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Dates to Remember

June 28 July *Bulletin* Deadline
 July 3 Board Meeting

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The *Bulletin* production schedule for August-October 2019 has been changed. The deadline for submissions for the August/September issue will be Friday, August 9. The submissions deadline for the October *Bulletin* will be Friday, September 20.

New Forest Service Permit System: Recent Decision Notice Explained

Jorry Rolfe

AFTER TWO YEARS OF PLANNING, THE CONCLUSION HAS BEEN REACHED about which trailheads in nearby wilderness areas will be subject to limited and unlimited entry permits—effective spring of 2020. This decision means that some of the opportunities we Obsidians will schedule and enjoy will require us to plan in advance of our trips in/after 2020. Here is an attempt to answer some of your questions!

What is the permit season, and when will permits become available?

Each year the season for permits will run from Friday before Memorial Day to the last Friday in September. The permit applications will likely become available on May 1 annually through recreation.gov.

How many trailheads will be subject to limited entry and unlimited entry?

In the wilderness areas of Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and the Three Sisters during the permit season, for overnight use, there will be 79 trailheads requiring limited entry permits and 31 trailheads requiring self-issue unlimited permits.

For day use, there will be 19 trailheads requiring limited entry permits and 91 trailheads requiring self-issue unlimited permits.

[Quotas do vary at each trailhead: there are group quotas for overnight use and individual quotas for day use.]

How will I get a limited entry permit through the reservation system?

A portion of permits/use will be reserved in advance. The remainder will be available on the day or day before a trip starts. For day use, the majority of permits will be available shortly before the trip starts. For overnight use, the majority of permits will be reservable.

For overnight access, why are there are many more trailheads requiring limited entry permits?

These overnight permits starting next year will be trail-based and allow us greater spontaneity once we enter the wilderness areas; that is, we will be able to travel (with one permit) between areas and use only PCT trailheads. This is a significant change—there will be no camping zones restricting where we can camp. If you are not using a designated trailhead, you must have an entry permit for the nearest trailhead. [Free self-issue permits will continue at Diamond Peak and Waldo Lake.]

IMPORTANT EXCEPTIONS:

Camping zones will be retained at Green Lakes Basin, Moraine Lake Basin and N. and S. Matthieu Lakes areas (where existing designated campsites exist).

Camping setbacks from water will be imposed at the following locations: No Name Lake on Broken Top Tarn, Golden Lake, The Obsidian Cliffs area including Sisters Springs, Glacier Creek, Obsidian Creek, White Branch Creek and Arrowhead Lake; Minnie Scott Springs, The Linton Meadows area, and the Pamela Lakes area.



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IN MEMORIAM

Harriet Kelly

May 9, 1952–May 26, 2019

HARRIET KELLY JOINED THE OBSIDIANS IN FEBRUARY, 2012, and participated in seventeen trips. She became known as the *Mushroom Lady* when she led two mushroom trips—a Mushroom Foray and Gathering Winter Mushrooms. Harriet would help identify the various species located by participants and talk about mushroom safety and picking etiquette. A good friend, Darko Sojak has beautiful photo albums for both trips in the Obsidian Gallery including one of Harriet identifying a tasty pig's ear. Harriet was a member of the Cascade Mycological Society and served on the CMS board in the capacities of Foray Coordinator and Membership Chairperson.

On the day Harriet died, her daughter Kitty Quitmeyer shared on Facebook that her mother was the *Mushroom Queen*. Whether mushroom queen or lady, Harriet's knowledge and enthusiasm encouraged Obsidians to fill their baskets and share recipes for dinner. A Celebration of Life will be held in early July.

Welcome New Members!

Diana Dinn
Leaburg, OR 97489

Kathleen Ehli
Eugene, OR 97440

Diana Wheat
Eugene, OR 97402



A GET ACQUAINTED HIKE WAS HELD AT THE LODGE ON JUNE 1 to coincide with National Trails Day. An enthusiastic group of guests and new members received answers to their many questions about the Obsidians, enjoyed a hike to Hendricks Park, and were served refreshments back at the Lodge. Some nonmembers have already signed up for more outings with us. More Get Acquainted hikes are scheduled; the next is June 28. If you are a new member and want to know more about how the Club works, or if you know someone interested in the Obsidians, consider joining us on a Get Acquainted Hike.

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Forest Service Permit System (Continued from page 1)

Note: See Appendix A and Figures B-2, B-4, B-6, and B-8 for overnight use quotas and maps online. **Source:**

fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/105465_FSPLT3_4642640.pdf

What about PCT hikers?

Hikers with a PCT long-distance permit will not be allowed to camp outside the PCT corridor (1/2 mile on either side of PCT), or in the following areas: Obsidian, North and South Mathieu Lakes, Coyote and Shale Lakes, and Jefferson Park.

Will campfires be allowed?

Not above 5,700 feet in Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters areas and not above 6,000 feet in Diamond Peak.

Not allowed at all at Table Lake, Marion/Ann Lake Basin, Benson Lake and Tenas Lakes.

Campfires will be allowed at Waldo Lake.

How will the Forest Service be able to enforce these permit requirements?

The Forest Service expects to expand many activities, and ‘visitor compliance’ (i.e., enforcement) is one. To do this, the approval of a stewardship fee for ‘wilderness use’ was mentioned in this May decision. ‘Wilderness use’ to them means activities such as compliance along with visitor education, trail maintenance and office-based services.

What will be the cost for a permit?

This has not been decided yet. A separate public process about the new or changed fees needs to happen. We expect to hear more this fall.

Meanwhile, based on what is in this May decision, it looks as though there will be:

1. a new stewardship fee for day and overnight permits (\$ to local Forests, retained and reinvested).
2. a fee for the reservation transaction (\$ to the reservation system).

Is my favorite day-long climb/hike on the list for a permit?

Maybe. This might help—here is a list of the 19 trailheads requiring day use permits in the three wilderness areas, followed by the individual quotas for each trailhead. (These 19 are only 24% of the trailheads in these areas.)

Seven Mt. Jefferson Trailheads:

Duffy Lake 30
Jack Lake 60
Marion Lake 40
Pamelia Lake 24
PCT Breitenbush/Breitenbush Lake 4
S. Breitenbach 12
Whitewater 30

Two Mt. Washington Trailheads:

Benson/Tenas 30
PCT McKenzie Pass 24

Ten Three Sisters Trailheads:

Broken Top 40 (trailhead pulled back to 370 Road with Crater Ditch)
Crater Ditch 16 (trailhead pulled back to 370 Road with Broken Top)
Devils Lake/Wickiup 100
Green Lake/Soda Creek 80
Lava Cap 40
Obsidian 30
Sisters Mirror 16
Scott TH 12
Tam McArthur Rim 80
Todd Lake 12

Note: See Appendix A and Figures B-1, B-3, B-5, and B-7 for day use quotas and maps online.

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Leaders Needed

Dave Cooper, Summer Trips Chair

THE TRAILS, MOUNTAINS, LAKES, AND STREAMS AWAIT US. Now we need to match leaders to all those outdoor settings. And it’s never been easier to get started leading. Just email summertrips@obsidians.org with a trip you’d like to lead. All you need to submit is a trip name and a date. There’s more to be filled in but the committee and the Obsidian website can help with that. Did you know you can find links to valuable resources right from our home page? Just click on *Outdoor Links* in the upper left corner of our home page. Maps, trail descriptions, driving directions; it’s all there.

Not sure about a leader’s responsibilities and procedures? It’s available to you in the *Members Only* section of the website. Log in there and then check out Summer and Winter Trips files in the *Documents* section. If it’s your first lead of the season you’ll be emailed those pdf files.

Not sure about doing the online portion of leading? It’s never been easier than it is since the recent upgrades. You’ll get help to walk through those steps.

Here are some trips we’d like to see someone lead:

Kentucky Falls, Tire Mountain, Eddeleo Lakes, Marion Lake, Vivian Lake, Metolius River, Duffy Lake, Lowder Mountain, Tidbits Mountain, Patterson Mountain, Timpanogas Lake...the list goes on and on.

Contact summertrips@obsidians.org with your ideas and let’s get those hikes, backpacks, bike rides, car camps, and water trips on the schedule. We can’t have too many trips. Let’s aim for well over 200 summer trips this year!

MAY BOARD NOTES

May 1, 2019 by Denise Rubenstein

President Lyndell Wilken called the meeting to order. Board members present: Marci Hansen, Maryanne Reiter, Dave Cooper, Kathy Randall, John Cooper, Stewart Hoeg, Lana Lindstrom, and Dave Hawkins. Others present: Denise Rubenstein, Wayne Deeter, Carla Cooper, Jorry Rolfe, and Dave Stone.

The Board approved the minutes for April 2019. Stewart Hoeg gave the Treasurer's report and the Board approved paying the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bus Trips (Sharon Cutsforth): We successfully completed our scheduled April bus trip to the Oregon Coast Aquarium and a visit to the NOAA research vessel. 17 members and six nonmembers enjoyed this very interesting trip, \$35.00 in trip fees were collected.

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): The Climbs Committee and an amazing slew of volunteers once again sponsored a fun and educational Climb School. We had only one minor weather-related change where we had everyone do their outdoor rock skills in one day with two sessions instead of over two days. It made for a long day for the volunteers, but at least the students didn't have to climb in the pouring rain on Sunday. The Climbs committee is continuing to work on scheduling climbs for the summer.

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Concession sales for our April events totaled \$155.46.

Conservation/SciEd (Jorry Rolfe & Kay Coots): Twenty people attended the April ExploraTalk and \$17 was collected. In May a Willamette Confluence Preserve tour will be held on Saturday the 11th while the ExploraTalk on Tuesday the 14th will be with UO professor and Obsidian member Gordon Sayre about explorer David Thompson. Thompson navigated and surveyed the entire Columbia River in 1811.

Entertainment (Carol Woodman): The UP-North Loop potluck presentation on April 26 was well attended. The audience enjoyed an evening of laughter, information, and inspiration as Ras and Kathy Vaughan shared their story of hiking 2,600 miles through the inland northwest. \$59 was collected.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): There was one rental cancellation for May but the McKenzie River Trust rented for the purpose of First Aid training.

Lodge Grounds (John Jacobsen): April 20, 21, and 22 were spent playing catchup after all the rains with clearing the drives and parking lots of weeds/grass, mowing, weeding planting beds and pruning. Thanks to Jim Northrop for his help.

Membership (Diane Schechter): New member for Board approval—Judy Giers.

Online/Webmaster (Wayne Deeter): There have been reports that the obsidians.org web site has been down at times. This is currently being investigated.

Publications/Bulletin (Lou Maenz): On April 10 the *Bulletin* Committee folded and mailed 200 *Bulletins* at a cost of

\$58.46 leaving a remaining \$311.02 in the bank. Folding Committee included Lou Maenz assisted by Barbara Schomaker, Nancy Raymond, Don Baldwin, Pat Bean, Joanna Alexander and Judy Newman.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): Still working on the "climbs" shirt. It's slow going.

Safety (Lyndell Wilken): The AED has been checked.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): In April we had 22 trips. 217 members and 17 nonmembers participated. When all fees are in, this should amount to \$289 for the month. A Summer Trips Rally is schedule for May 23rd.

Winter Trips (Steve Cordon): For our full Winter Trip season, we had 104 trips (83 Hike, 8 SShoe, 7 XSki, 6 Bike). 18 trips were cancelled. 917 members and 134 nonmembers participated, generating \$1,200 in trip fees.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Cooper presented a list of hikes that the Obsidians have taken that needed a Wilderness permit. It remains to be seen how the new permit system will affect our hikes. It's clear that climbs will be most affected. Thanks to Dave for that work.

NEW BUSINESS

David Stone from Friends of Douglas-fir National Monument presented a request for an Obsidian endorsement for the proposed Douglas-fir National Monument that will be put before Congress. It's been a work in progress for four years, a case statement has been completed, and endorsements are now being sought. A few questions were asked and answered. It was decided that more information needs to be gathered before making a determination. Lyndell will be contacting other hiking and wilderness groups to gather more input. The topic was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Membership application was approved.

Search for an Entertainment chair continues, but there is still a full committee in place. The concern is that if a chair is not found Potlucks might need to be eliminated.

A consideration is in place to add an index to the Obsidian Bylaws. Dave Hawkins will be conferring with John Jacobsen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There has been a complaint voiced about speeding cars coming and leaving the Obsidian Lodge. Please stay between 1–15 mph on the narrow road leading to the Lodge.

ADJOURNMENT

Obsidians As Forest Volunteers

Lyndell Wilken, Obsidian President

MANY OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS VOLUNTEER to keep our public trails and forests open and pristine. For those who enjoy hiking, biking, camping, and any other activity that takes them to our forest lands, it has never been more evident than after this past winter snowstorm how important our club volunteers have been. They are out there clearing trails and roads of downed trees and debris, making trailheads accessible, and trails passable. Many of our own club members participate in the volunteer programs and we should give them a thank you for their work.

The High Cascades Scorpion Crew that have been clearing downed trees this year have been helped by club members Brad Bennett, Mike Smith, Dave Cooper, Keiko Bryan, Larry Dunlap, and Rob Castleberry. The marked winter trails at Willamette Pass are maintained by Obsidians Keiko Bryan, Steve Cordon, Mike Smith, John Hegg, Scott Hovis, Dave Lodeesen, Lyndell Wilken, Jan Anselmo, and Rich Anselmo. The most familiar Obsidian volunteers are the Ridgeline Trail crew

as organized by Matt Bell and committee members Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Pat Soussan and Todd Larsen. The committee recruits other Obsidians to help on various projects along the Ridgeline.

Hendricks Park, Friends of Mt. Pisgah, and Friends of the Masonic Cemetery are other organizations where Obsidian's lend a helping hand. There are many more groups out there offering volunteer possibilities other than trail clearing and maintenance—cleaning lakes and campsites, doing bird surveys, and trail hosting to name a few. Organizations like Friends of the Central Cascades Wilderness are looking for trailhead hosts at the Obsidian Camp Trailhead for the 2019 hiking season. There is a job for every interest. If you have the time and passion to contribute, the outdoor summer season is fast approaching, and all organizations are signing on volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in the National Forest, you can search the web by looking for the Willamette or Deschutes National Forest Volunteers.

A Book Review of *Horizon* by Barry Lopez

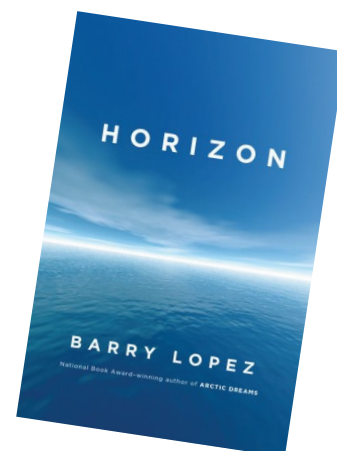
John Pegg

A LREADY ONE OF THE BEST AMERICAN AUTHORS, THIS IS BARRY LOPEZ AT HIS FINEST. *Horizon* is a magic blend of travelogue, memoir, and reflection on our fragile world and our place in it. The book will take you with him to some of the most remote and stark places on the planet. Lopez seems to have an affinity for these lonely places and he helps you also to see these places with new eyes. In these chapters he invites us to follow his travels, digressions, and reflections from Cape Fowlweather on our own Oregon Coast, the High Arctic, the Galapagos, the Kenyan desert, and to the outback of Australia. I found the depth of his curiosity about the natural world and his empathy for the people and cultures he finds on his travels extraordinary. The prose showed me the humility, intelligence and generosity of an extraordinary person, and even after over 500 pages I was sorry to finish.

The clearcuts, the overgrazed landscape, the brutality of mining on the land, and the population pressures on fragile biospheres is not overlooked. At times there is an emotional urgency that we find a way out of our present headlong destruction of the natural world. But while his eyes are open to the ugliness, his quiet, almost spiritual way of presentation, allow his collection of antidote, science, history, art, and individual characters to speak to us. At one point he writes about his travel and the people he meets, "What I wanted to understand, really, were what they might know that would be

of use to my own people... You feel while you are witnessing such things that you must carry some of it home. That what you've found are not your things but our things."

I strongly recommend you treat yourself to the experience this book will bring you.



When Is The Best Time To See A Spectacular Wildflower Display On Iron Mountain?

Janet Jacobsen

ON JUNE 22, 2017, WHEN A FEW OF US HIKED UP IRON MOUNTAIN, we met an expert on wildflowers who told us that this summer the wildflowers would again be at their peak around the third week in July. We tested his prediction on July 15—he was correct. To provide more scientific information about the variables of wildflower displays, I selected excerpts from the 75 Iron Mountain trip reports available from the Obsidian home page.

The Summer Trips Committee would like to see Iron Mountain hikes on the schedule in June and July. Please consider leading. Contact Dave Cooper at

summertrips@obsidians.org

June 4, 1977 ...a few patches of snow which should be gone in a couple of weeks. Although the flowers weren't out in bloom, they were just picking themselves up after being freed from the heavy weight of the snow. Pete Cecil

June 9, 2018 Larkspur and Indian Paint Brush dominated the scenery along with many other species... About halfway up to the summit we encountered a full blown blizzard. Snow, mixed with small hail went horizontal in wind gusts of about 20 m.p.h. Tom Rundle

June 13, 1992 The weather was all set to rain, but not too hard. It did turn to sleet at a higher elevation. We did get to see some wild flowers in the rock gardens along the path. Ted Briles

June 14, 2015 July 4th is considered the approximate time for Iron Mountain's wildflowers to be at their peak. This year, with an early spring, our group of 10 hikers experienced an extraordinary display of flowers in mid-June. The woods were full of Anemones and Canadian Dogwood. John Cooper

June 26, 1996 The early flowers, trillium and avalanche lilies were past, as was the snow, but the paint brush, larkspur, wallflowers, etc., were profuse. Mary Ellen West

June 27, 1981 We had beautiful weather, but the flowers were late again this year due to the late rains. Robin Lodewick

June 28, 1980 The flowers were delayed by the cool, rainy weather so the display was not as much as usual. There were plenty, however, to keep four botanists busy. Ken Lodewick

June 29, 2003 Thirteen of us enjoyed not only the wildflowers found beneath the canopy of the old growth forest (trilliums, orchids, false salomons seal, bunchberry, bear-grass, columbines, bleeding hearts, vanilla leaf, and numerous others) while climbing up to the alpine meadows. There we found paintbrush, larkspur, cats ear tulips, a variety of sedums, skyrockets, lupine, yellow stonecrop, pink penstemon, bluebells and others. Allan Coons

July 6, 1994 ...admired the layers of sedums and flowers which were tucked into every ledge and cranny in the barren basaltic boulders. Diane Jeffcott

July 9, 2011 The peak of the Iron Mountain wildflower season won't arrive until around July 20, but we still saw a nice display. Walking on, we discovered the "patches of snow" that the Ranger Station had mentioned—though we all agreed that this was more like "batches" than "patches" of snow, and the footing was a bit treacherous. Sue Wolling

July 11, 1998 Half of Eugene was probably at the Country Fair. Surely the other half had to be on Iron Mountain — Hardy Plant Society, Audubon Society, Altairs, Chemeketans and our intrepid 16 among a few thousand others! One young woman showed up at the SEHS park blocks, asked if this group was going to Iron Mt ... only later discovered she was with the Audubon group, not ours!...Oh, by the way, the

flowers were fantastic, best I've ever seen. Sharon Ritchie

July 15, 2018 Our 7:30 early departure combined with taking Civil Road #035, a one mile hike to the upper trailhead gave us a headstart to beat the predicted soaring temperature...a shortened trip...The flowers, a bit wilted... Janet Jacobsen

July 24, 1976 Thirty six of us started out up the trail... there were the most flowers in bloom that I had ever seen on this mountain. Art Johnson

July 25, 1999 The snow blocking the trail was gone, the mud had dried, the slide area was detoured, the trail was finally open, and the flowers were out in all their glory—finally! The pressure

building to explore Iron Mountain exploded in 25 Obsidians and friends. Royal Murdock

August 20, 2011 Although it wasn't the peak for most flowers, there was plenty of color with the Cascade Lilies the most spectacular. Janet Jacobsen

January 11, 1975 (Snowshoe) The climb rapidly became a snowshoe scramble. We ascended directly the south side and snow conditions were such that on very steep places we would slide badly.

After having a chilly lunch on the summit, with whatever wind protection the lookout building could give, we made the descent on the west side, where wind packed snow was encountered. Getting down such a slope involved more scrambling and sliding. In places, crampons would have been more appropriate. Jack Nitzel

February 24, 2015 (the year with no snow) We saw one lonely yellow buttercup, a few snow queen, and lumbered over eleven downed trees, one of them four feet in diameter. Janet Jacobsen



TRIP REPORTS



Hikes

Kalapuya Talking Stones

April 14, 2019

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 7 miles, (Moderate)

TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE TALKING STONES' STORIES, Charlotte Behm joined us on our 2.5-hour walk. She shared her experiences and history about the stones and some of the challenges that remain. We were happy to listen and better understand the geographic connection to Kalapuya place names. Thank you Charlotte, and the many others for helping to share a larger story with your voices. Members: Joanna Alexander, Denise Bean, Anne Campbell, Kathie Carpenter, Lynda Christiansen, Nikki Frank, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Evelyn Nagy, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Chris Shuraleff, Darko Sojak, Janet Soto, Fumiyo Tao, Carol Woodman.

Driftwood Shores to Hidden Cove

April 21, 2019

Leader: Darko Sojak

Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 10.2 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)

WE HOPED FOR SUNSHINE BUT HAD NO LUCK. The persistent northern wind was light, and the tide was low when we started hiking north at 9:20. Our fast group waded through Sutton Creak and then Berry Creek, and continued north reaching Hidden Cove at 11:30. After a short exploration of the rocky beach formations, we headed back south, recrossed both swift creeks, and finished our 10.2-mile hike at 2. The group lunch at Chen's Family Dish was fantastic. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Lynda Christiansen, Marguerite Cooney, Jacquie Fern, Vicky Hanson, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, Rachelle Masin, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg.



Hidden Cove.

Silver Falls

April 26, 2019

Leader: Betty Grant

Hike: 8 miles, 950 ft. (Moderate)

WONDERFUL GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS. It was a perfect weather day: waterfalls creating soul-deep awe and early wildflowers tickling our fancy as to what will follow (and stimulating our memory cells as to what are their names). We wondered why this location is not a recognized national site, but were thankful, too, to have it as our own Oregon treasure. If you've never been there—GO (on a weekday in the spring or late fall). Members: Anne Campbell, James Dinn, Sheridan Gates, Judy Giers, Betty Grant, Michael Heidelberg, Nancy Hoecker, Nancy Minson. Nonmembers: Diana Dinn, Milan Kothari.

Marys Peak

April 27, 2019

Leader: Tom Rundle

Photographer: Esme Greer

Hike: 6.4 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

WE HIKE THE STANDARD ROUTE FROM CONNOR'S CAMP through dense stands of Douglas-fir up to a south facing meadow. There were two large logs that we had to get under and over, as well as some smaller logs and a few patches of snow near the summit ridge. We stopped for a few minutes along the summit road to look at pillow basalt deposited underwater when Marys Peak was below sea level. We had lunch at the summit communications site with a nice sun break and a chilly north wind. We enjoyed a 40-mile view that included Spencer Butte before clouds moved in. We hiked a small loop through the upper parking area then back to Connor's Camp under mostly sunny skies. Members: Mari Baldwin, David Clinger, Leah Firth, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, David Morris, Tom Rundle, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale, Craig Brown.



Near the summit of Marys Peak.

Rooster Rock

April 28, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6.6 miles, 2,300 ft. (Moderate)

THE TROUT CREEK TRAIL TO ROOSTER ROCK, 21 miles east of Sweet Home, is in the Menagerie Wilderness established in 1984. There were hundreds of calypso orchids and two dozen fallen logs across the trail to distract us from the relentless elevation gain. After a two-hour uphill trudge, the rocky pinnacle where a small fire lookout observation hut once perched is a welcome sight. We did not take advantage of the climbing rope hanging from the pinnacle. It was perfect weather to lounge on the nearby rocky area for lunch and view the snow-capped mountains. One had to peek through the trees to see Rabbit Ears' twin 260-foot pillars. It was Diana's third trip and we happily signed her membership application. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Holger Krentz, David Lodeesen, Lynn Meacham, Jorry Rolfe, Darko Sojak, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Diana Wheat.

Finley Wildlife Refuge

April 30, 2019

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 5.5 miles, 380 ft. (Moderate)

WE BEGAN WITH A LOOP including the Cabell Barn, Fletcher House, Cabell Lodge, Cabell Marsh and Campbell Boardwalk. There were few waterfowl, but many redwing blackbirds, a black-capped chickadee and a western meadowlark. Our second loop included the Bald Top Hill Trail and Shelter. We noted a few robins and several flycatchers. We had lunch at the twin ponds observation platform behind the park headquarters where there were swallows and Canada geese. After lunch we hiked the Mill Hill Loop and returned to the vehicles. As we left, we saw a large hawk circling above the meadows. On the way back, we stopped at the Camus Bakery for treats. Members: Anne Campbell, Nancy Hoecker, Daphne James, Tom Rundle, Karla Rusow, Janet Whitesides.

Upper Weyerhaeuser Haul Road

May 4, 2019

Leader: Denise Bean

Photographer: Dave Lodeesen

Hike: 8 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

OUR EXPLORATORY TRIP WAS A SUCCESS. We dropped two cars off at the Hills Creek Road Trailhead, and then with all six of us in my SUV, we drove and parked at the Upper Fall Creek Road Trailhead. It took the group a couple of minutes to determine which of three logging roads was the Weyerhaeuser Haul Road. We chose correctly and were on our way. For future trips it's the one on the left. I knew we might run into some trees across the road from this winter's snow storm, but it turned out to be about 50 trees over the first four miles. We had quite the aerobic workout going over, under and around many trees—often a group of four to five trees together. Good citizens had begun to clear the last half of the road. The road wound through forested land, a few viewing spots and several logged areas. Perfect weather. The roadbed was packed gravel and will be a good close-to-town hike when it is wet and muddy on other trails. Members: Denise

Bean, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Karla Rusow, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Paul Flashenberg.



The first half of the haul road had many trees that had fallen over the road.

Hendricks Park to Art Museum

May 3, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Carla Cooper

Hike: 2 miles, (Easy)

WE HIKED FROM HENDRICKS PARK TO THE JORDAN SCHNITZER MUSEUM OF ART to view the exhibit, *Visual Magic: An Oregon Invitational*. Our focus was a collage titled *No Farm—No Food—Take Back America, Upper Clackamas River #11*. As suggested by a staff member, we first viewed it from far away at the end of the hallway. It looked like a painting of the river but as we walked closer, we could see that scene was made of garbage that could not be recycled. On our way back to Hendricks Park, we found the Hidden Staircase. Members: Carla Cooper, Jane Hackett, Janet Jacobsen.



Artwork made from unrecyclable trash.

Sawtooth Rock

May 5, 2019

Leader: Kathy Randall

Hike: 5.2 miles, 1,400 ft. (Moderate)

WE HAD ABSOLUTELY PERFECT WEATHER FOR OUR HIKE!

Except for the leader, no one had ever been to Sawtooth Rock before via the Lost Creek trail! We had sweeping views to the south of two peaks still covered in snow. (I believe they were Holland Point & Sugarloaf Mountain.) While eating lunch a few hikers found ticks on them. Most of us checked out the small cave on the north side of Sawtooth Rock before leaving. Lost Creek Trail is now clear of snow, with much less flow in Lost Creek than two weeks earlier. Members: Joanna Alexander, Jennifer Baer, Mari Baldwin, David Clinger, Jacquie Fern, Sharon Friedland, Michael King, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, David Strutin.

Yachats to Waldport

May 10, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 7 miles, 30 ft. (Moderate)

WE STARTED HIKING FROM SMELT SANDS STATE PARK AT 11 with a 0.6 minus tide at 11:42. A slight breeze made it the perfect temperature to enjoy the sunny beach walk escaping the hot weather in Eugene. Oops! I led our group right past the cliffs with the hard-to-find access to Tillicum State Park, our bathroom stop. When I lead this hike again—the 12th time—I'll remember that the large stone house is a heads-up for the steps in the Tillicum cliffs. Thanks to Nancy Hoecker who provided the third car needed for the shuttle before she headed for Brookings. Members: Patricia Bean, Judy Giers, Vicky Hanson, David Hawkins, Nancy Hoecker, Janet Jacobsen, Patty Morrow.

Willamette Confluence Preserve

May 11, 2019

Leader: Jorry Rolfe

Assistant Leader: Kay Coots

Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

OUR SIX-MILE, THREE-HOUR HIKE WAS WITH DOCENT, JOHN HELMAN, who led us from the Native Plant Nursery through the central and northern portions of this 1,305 acre Preserve. Acquired from the Wildish family in 2010, it is where the Middle and Coast forks of the Willamette River join and is otherwise closed to the public. Throughout the morning, John introduced us to the history and heritage of the area and how it came to be purchased and preserved by the Nature Conservancy. We stopped to view a restored oak savanna where major invasive species have been eradicated. This savanna is named the Stand By Me meadow—this location was used in the movie—and nearby was the site decades ago for a dance hall, long gone. The Seavey Kienzle farmstead remnants could barely be seen through the trees, and we were told that the Warm Springs Tribe used to come here and help the family with the hops harvest in the early 1900s. After walking awhile on what was once a haul road, John told us about the excavation and sculpting work done five years ago by BCI Contracting, wetlands restoration experts, who transformed 20 former riverside gravel mining pits into ponds. They now

provide miles of habitat for turtles, fish, and other aquatic animals and plants. We especially enjoyed seeing several ponds on the floodplain near the Middle Fork of the Willamette River which have been reconnected to the river via a BCI-dug inlet. We enjoyed a break there where BCI engineered a log jam, fortifying the bank against erosion. On the return hike, we walked near Ski and Mile Long ponds to view a impressive area of lovely lupine smelling like a warm spring day. Members: Denise Bean, Kay Coots, Whitney Gould, Janet Jacobsen, Nola Nelson, Jorry Rolfe, Karla Rusow, Randy Sinnott, Charlie Van Deusen.



Lupine.

Heceta Head/Beaver Lake

May 11, 2019

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

WE HIKED FROM WASHBURNE PARK ALONG THE BEACH to the Hobbit Trail, stopping along the way to look at some tide pools and local geologic features. Then we hiked up over the headland to the lighthouse where we had lunch under pleasantly cloudy skies. Here we saw a bald eagle along with the usual assortment of shore birds. After lunch, we hiked the Valley Trail past Beaver Lake, including the China Creek Loop, pausing to enjoy a series of small ponds and wild iris along the way. Then we took a slightly longer loop on a trail going under Highway 101 and a quarter mile south along the beach back to Washburne. Members: Marguerite Cooney, James Dinn, Rachele Masin, Tom Rundle, Angie Ruzicka. Nonmembers: Diana Dinn.

Opal Creek

May 12, 2019

Leader: Daphne James

Hike: 7 miles, 300 ft. (Moderate)

IT WAS A LONG AND AT TIMES BUMPY AND DUSTY DRIVE TO THE TRAILHEAD. But once we left our cars and stepped onto Opal Creek Trail, we were immediately taken by the lush and lovely beauty around us. Situated just outside of Opal Creek Wilderness, the forest in this area is exceptionally green and teeming with a wide variety of plant life. Groves of old growth trees shade from above and massive ferns cover the forest floor. We paused to visit a waterfall, then crossed a bridge to hike upstream along the North Fork of the Santiam River. Along the way we took a moment or two to admire the

crystal clear water rushing by. From our lunch spot we watched and listened to the water gushing between the huge gorge boulders into the vibrant turquoise water of Opal Pool. We completed our hike looping back through Jawbone Flats, the site of the educational Ancient Forest Center. Some Obsidians were intrigued by the heavy machinery left behind from Depression era mining operations that can still be spotted along the trail. With both natural wonders as well as pieces of history from Oregon's bygone mining days, Opal Creek was a perfect trail for a warm and sunny spring day. Members: Denise Bean, Michael Bean, Patricia Bean, Marguerite Cooney, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Janet Jacobsen, Daphne James, Holger Krentz, Becky Lipton, Cindy Rice, Dorothy van Winkle.

Wild Iris Ridge

May 12, 2019

Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Hike: 3 miles, 500 ft. (Easy)

THIS LAST MINUTE POSTING WAS INSPIRED BY FEW OBSIDIAN HIKING OPTIONS ON MOTHER'S DAY. Turns out there were plenty of other activities and no one other than Richard signed up! So we explored a bit and admired the flowers and the view. It's a small parking lot, so on weekends, arrive early. Members: Richard Hughes, Lana Lindstrom.

Horse Rock

May 18, 2019

Leader: Tom Rundle

Hike: 3.2 miles, 630 ft. (Easy)

ALTHOUGH SHORT, THE TRAIL WAS A ROLLER COASTER PATH with some significant ups and downs with many wildflowers just beginning to bloom. We had lunch at the Horse Rock formation, a volcanic (basalt) dike, and talked about the geology of the Western Cascades. The weather was partly cloudy with a few sun breaks, and we were back to Eugene safe and dry just as the rain and thunder began. Members: Sandra Larsen, Noah Lee, Evelyn Nagy, Kathy Randall, Ginny Reich, Tom Rundle, Karla Rusow, Darko Sojak.

Mt. June (via Lost Creek)

May 19, 2019

Leader: Kathy Randall

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,868 ft. (Moderate)

OUR GROUP ENJOYED A PLEASANT, THOUGH COOL AND DAMP, HIKE from the Lost Creek Trailhead to the summit of Mt. June. We enjoyed a mix of spring flowers along the trail; Oregon grape, calypso orchids, and fawn lilies were all prolific along the upper section. Unfortunately, there was no view from the summit which was surrounded by a mix of fog and low clouds. We didn't really have any 'rain', just intermittent 'Oregon mist'. Afterwards half of the group enjoyed a stop in Pleasant Hill at the Hilltop Bar & Grill (The fish tacos were excellent!) Members: Marguerite Cooney, James Dinn, Judy Giers, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, Holger Krentz, Kathy Randall, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Diana Dinn.

Blanton Heights to Spencer Butte

May 25, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 9 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)

HIKING THE RIDGELINE TRAIL ON THE SAME DAY AS THE RIDGELINE RAMBLE RACE wasn't much of a problem. We got out ahead of the runners and were warmed up by the time we stepped off the trail to let them pass. The steps and the top of the Butte were busy, although it wasn't crowded on other sections. We met a few other Obsidians heading up the trail as we returned to the Blanton Trailhead. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Betty Grant, Janet Jacobsen, Dave Predeek, Dorene Steggell.

Spirit/Pinard/Moon Falls Trifecta

May 26, 2019

Leader: Kathy Randall

Hike: 3.2 miles, 523 ft. (Easy)

LIGHT RAIN WAS FALLING AS WE DROVE FROM COTTAGE GROVE to the trailhead, but by the time we reached the parking area for Spirit Falls, sun breaks opened up. The trails to each of the falls were wet and a bit slippery but not bad overall. First we hiked to Spirit Falls which was lovely and fun to explore down at creek level. Next we drove several miles south to the trail for Pinard Falls. Once again we were hiking down to the falls. The flow over Pinard was heavy and the pool below was deep and turquoise/green in color. Lastly we drove back toward Spirit Falls, making a turn to follow an old forest road to the trailhead for Moon Falls. We saw some nice wildflowers along this trail and were rewarded at the end by a spectacular display of cascading water down the cliffs! All who had been there before agreed that Moon Falls looked the best they had ever seen it. Members: Joanna Alexander, Kathie Carpenter, Clara Emlen, Sara Henley, Michael King, Lana Lindstrom, Jules Moritz, Kathy Randall, Darko Sojak, Clarence Townsend, Diana Wheat, Janet Whitesides. Nonmembers: Gwyneth Iredale.

Masonic Cemetery to Obsidian Lodge

May 27, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 6 miles, 800 ft. (Easy)

AFTER A SHORT STROLL IN THE CEMETERY, we headed for Emerald Street where Jim Northrop had made arrangements for Hugh Prichard to give us a tour of his Bog, a colorful wetland. From there we headed up the back way to the Laurelwood Golf Course to catch the Ribbon Trail to the Obsidian Lodge and Hendricks Park. Jim and Elizabeth described their volunteer activities with Friends of Hendricks Park. We were back at the cemetery around 11:30 in time to visit Hope Abbey, eat cake, and for Jim to arrange for Sally, a member of the Eugene Masonic Cemetery Association, to give us an overview of the Abbey restoration. At noon we joined others at the Public Square for Taps. Established in 1859 the Eugene Masonic Cemetery is a welcoming place to visit and reflect. Members: Steve Adey, Joanna Alexander, Kay Coots, Judy Giers, Whitney Gould, Nancy Hoecker, Yuan Hopkins, Janet Jacobsen, Elizabeth Koch, Sandra Larsen, David Lodeesen, Evelyn Nagy, Jim Northrop, Dave Predeek, Jorry Rolfe, Dorothy van Winkle.

Amazon Headwaters/Spencer Butte

Various leaders: Denise Rubenstein (5/1), Jennifer Baer (5/8 and 5/29), Lana Lindstrom (5/15), Mike Smith (5/22)

Hike: 6.2 miles, 1,530 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: April 1: 16 Members, 1 Nonmember. **April 8:** 13 Members. **April 15:** 12 Members, 1 Nonmember. **April 22:** 12 Members, 1 Nonmember. **April 29:** 13 Members.

Mt .Pisgah

May 4, 18 and 19, 2019

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3.5–7 miles, 1,000–1,400 ft. (Moderate)

THE HIKES BY DATE WERE: May 4 Camas/East Trailhead hike: 3 Members, 1 Nonmember. **May 18 Sunset/Moonrise:** 7 Members. **May 19 Wildflower Festival:** 3 Members.

Extended Trips

Cottonwood Canyon State Park

April 22, 2019

Leader: Jane Hackett

Reporter: Nancy Whitfield

Car Camp: 15 miles, 1,200 ft. (Easy to Difficult)

COTTONWOOD CANYON STATE PARK IS THE NEWEST STATE PARK in Oregon. Located along the John Day River, the former ranch is remote and unspoiled with cliffs lining both sides of the river. The park is still being developed but has many useful features: a solar-powered recharging station, showers and flush toilets, four cabins, an information building, hiker-biker campsites, a group campsite, as well as multiple regular campsites. The weather was just right—not too hot and not too cold. Due to a wet spring, the John Day was very high and the color of milk chocolate. Much to our surprise, the river covered parts of the trails, but the intrepid hikers were not deterred. **On Day 1**, we hiked the Hard Stone Trail. When confronted by the river, we hiked up a canyon. Only one rattlesnake was spotted, but it was more interested in heading away from us. Once again on **Day 2**, the river changed our hiking course as it covered our intended path along the Lone Corral Trail. We hiked up the hills and cliffs behind the campground with wildflowers and vistas galore. **On the third day**, we hiked the Pinnacle Trail as well as climbed up the steep side canyons. The afternoon and evening hours were less relaxing due to a strong evening downriver wind. Picture putting up tents in that scenario! We became more clever and parked the vehicles in a way to provide a windscreen so we could eat without items blowing away. Truly spectacular country! Members: Jane Hackett, Daphne James, Janet Whitesides, Nancy Whitfield.

Grand Canyon

May 4, 2019

Leader: Steve Adey

Back Pack: 5,000 ft. (Difficult)

THERE WERE FOUR OF US ON THE OBSIDIAN GRAND CANYON TRIP, May 5–9. Four ‘Obsidian friends’ made a non-Obsidian

trip which they planned with us. Itineraries and dates were similar and we passed each other once on the trail. The Obsidians hiked seven miles down the South Kaibab Trail to the Bright Angel Campground, then eight miles to the Cottonwood Camp for two nights before heading back to Bright Angel and hiking out South Kaibab on Day 5. Weather conditions ranged from mid-90s and sunny on the hike down to rain and snow on the hike out, which was difficult. The cactus and wildflower blooms were exceptional. Lizards were abundant and a few rattlesnakes were about. Plans for next year are underway. Members: Steve Adey, Brad Bennett, Mike Nease. Nonmember: Grant Jenkins.



Water Trips

Kayaking on the Siltcoos

May 19, 2019

Leader & Photographer: Mark Hougardy

Kayak: 6 miles

KAYAKING OREGON’S SILTCOOS RIVER DURING THE SPRINGTIME IS A TREAT, provided you can time it right. A day earlier there were dark clouds and lightning, and sheets of rain pelted the area. But today, the temperature was warm and the sky was clear, allowing us to witness the Siltcoos in all its splendor. We were fortunate and very thankful. The Siltcoos is an interesting interplay of a riparian area within the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. The dunes are one of the largest expanses of temperate coastal sand dunes in the world. When geologic forces created the dunes, the sand choked off several coastal rivers and created about 30 lakes. Some of the rivers have found a way back to sea. The Siltcoos River, one of these rivers, is a slow-moving three-mile long waterway that holds the distinction of being a canoe trail. We were unable to visit the lower water dam because of a large fallen tree. A special thank you to the River House Outdoor Center of Eugene for the use of their kayaks and local guides. From the water, our group saw at least 18 animal species: bald eagles, ospreys, a grey fox, swallows, killdeer, newts, bumblebees, herons, fish, Steller’s jays, crows, seals, egrets, mergansers, butterflies, dragonflies, spiders, and egrets. We also saw a dog at the bow of a kayak, and (not paying attention to posted signs) a human and dog in a protected area. Members: Consuelo Gomez, Anna Hougardy, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Dorothy van Winkle, Karen Yoerger. Nonmember: Carol Schaafsma.



Approaching the mouth of the Siltcoos River.

Beware Of Poison Oak

Lyndell Wilken, Safety Committee Chair

OREGON HAS AN ABUNDANCE OF WESTERN POISON OAK. The plant can thrive in southern exposures below 5,000 feet. This plant, which has leaves that look like an oak leaf, can grow as a vine, a single stem in the grass, or as a bush. It can cause a rash at any time of year, even in winter when there are no leaves. It is especially worrisome in the spring as it is full of the resin called urushiol. Nearly 50% of people in the United States are sensitive to the oily resin. A reaction called poison oak dermatitis develops within 8–48 hours after exposure. It starts as a red rash or a small line of blisters where the skin has brushed the plant. Depending upon



the amount of oil and the victim's sensitivity, the small blisters cause redness, swelling, discomfort, itching and may erupt into larger blisters. The blisters themselves do not contain the irritant so one can't be affected by the oozing liquid when the blisters break.

The resin can be transferred from clothing and from

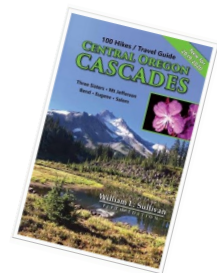
the fur of pets—it is tenacious and can remain on shoes and clothing for months. It can be spread by scratching when the oil is still present. This can be prevented by washing hands and clothing thoroughly after you suspect contact with the plant. The resin is firmly fixed to the skin within 30 minutes and then it cannot be washed off except with special solutions. Tecnu is a common solution that penetrates the skin to lift the resin away when rinsed off and can be found in any drug store. Scrubbing with tepid water (not hot) and soap for several minutes is recommended. Fels-Naptha soap is very effective. Avoid showering or submerging in a bath as the oil can be spread by the water. Pets should also be washed.

For mild localized contact, apply calamine lotion or 1% hydrocortisone cream after washing and re-apply often. Itching may be relieved once the resin is removed by soaking the affected area in hot water, as hot as one can stand. For a more severe reaction, where the face and a large part of the body are affected, one should seek medical attention for treatment with corticosteroids. There are barrier creams that can be useful for preexposure prevention if you know you are highly allergic. The most dangerous situation is when poison oak is burning and the smoke gets into the lungs. It is wise to avoid burning areas where poison oak is present.

100 Hikes / Travel Guide: Central Oregon Cascades, Fifth Edition 2019–2020

By William Sullivan, Navillus Press, 2019

Review by Janet Jacobsen



COMPARING THE CONTENTS (LIST OF HIKES) WITH AN OLDER EDITION IS AN EFFICIENT WAY TO SCOPE OUT THE DOZEN NEW HIKES or possibly even what hikes are not included. Your favorite hike may now be listed in the shorter summaries of *101 More Hikes* at the back of the book. What is most helpful is (P) marking the nineteen hikes that might require a permit after 2019.

When Bill was nominated for Honorary Membership in 2007, he commented, *Certainly there are people who have led more trips than I! Perhaps I've gone along on more trips in the form of a guidebook in a backpack?* Twelve years later one doesn't need to tuck the guidebook in your pack but can download the edition for your phone or tablet for \$9.99. The eBooks include everything in the paper version, plus hun-

dreds of color photos, links, expandable maps and other information not available in the print versions. Just ask Dave Cooper, Summer Trips Chair, to show you the advantages the eBook. I still prefer the \$18.95 print version.

Sullivan makes it easy for readers/hikers to find Trail Updates for past editions on his website. He addresses the 2019 snow storm damage for Hikes #66–100 and the volunteer work of the Scorpions Trail Crew.

oregonhiking.com/oregon-adventures/trail-updates

Daphne James will be leading one of the new hikes, Bugaboo Ridge to Bachelor Mountain, on June 20. Not on the schedule yet is a hike or bike ride to Salem's Minto Island accessed via a new footbridge.

UPCOMING



Bus Trips 2019

*Online signup is now available
for all Bus Trips.*

HISTORIC COTTAGE GROVE

June 20 (Thurs)

Leaders: Jim Northrop, Janet Jacobsen

Cost: \$55 (\$57 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

Load bus at Shopko at 7:30 AM, depart 8:00

FOR A SMALL TOWN, COTTAGE GROVE HAS A LOT TO OFFER. Did you know that Cottage Grove is the covered bridge capital of Oregon, with six covered bridges? At the **Chambers Railroad Bridge**, we will read interpretative exhibits describing Cottage Grove's lumber mills and logging industry. At the **Bohemia Gold Mining Museum**, we will learn about the 1863 gold rush. The **Cottage Grove Museum**, located in an octagonal-shaped former church, contains hundreds of historical artifacts. Cottage Grove was the location of Buster Keaton's 1926 silent film classic, *The General*; Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine in the 1973 film, *Emperor of the North*; the parade scene in the cult comedy, *Animal House*; and the railroad track portions of the 1986 coming-of-age film, *Stand by Me*. We will view many beautiful murals, including one of Opal Whitely, Cottage Grove's most famous citizen.

Lunch is on your own at one of several restaurants and brew pubs in the historic downtown. Or bring a sack lunch to eat in the park. Sometime after lunch we will visit **Sanity Chocolate** to learn about the process of making chocolate. Bring extra cash to purchase some of the shop's delicacies. We will top off the trip with a scenic tour around Dorena Lake to view most of the covered bridges.

CRATER LAKE & DIAMOND LAKE RESORT

July 11–12 (Thurs–Fri)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Cost: \$215 (\$219 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Adamcyk 302-8160

Load bus at Shopko at 7:30 AM, depart 8:00

TRAVEL SCENIC HWYS. 58 & 97 TO CRATER LAKE. Coffee break in Oakridge. Bring a sack lunch. Enjoy a narrated

tour around the rim on board the Park Trolley. We will spend the night at Diamond Lake Resort, dinner on your own, restaurant onsite. Friday breakfast provided by the Beards. There will be some waterfall stops along the Umpqua River and a visit to Douglas County Museum in Roseburg on the way home. Lunch location TBD.

EXPLORING THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA

September 23–28 (Mon–Sat)

Leaders: Sharon Cutsforth, Judy Phelps

Cost: \$760.00 (\$772 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Judy Phelps 726-0118

Load bus at Shopko at 7:30 AM, depart 8:00

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Scenic drive along Hood Canal.
- Two nights on the waterfront in Port Townsend.
- One night on the waterfront in Port Angeles.
- Time to explore local points of interest.
- Hurricane Ridge, Rialto Beach, Hoh Rain Forest in the Olympic National Park – time for short hikes.
- Overnight in Forks, home of Twilight Series and the Logging Museum, 120 inches average rainfall.
- A special place of interest in Raymond.
- One night on the waterfront in Astoria, visit the Maritime Museum and Astoria Column.
- Lunch at Camp 18 near Elsie on the way home.

We will maintain a wait list on this trip.

CHINESE HISTORY IN PORTLAND

October 17 (Thurs)

Leaders: Mary Ellen West, Vern Marsonette

Cost: \$75 (\$77 nonmembers)

Reservations & checks: Marcia Claypool 736-3896

WE'LL VISIT THE NEW CHINESE MUSEUM, Lan Su Chinese Garden, and have lunch at the Golden Horse restaurant.

CHRISTMAS STORYBOOK LAND IN ALBANY

December 12 (Mon)

Leaders: Barbara & Paul Beard

Please Note: When paying for bus trips, each bus trip requires a separate check. Please make checks payable to *Obsidian Bus Trips* and indicate the trip it covers. Thank you!

Bus Trip information will also be posted on the Obsidians home page: www.obsidians.org

Contact information: bustrips@obsidians.org

Sharon Cutsforth, Bus Committee Chair, 746-4929

Willamette Kayak and Canoe Club Safety Weekend

Mari Baldwin

CALLING ALL RAFTERS, KAYAKERS, CANOEISTS, STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDERS (SUPs), AND INNER TUBERS! Tis the season for some fun on the water—but are your river safety skills up to date? Willamette Kayak and Canoe Club is offering its annual Safety Weekend class at Fishermen's Bend Campground on July 13 and 14. Remember that accidents and drowning can and do happen even on easy stretches of river. Arm yourself with the knowledge you need to stay safe out there and to ensure the safety of your fellow paddlers, and have fun networking with fellow river enthusiasts. Camping and meals included. Registration limited to 40 peoples, so sign up now at wkcc.org for just \$120.



Women's Kayak Trip 2013, photo by Pat Soussan.

Women's Kayak/Canoe Trip September 17–19, 2019

Leader: Emily Rice
Signup: June 23

FALL COLORS! CRISP NIGHTS! PADDLING FUN! Come join 12 women for three days of kayaking/canoing off the Cascade Lakes Highway in Central Oregon. We will be able to explore North and South Twin Lakes, Hosmer Lake, Sparks Lake, and maybe the Deschutes River. We have reserved two large cabins at the Twin Lakes Resort, located on South Twin Lake for two nights.

twinlakesresort.net/accommodations/cabins

The trip fee is \$90, which covers the cost of the lodging and the Obsidian fee. Dinners will be potluck style. Online signup for members will begin on June 23, at 7 AM. The fee of \$90 for members must be mailed within five days of sign-up to: Emily Rice, 1615 E. 43rd Ave., Eugene, OR 97405. Cancellations on or before August 15 will forfeit \$15. Cancellations after August 15 will not receive any refund unless someone takes your place, in which case the refund would be \$70. A pre-trip meeting will be held the week before the trip.



Summer Camp FAQs

Lana Lindstrom, Summer Camp Chair

I forgot what the cancellation policy is. I paid the fee, but I'm still not sure if I can go to Camp.

- If you cancel by July 31, you will forfeit \$35.
- If you cancel after July 31 and someone on the Wait List takes your place, you will forfeit the \$35 deposit only. If no one takes your place, you will forfeit your entire payment. Note: although we have a very long Wait List, if you cancel last minute, it is very difficult to fill the slot.

To cancel, log in to your Obsidian account with your user name and password. Select *Glacier Park SC* and hit the *Cancel* button. Please also send an email to John Jacobsen, Treasurer, johnwjacobsen@comcast.net.

Wait List folks: Be patient and periodically monitor the site. Most cancellations will probably occur before August 1, but there are usually very last-minute cancellations. When a cancellation occurs, John will e-mail you and you will need to make a quick decision, and if interested, send in your payment promptly. If you've changed your mind and are no longer interested, please cancel. This gives the folks below you a more accurate picture of their chances.

Make sure your personal information is current! At the top of the screen after you log in, there are three tabs: *Online Signup*, *Account Info*, and *My Trips*. Select the *Account Info* tab and please double check that your personal information is current, particularly your phone number and email address.

I'd like to carpool to Camp with someone. Who do I contact?

Look online to see who wants a ride (if you want to drive) or who is looking for passengers (if you want a ride). Contact those folks. You can change your transportation preferences online under *Transportation* on the sign-up sheet for camp.

I enjoy a cold beverage after hiking. Will we have access to a refrigerator?

Sorry, we only have two family size refrigerators which will be used for breakfast and lunch food. Bring a cooler or perhaps share a cooler with a friend. Ice is available in St. Mary.

OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

June		21 Sun	Annual Beach Barefoot Hike E	Sojak 799-9199
1 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M	24 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Rolfe 206-9501
1 Sat	National Trails Day Hike E	28 Sun	Oregon South Coast Ext Trp M	Rundle 653-0741
5 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	31 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Cordon 513-3452
8 Sat	South Sister - Prouty Glacier Climb D	31 Wed	Scott Mt/Benson Lake Hike D	Wolling 345-2110
10 Mon	Crestmont Landtrust Complex Hike E	31 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
12 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M			
12 Wed	Mt. Hood Climb D	August		
13 Tue	Wallace Creek to Thurston Hike M	2 Fri	Belknap Crater Stargazing Bk Pk D	Sojak 799-9199
15 Sat	Koosah Falls around Clear Lake Hike M	3 Sat	Broken Top Climb D	Hansen 360-852-2041
15 Sat	Middle Sister Climb D	3 Sat	Get Acquainted Hike E	Jacobsen 206-1251
16 Sun	Iron Mountain Wildflowers Hike M	4 Sun	Dorris/Clearwater Evening Hike E	Nagy 514-4110
16 Sun	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M	7 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Dinn 713-557-2682
16 Sun	Trans Crescent Mt. w/Car Shuttle Hike D	10 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Climb D	Hamilton 343-6550
19 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	10 Sat	North Sister Climb D	Willhite 406-570-4514
20 Thu	Historic Cottage Grove Bus.....	12 Mon	Mount Hood Car Camp D	James 683-7488
21 Fri	Mt. Jefferson Climb D	14 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Cordon 513-3452
21 Fri	Mt. Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M	14 Wed	Mt. Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
22 Sat	Yapoah Crater Hike D	21 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Smith 520-488-9569
22 Sat	Mt Thielsen Graduation Climb D	24 Sat	Mount Thielsen Climb D	Hansen 360-852-2041
22 Sat	Tire Mountain Hike M	28 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
23 Sun	Patterson Mt Hike E	28 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	Smith 520-488-9569
26 Wed	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M			
26 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M	September		
28 Fri	Get Acquainted/Ribbon Trail Hike E	1 Sun	Glacier Park Summer Camp SmCmp.....	Lindstrom 683-1409
28 Fri	Blacklock Point Bk Pk M	17 Tue	Women's Twin Lakes Canoe/Kayak Ext Trp E	Rice 517-0757
28 Fri	Cape Perpetua Hike M	17 Tue	Mapping Yellowstone Wilderness.....	ExploraTalk
30 Sun	Bachelor Mt. via Bugaboo Ridge Hike M	20 Fri	Mt Thielsen Creek Bk Pk D	Hovis 731-3412
		21 Sat	Mount Hubris Climb D	Reiter 521-8472
		21 Sat	SOLVE Beach Clean Up Hike E	Sojak 799-9199
		23 Mon	Exploring the Olympic Peninsula Bus.....	Cutsforth 746-4929
		27 Fri	Coffee Production.....	Potluck
		28 Sat	National Public Lands Day Trl Mnt M	Bell 503-884-8829
		29 Sun	Irish Lake to Stormy Lake PCT Hike M	Sojak 799-9199
		October		
		5 Sat	Crabtree Valley Hike M	Sojak 799-9199
		12 Sat	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
		15 Tue	Ecology of Surprise.....	ExploraTalk
		17 Thu	Chinese History in Portland Bus.....	West 343-5492
		25 Fri	Exploring Morocco.....	Potluck
		26 Sat	Trail Maintenance Trl Mnt M	Bell 503-884-8829

Be sure to check online for the most recent additions to the activity calendar!

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Rick's List Nature Calendar

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU WISHED THAT YOU HAD KNOWN ABOUT A LOCAL TALK OR WALK? Rick's calendar includes community nature education events for adults. Examples are the Lane Audubon Society and Eugene Natural History Society programs. First Saturday Park Walks, Weed Walk, and Butterfly Walks are also listed. The calendar is updated regularly by Nearby Nature volunteers. Check it out at:

nearbynature.org/ricks-list/

Obsidian Trail Maintenance Summer Schedule

Ridgeline Trail/Spencer Butte Trail

The last Wednesday of the month

June 26, July 31, August 28

5:30-8:00

For details, sign up online or email Matt Bell

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