

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

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Information

Topic: Water testing update

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The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) recently voluntarily tested some state park water systems for lead. OPRD feels visitor safety and health are important parts of the state park experience. While small water systems used by people for very short periods aren't required to test for lead after they are established, regular testing is done for other contaminants.

104 samples, drawn at 22 parks, show the system is in very good overall health. Four samples at three parks showed lead levels higher than the acceptable limits, and have been either partially turned off or marked "non-potable -- do not consume" until they can be retested and a remedy found. Those four spots are: a campground and day-use site, both at Milo McIver State Park near Estacada; a drinking fountain at Rooster Rock State Park in the Columbia River Gorge; and the men's restroom at Jasper State Recreation Site east of Springfield. Three other state park water fixtures—one each at Jasper, Hat Rock State Rock near Hermiston, and Thompson's Mills State Historic Site near Albany—tested below the acceptable limit, but were close enough to require retesting, so they, too, have been turned off or labeled until new tests can be completed. Attendance is low this time of year, so this is mostly an inconvenience for staff and volunteers.

The remedy for each site will vary, and could include replacing fixtures, installing filters, or other measures. More tests will be done over the winter to check strategic spots within all state park campground water systems. While small, briefly-used water systems are not required to continually test for lead, and no such system will ever be 100% pure, OPRD is committed to keep Oregonians and other visitors informed. After coordinating with the Oregon Health Authority, test results will eventually be posted online regularly for the duration of the project at <http://bit.ly/oregonstateparkwatertest>.

Prior Action: None

Action requested: None

Attachments: State park test results

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Oregon State Parks water testing results -- 20161018

Park	Location	mg/L		Outcome	Over?
		Sample 1	Sample 2		
Ainsworth	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Campsite A13 Standpipe	No detection		Good	
	West men's restroom	No detection		Good	
	East men's restroom	No detection		Good	
	East hiker camp	No detection		Good	
Cape Blanco	Cape Blanco	No detection		Good	
Carl Washburne	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Shop	No detection		Good	
	Yurt	0.00567		Good	
	Campsite 33	No detection		Good	
	Campsite 73	No detection		Good	
Elijah Bristow	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Cedar picnic shelter	No detection		Good	
	Host campsite spigot/equestrian	No detection		Good	
	Shop sink	0.00384		Good	
	Men's restroom	No detection		Good	
Emigrant Springs	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Host campsite 2	No detection		Good	
	Shop	0.00304		Good	
	Community Building	0.00334		Good	
	Host campsite 2	No detection		Good	
Guy Talbot	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Bunkhouse	No detection		Good	
Harris Beach	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Office	No detection		Good	
	Shop	No detection		Good	
	Standpipe	0.0075		Good	
	Program area	No detection		Good	
	Booth	No detection		Good	
Hat Rock	Residence	0.00228		Good	
	Shop	No detection		Good	
	Host campsite	No detection		Good	
	Picnic area A	No detection		Good	
	West restroom	0.0124	In progress	Re-test	
Jasper	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Upstream women's restroom	0.00526		Good	
	Downstream men's restroom	0.0198	In progress	Remedy	+32%
	Day use shelter 1	0.0147	In progress	Re-test	
	Host campsite spigot	0.00544		Good	
Joseph Stewart	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Marina restaurant	No detection		Good	
	D Loop restroom	0.00215		Good	
	Day use restrom	0.00425		Good	
	Shop	0.00631		Good	
Maud Williamson	Residence	0.00634		Good	

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		Sample 1	Sample 2		
	Wellhead	No detection		Good	
	Host campsite	No detection		Good	
	Restroom	No detection		Good	
	Shelter	No detection		Good	
Milo Mclver	Residence	0.00586		Good	
	Equestrian spigot	0.00455		Good	
	Campground	0.0207	In progress	Remedy	+38%
	Willow day use area	0.0331	In progress	Remedy	+121%
	Shop	0.00341		Good	
Port Orford Heads	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Barracks building	No detection		Good	
Rooster Rock	Staff restroom sink	No detection		Good	
	Staff kitchen sink	No detection		Good	
	Drinking fountain	0.0179	In progress	Remedy	+19%
	Shop	No detection		Good	
	Shore Acres	Residence	No detection		Good
	Residence hose bib	No detection		Good	
	Shop	No detection		Good	
	Day use restroom	No detection		Good	
	Drinking fountain	No detection		Good	
	Shop hose bib	No detection		Good	
	Silver Falls	Residence	No detection		Good
	Unnamed location	No detection		Good	
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	Unnamed location	No detection		Good	
	Unnamed location	No detection		Good	
Smith Rock	Residence	0.00204		Good	
	Campground	No detection		Good	
	Main drinking fountain	No detection		Good	
	SR LI fountain	No detection		Good	
	Office	No detection		Good	
The Cove Palisades	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Day use pipe chase	0.00206		Good	
	Beach faucet	No detection		Good	
	Campsite C13	No detection		Good	
	Office sink	No detection		Good	
	Bunkhouse	No detection		Good	
	Shop	No detection		Good	
	Campsite E6	No detection		Good	
	Amphitheater	0.00433		Good	
	Campsite E44	No detection		Good	
	Campsite E66	No detection		Good	
Thompson's Mills	Sink	No detection		Good	
	Host campsite 1	0.0112	In progress	Re-test	
	Host campsite 2	No detection		Good	

Park	Location	mg/L		Outcome	Over?
		Sample 1	Sample 2		
	Host campsite 3	No detection		Good	
	Host campsite 4	No detection		Good	
	Laundry	0.00806		Good	
Tryon Creek	Residence kitchen	0.00266		Good	
	Nature Center kitchen	0.00296		Good	
	Nature Center classroom	No detection		Good	
	Residence bathroom sink	No detection		Good	
	Shop sink	No detection		Good	
Wallowa Lake	Residence	No detection		Good	
	Office	No detection		Good	
	Marina	No detection		Good	
	Campsite C25	0.00313		Good	
	Campsite A20	0.0021		Good	
Will. Greenway-Sam Daws	Residence	0.00448		Good	

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Topic: Communications and Research Division organization update

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Work is well underway to transfer staff from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Portland office to Salem headquarters, effectively combining the Reservations Northwest/Central Business Services unit with the Communications and Research Division inside the Director's Office.

The unit will preserve many of the current functions related to direct customer service, internal and external communications, and visitor research, as well as expand services related to marketing, online commerce, and explore web-based customer services such as live online chat. The overall purpose of the move is to unify external communications and marketing and accomplish larger goals without expanding staff. By the end of the year, nine permanent, year-round positions will have been relocated to Salem. Future commission information items will introduce improved, expanded programs using these existing staff.

Prior Action: None

Action requested: None

Attachments: None

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