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A Master Plan for Honeyman Memorial State Park Newsletter 1 - December 2006

Beginning a Master Planning Process

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is preparing to begin work on a master plan for Honeyman Memorial State Park, located in the center of Oregon's coastal sand dune area, three miles south of Florence. The planning process will include the Honeyman, as well as two smaller state park properties; Prichard State Wayside and Siltcoos Wayside. In the planning process OPRD will take a comprehensive look at current

information on recreational use patterns, resource management needs, related plans of other agencies, as well as issues and ideas identified through public input to formulate a 20-year plan for the state park properties.

What Is a State Park Master Plan?

A state park master plan is an adopted plan that guides the development and use of park facilities and the protection and management of important natural, cultural and scenic resources within the park boundaries. The plan is a narrated and illustrated reference that describes the planning purpose and process, existing park facilities, expected future recreation demand, the suitability of the land for resource protection or recreational development, issues related to public use and management, the goals, objectives and development concepts for future uses and development in the park, and guidelines for managing the park resources. The useful life of a park master plan is generally no longer than 20 years before it needs to be updated.



A Chance to Participate

Opportunities to participate will begin early and extend throughout this process. OPRD will hold meetings followed by written comment opportunities, at key times to ask for input on planning issues, goals, use and development concepts, and management strategies. Some discussions will be held with an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee includes representatives of a broad spectrum of interests related to the state park properties and the recreational activities and resources that they support. Other discussions will occur at general public meetings. Our first opportunities to ask for input will be at the following meetings:

<u>Advisory Committee Meeting</u>	January 9 - 2:00-4:00 PM	Meeting Hall, Honeyman State Park
<u>General Public Meeting</u>	January 9 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM	Meeting Hall, Honeyman State Park
<u>General Public Meeting</u>	January 11 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM	Oregon Parks & Recreation Department 725 Summer Street NE, Ste. C, Salem

What Will Happen At These Meetings?

The purpose of these first meetings is to ask for input on any issues or other information that should be considered in formulating a draft master plan. Members of the public may attend the afternoon of the Advisory Committee meeting, however, only comments from the Advisory Committee will be taken at this meeting. The evening meeting is the general public's opportunity to comment. OPRD staff will provide an overview of the planning process and schedule at each meeting.



What Will Happen After These Meetings?

OPRD staff will prepare the first draft of the park master plan based on the input gathered at these first meetings and during the written comment period that will follow. Shortly after the first draft is released, a second round of public and Advisory Committee meetings will be held to introduce the draft and accept comments. Another written comment period will follow the second round of meetings. At key times during the process, staff will also meet with Lane County officials as needed to discuss issues and the draft master plan as well as identify the steps needed to assure that the park master plan complies with the comprehensive land use plan for the county. After making any needed changes based on the comments, OPRD will present the draft master plan to the State Parks and Recreation Commission for their comments. All of these steps will occur before beginning a more formal public process that leads to the eventual adoption of the master plan by OPRD and approval by the county.

Questions or Comments?

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Meeting notices and project updates will be available at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PLANS/index.shtml>

