

Redmond Caves Archaeological Project

The Redmond Caves Archaeological Project is a cooperative effort between the BLM and the City of Redmond (City), to develop a 40 acre parcel of land into a community park. The parcel is administered by the BLM but located within the city limits of Redmond, Oregon. Five subterranean lava-tube caves are among the most prominent features located on the parcel. Tribal consultation and past archaeological investigations suggest that those caves were periodically occupied by prehistoric people. As part of the project undertaking, resource clearances and scientific archaeological investigations would be completed before park development could commence. Those clearances and investigations, sponsored by the BLM and City and conducted as a University of Oregon field school, began in 2002. They are now in their 3rd season. Once clearances are completed, the parcel will be developed into a "natural" community park where it will be interpreted for its scientific, tribal, cultural, educational, and natural resource values. The park would be co-managed by the BLM and City through a cooperative agreement.



Exterior of Cave 1



U of O mapping the interior of Cave 1



U of O archaeological surface investigations on the 40 acre cave parcel





Uof O site testing at Redmond Caves parcel