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**Johnson Creek Greenway:
Bandon's Natural Wonderland
-Wade Troxell**





Learn about Johnson Creek Wayside!

Situated just south of The Inn at Face Rock (Best Western) on Beach Loop Drive lies a natural wonder known as Johnson Creek Greenway (JCG). The locals who explore this city-owned 37-acre parcel of land enjoy an outdoor area consisting of several different types of wetland habitats including: meadow, marshland, pond, creek and woodlands. JCG contains a complex ecosystem called a wet prairie habitat, which is one of the most endangered ecosystems on the Oregon coast (95% have been lost over the last century). As a wetland, this property serves to protect and improve water quality, promote fish and wildlife habitats, store floodwater, and maintain surface water flow from Johnson Creek to the Pacific Ocean. Johnson Creek, which runs through the greenway, sustains strong water flow throughout the year and is deemed a fish bearing stream.



The earliest local history traces back to 1896 when the property was inhabited as a dairy farm, later transitioning to beef cattle around 1915. Some long-term Bandon residents recall days when the area was used as a small golf course under several different official names between the years 1927-2015 when operations of the affectionately nicknamed “Gorse Course” ceased.





After purchase by the City of Bandon in 2019, the property was added to the Parks Master Plan and a conceptual design for a nature-based city park was developed. Not much recent attention has been dedicated to JCG by the city outside of routine property maintenance. To date, there are no signs or designated parking available.



There are roughly 350 current homes within walking distance of Johnson Creek Greenway, with the potential for an estimated 100 more. Many of these residents do not even know of its existence. However, for those fortunate enough to frequent this hidden gem in our community one can have peaceful and meaningful observations and encounters with wildlife including: deer, beavers, wild turkeys, bald eagles, herons, ducks, egrets, hawks and numerous songbirds. I hope this inspires you to take time to discover (or re-discover) Johnson Creek Greenway for yourself soon, it offers a soulful experience for all.

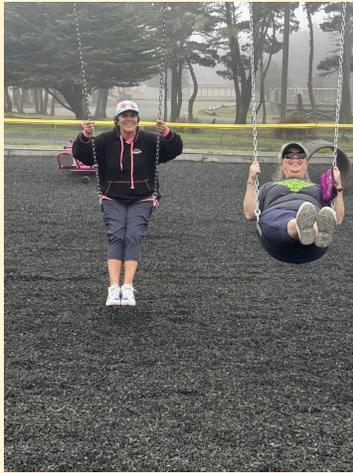
Note: Look for more about FOBPR's efforts to keep JCG in its natural state in our March newsletter.

New Swings at the Bandon City Park!

The city of Bandon completed replacement of old swings to sturdier new ones Tuesday Jan 20th from a grant received back in 2023.



New swings have include a handicap or youth swing with safety features.



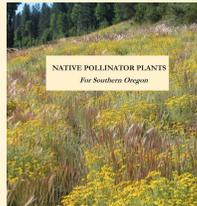
Laura B and Susie G of Bandon Pickleball were the first to try the swings after installations was compete.





Bandon City Park Master Plan Update:

You can review the current status of the DRAFT Final City Park Master Plan at <https://www.bandon-or.gov/planning/page/city-park-master-plan>



The 2026 Bandon Board Walk Art Show theme is going to be native plants and pollinators!

Get your creative juices going!! More information on where you can pick up boards will be announce this spring.



Appreciate your input!

Last month, we asked for your input and ideas regarding project needs at City Park (while the revised Master Plan is being finalized). Here is what we received in response to our request:

1. Idea to create an outdoor play area or outdoor child seating for Library Time
2. Idea to add/replace/standardize signage for the Disc Golf course
3. Idea to replace water fountain with unit capable of filling water bottles (like you find in airports)

Thanks to our subscribers that took time to provide us a response and share these wonderful ideas.

Our next step will be to review these proposals with our Board during our February meeting and to make a project selection. Following our meeting, we will get to work to plan, fund, and gain approval for the project with a goal of having it complete by June 1st.

Later this year- we will take a similar approach to find a project need at South Jetty Park. So next time you visit there, take a look around and think about what might be needed to enhance this park.



Friends of Bandon Parks & Recreation seeks new talent on our Executive Board.

Skills that could be learned or refreshed include:

- Financial accounting (organizational budgeting, expense management, fund raising)
- Grant writing
- Project management (team leadership, delegation, creating project plans/budgets)
- Government regulatory submissions (ODOJ, IRS)
- Meeting management (setting agenda, recording minutes, archiving information)

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- Business correspondence

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Interested in Learning or Playing Pickleball??

Contact Bandon Pickleball at Bandonpickleball@gmail.com



Interested in Playing Disc Golf?

Check out FaceBook groups for the area from North Bend to Brookings:
Gold Coast Disc Golf Club, CBDGC, and Gold Beach DGC 3rd Sunday Doubles.



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Save your receipts from McKays market

Turn them into FOBPR so as a nonprofit we can collect 1% back from them to use in our community!!

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