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## **READY, SET, COUNT: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH TRAIL SURVEY**

**Clackamas County, OR** – Each September, volunteers from throughout the region gather along local trails to count and survey people biking and walking along the Portland metro area’s trails, parks and natural areas. Why is this important? Trail count information data is used to help decide where and when to build new trails and to respond to the needs of trail users.

We need 40 volunteers to help with the trail counts, happening Sept. 10-15 (5-7 p.m. on weekdays and 9-11 a.m. on weekends). Each shift is just two hours at one county location. Volunteers will be trained and receive maps/aerial photos and specific instructions on how to do the counts.

Interested in volunteering? Please RSVP for one of the volunteer training: 5-6 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Clackamas County DSB building, room 118, 150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City. RSVP to Damon Walker, (503) 742-4352 or [dwalker@clackamas.us](mailto:dwalker@clackamas.us).

In an effort to improve conditions for walkers, joggers, bikers, and wheelchair users in our area, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), Clackamas County Parks the City of Milwaukie, along with 11 other local partners, are taking part in the National Bicycle & Pedestrian Documentation Project -- a national weeklong effort to count and survey trail and bike lane users. One of the greatest challenges facing the bicycle and pedestrian arena is the lack of documentation on usage and demand. Without accurate and consistent demand and usage figures, it is difficult to measure the positive benefits of investments in these modes of transportation. This national project provides a consistent model of data collection and ongoing data for use by planners, governments, and bicycle and pedestrian professionals.

WHAT: Trail Counts  
WHEN: Sept. 10-15 (5-7 p.m. on weekdays; 9-11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday)  
WHERE: Various trail locations throughout NCPRD  
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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER TRAININGS:

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*Pizza and refreshments will be provided!*

Please call (503) 742-4352 or email [dwalker@clackamas.us](mailto:dwalker@clackamas.us) to confirm your participation in this important project. You can learn more about this process at [www.oregonmetro.gov/trailcounts](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/trailcounts).

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