

Watershed Symposium 2012 Field Trip
Walking Tour of Jordan River Riparian Restoration Sites
Friday, September 28—8:30-11:00am

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Overview:

The Jordan River flows through the center of the Salt Lake Valley connecting the two largest water bodies in Utah, Utah Lake and Great Salt Lake. Water from the Jordan has historically been used to provide for the many needs of Salt Lake Valley residents through irrigation of agriculture and other human uses. As a result, the river has been subjected to many modifications to its channel, vegetation, and flows over the last century or more. These stressors on the river ecosystem have not been without cost and the Jordan River is subject to many of the issues that plague urban water bodies worldwide. In particular, a wildly unnatural flow regime, caused by the opening/closing of the Utah Lake gates, is one stressor that makes even the most conservative riparian restoration challenging. Numerous riparian restoration and reclamation projects have been implemented along the river to improve the quality of habitats.

On this trip, we will visit several restoration projects that have been completed on properties owned and managed by land trusts, non-profits, private interests, municipalities, and agencies. Participants will see examples of different restoration practices, with particular focus on how to make riparian restoration successful in the midst of rapidly advancing urban development.

Trip Notes:

- Meet at the Salt Lake County Government Center, North Building entrance, 2001 South State Street, (east side of the building, opposite the parking garage)
- Vans will leave *promptly* at the start time indicated
- Dress for outdoors, sun protection and walking shoes are recommended
- Bring your own food and drink
- Salt Lake County requires all field trip attendees to sign a waiver form. Please sign and return the attached waiver in advance, or sign on the day of the trip.
- For trip details, check out the attached info sheet and the [Google Map](http://goo.gl/maps/cXc2W) at <http://goo.gl/maps/cXc2W>



Field trip offered as part of the 6th Annual Salt Lake Countywide Watershed Symposium, September 26-28, 2012, <http://www.watershed.slco.org/symposium/index.html>