



City of Tukwila

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Tukwila's Hidden Outdoor Treasures

TUKWILA, Wash. (January 8, 2008) - Tukwila has many hidden treasures in the outdoors: a network of trails and creeks, an amazing amount of wildlife, bird enthusiasts, a golf course, kayaking and sports opportunities at the renowned Starfire Soccer Arena.

People looking for new outdoor adventures within King County can find it in Tukwila. And, the City of Tukwila is actively creating an ordinance to protect environmentally sensitive area such as along Duwamish and Green Rivers. In addition to improving the rivers as habitat for salmon, eagles, osprey and other wildlife, the sensitive areas ordinance will also ensure the rivers remain beautiful for years to come. This spring, bird enthusiasts can come to Tukwila for the Backyard Wildlife Festival.

Trails, Creeks and Parks

- Tukwila Pond: 25 acre oasis in the middle of Tukwila's busiest retail district, organized by volunteers. It has picnic tables, trails, restrooms and a greenbelt.
- Fort Dent Park/Starfire Sports: 54 acre park with soccer and outdoor facilities (baseball complex, soccer fields, playground, picnic areas, trails and open spaces).
- Examples of Other Parks: Crestview (6.1 acres with a view of downtown Seattle), Crystal Springs Park (11 acres with view of Cascade range), Riverton Park
- Community Center: (need facilities info)
- The Green River Trail: Provides a beautiful pedestrian and cycling path, and connects to the Interurban trail for a 30 mile round trip.
- Golf Courses: Two exceptional golf courses.
- Rivers: Duwamish and Green Rivers, as well as the Green River Natural Resource Wildlife area. Great kayaking!

Wildlife Abounds

A surprising variety of wildlife can be found in Tukwila, because the Duwamish River is a wildlife corridor.

- Migratory songbirds
- Waterfowl
- Raptors (eagles, osprey and others)
- Wading birds, such as blue or green herons

- Woodpecker species
- Hummingbirds
- Diving birds, like the kingfisher
- Salmon
- Otters
- Coyotes

Centennial Events for Outdoor Enthusiasts

- Backyard Wildlife Weekend – May 9-11, 2008
- Tukwila's Family Fourth at the Fort – July 4, 2008
- All Nation's Cup – July 18-August 3, 2008
- Health & Wellness Events – September-October

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