

For the safety of our community, forests in the Wasson Valley will be closed to the public beginning April 1 and take about 1.5 months to complete. This will not affect the current trail map ([link](#)) or access to the Hinch Bridge paddle launch.

However, there will be active tree falling and use of heavy equipment in off-trail areas of the Wasson Valley. Crews will be following Wasson Creek Watershed Restoration Plan ([link](#)) to thin select trees that were previously planted by timber companies and plant native plants to accelerate development of old growth forest conditions.

This is a unique time for the southern area of the Reserve. Restoring an entire watershed is an exciting opportunity for the global restoration science community.

Links:

South Trails:

<https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/ss/Documents/SouthSloughReserveSouthTrailsMap2024.pdf>

Wasson Creek Watershed Restoration Plan:

<https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/ss/Documents/Wasson%20Creek%20Watershed%20Restoration%20Plan.pdf>