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Life-Changing Electric All-Terrain Trackchairs to be available for free use in Tigard, OR

The first of 10 new locations opens July 1st.

June 25, 2022 Tigard, Oregon – Providing a new way to get out into nature for people with mobility challenges, David's Chair Outdoor Mobility Systems, American Legion Post 158 and Oregon Parks Forever are collaborating to bring the first of 10 additional locations where mobility challenged visitors can pick up and use an electric all-terrain wheelchair.



Starting July 1, a chair and trailer will be housed at American Legion Post 158 at 8635 Scoffins St., Tigard, OR and can be reserved through davidschair.org.

These chairs will provide a new freedom for a mobility challenged park visitor - to get off the pavement and out into nature.

With increased accessibility to trails, lakes, rivers and beaches, through demanding conditions like sand, snow and mud, mobility-impaired visitors will be able to participate in activities never-before possible.

From birdwatching and fishing, to riding along the beach, to simply enjoying the fresh air and solitude of nature, these all-terrain chairs will invite many new people to share the wonders of the great outdoors in our parks.

Anyone with mobility impairment, requiring the assistance of wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, canes or crutches, will be able to use these chairs.

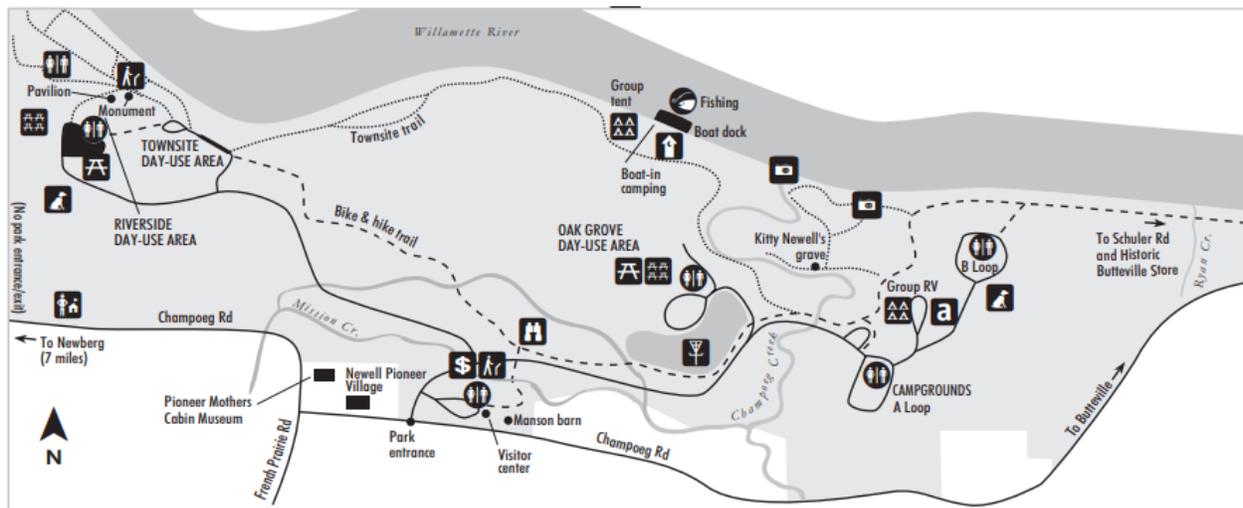
See these chairs in action at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4Klrqu47WY>

Over the next couple of years, the partners are working to locate hosts at American Legion, VFW and Tourism related entities along the Oregon Coast and the I-5 corridor where a chair and trailer can be stored and made available for free use by visitors with mobility challenges.

We are doing this to provide easier access to these chairs to a wider number of people. Under the current operating model for David's Chair, anyone wishing to borrow one of their seven current chairs (for free) must bring a trailer hitch-enabled vehicle to Medford and pick up a chair and trailer to take where they would like to use it. This severely limits access to other parts of the state. One of the most popular uses for these chairs is to get out on the beach, hence our desire for host locations along the Oregon Coast. Also, there are many parks in areas such as Springfield, Eugene, Salem and Portland along the I-5 corridor that visitors would like to access.

Reservations for free use can be made at: www.davidschair.org. In order to maintain availability, chairs may only be reserved for no more than two days at a time.

A media event will be hosted by David's Chair on Friday, July 1st at Champoeg State Heritage Area, south of Wilsonville from 10:30am to 1:00 PM at the Townsite Day Use Area. David's Chair CEO Steve Furst and American Legion Commander-elect Allyson Kropf will be available there for interviews and demonstration of the chair that will be housed in Tigard. Please contact us in advance to schedule a time to give you special attention.



About David's Chair Outdoor Mobility Systems

David's Chair is a non-profit public benefit corporation based in Medford, Oregon with a mission to provide people with mobility challenges the free use of electric all-terrain track chairs offering freedom and independence to get outdoors and experience terrain and conditions that would otherwise be unavailable to them. The organization currently has seven electric all-terrain track chairs and three trailers, available in Medford for use for free by people with mobility challenges who reserve them at www.davidschair.org.

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About American Legion Post 158 in Tigard.

Located at 8635 SW Scoffins St, Tigard, OR 97223, Post 158 is a part of the national American Legion organization chartered by Congress in 1919. It is a patriotic veterans organization focused on service to veterans, service members and communities. For more information, visit tigardamericanlegion.org

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About Oregon Parks Forever

Since 1995, Oregon Parks Forever has been raising funds to help fund programs and projects that enhance the experience of using Oregon's parks & forests. Emphasis is placed on projects that protect existing facilities and amenities, increase park accessibility, provide healthy activities and educate the future stewards of our public lands. Oregon Parks Forever is a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission includes working with federal, state, local and tribal public land managers to enhance and preserve special places and experiences in all Oregon parks. For more information, visit orparkforever.org/

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