in spring



BLACK-TAILED DEER
Has fawns in late spring. Shy of people. Eats grass and berries.



PIED-BILLED GREBE
Resident. Has black bill ring in spring through summer. Young are boldly striped.



OREGON GRAPE
Has holly-like leaves. Sports bright yellow flowers in summer; blue colored berries in fall.



RACCOON
Mostly nocturnal mammal. Has 3 to 6 young in spring. Eats frogs, berries and insects.



SWORDFERN
Large evergreen fronds. Its "fiddleheads" uncoil in spring. Orange spore cases dot underside.



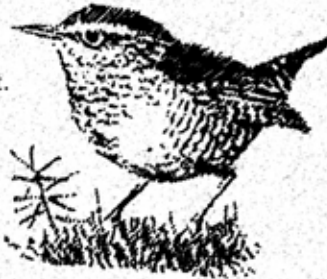
ROUGHSKIN NEWT
Reddish-brown amphibian. Breeds in the ponds winter through summer.



DOUGLAS FIR
Rough, brown bark; evergreen needles; 2 to 3 - inch "shaggy" cones open in fall.



WINTER WREN
Small brown resident. Lays 5 to 7 eggs in spring. Has a high-pitched twitter.



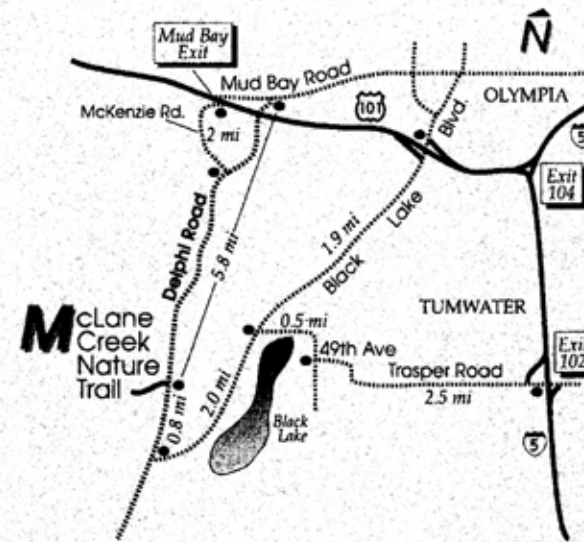
RIVER OTTER
Playful aquatic mammal. Eats fish and frogs. Has 2 to 3 "pups" in spring.



DOUGLAS SQUIRREL
Resident. Collects fir cones and seeds for winter larder.



TRAIL LOCATION



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