

# NEWS



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## **SUPER NEWT! THPRD'S ANNUAL HOMAGE IS SET FOR NOV. 4**

Newt Day is back! THPRD's celebration of the rough-skinned amphibian returns on Saturday, Nov. 4, noon to 4 p.m. at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center (15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton).

Visitors will learn about the amazing adaptations of newts and other forest inhabitants through interactive activities and education stations programmed by THPRD's Natural Resources experts.



**Newt Day, Nov. 4, pays homage to the rough-skinned newt with educational exhibits, activities and an opportunity for visitors to search for these and other creatures at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park.**

“Newt Day gives visitors a peek at the super powers that forest dwelling animals and plants need to survive in the wild,” explained Karen Munday, Environmental Education Program Coordinator. “When we talk about amazing animal adaptations, the rough-skinned newt has one of the best! This small salamander is so toxic only one other animal can eat it and survive!”

Come learn how newts evade predators, survive in or out of water and camouflage themselves with a single leaf. Afterward, head into the Tualatin Hills Nature Park for a self-guided adventure; five-plus miles of trail means there are a lot of opportunities to locate newts and other forest creatures.

This family-friendly event is designed to inspire exploration of nature during the season when it is tempting to stay inside. Visitors are encouraged to walk the grounds rain or shine, as newts enjoy seasonally wet weather.

Newt Day admission is \$3 per person (children 2 and under are free).

The Tualatin Hills Nature Park is a 222-acre wildlife preserve in the heart of Beaverton that features evergreen and deciduous forests, creeks, wetlands, ponds, and meadows. The park is home to a variety of birds, mammals, and smaller creatures. Its trails network includes 1.5 miles of paved pathways plus 3.5 miles of well maintained, soft-surface trails.

For more information, call the Tualatin Hills Nature Center at 503-629-6350.

### **About THPRD**

THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning about 50 square miles and serving about 240,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of widely diverse classes, more than 90 park sites with active recreational amenities, 60 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and 1,400 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or call 503-645-6433.

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