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October 28	Potluck
October 28	<i>Bulletin</i> Deadline
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Summer Camp 2023

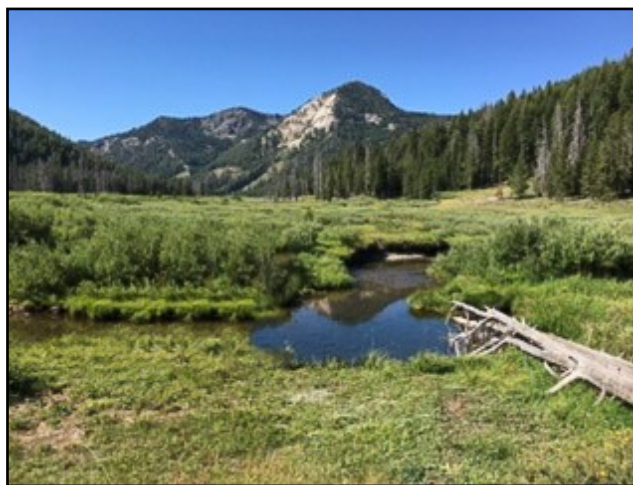
Sue Wolling

SUMMER IS OVER—SO IT’S TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER CAMP! Plans are already in the works for the 2023 Summer Camp in the Sawtooth Range, so mark your calendars for August 6–12, 2023! Registration will open some time in March/April.

We’ll be staying in the Chemeketan Group Campground, near the headwaters of the Salmon River (aka *The River of No Return*) and not far from the town of Stanley. The campground has lots of room for both tent and RV camping, amid lodgepole pines that provide partial shade.

Best of all, there’s easy access to the Sawtooths, offering countless trails for hiking to mountains, lakes, and scenic views. There are also opportunities for climbing, fishing, mountain biking, boating, birding, and pretty much any other outdoor activity.

So save time next August to join the Obsidians in the Sawtooths for Summer Camp!



Looking west from Chemeketan Campground. The stream runs right by the camp and is from the headwaters of the Salmon River.

TWO REMINDERS:



- 1. IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.** The form was enclosed in the September *Bulletin*. If you no longer have yours, print one from online:
obsidians.org/documents/MasterDocs/Membership/MembershipRenewal2022_23.pdf
- 2. THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER BULLETIN.** Items for December and early January should be submitted for the upcoming November *Bulletin* by October 28. **To submit articles for publication**, please send directly to:
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IN MEMORIAM

NORMA LOCKYEAR 1931–2022

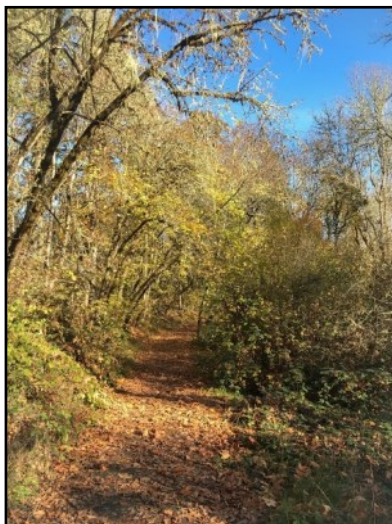
NORMA LOCKYEAR PASSED ON AUGUST 1 AT THE AGE OF 91 IN PORTLAND. She joined the Obsidians in 1984. An avid traveler, cyclist, hiker, and volunteer, she went on 145 Obsidian trips. Five of the 21 trips she led were the 46-mile Scio–Crabtree Valley bike ride. Norma added fun to the trips simply by being herself. Here is a quote from her Crabtree Valley 1998 bike trip: *Riding in the rain / Getting soaking wet / Fun was had by all / It's a trip we won't forget.*

Editor's note: A complete obituary can be found in the September 11, 2022 issue of The Register-Guard.

Wish List for Fall Hikes

DON'T PUT THOSE HIKING BOOTS AWAY JUST YET! Before the snow begins to fall consider leading a fall trip. If the weather forecast and the snow levels look good, it is easy to add a trip to the schedule. Don't forget, though, that Obsidians do hike in the rain! At a loss for ideas? Here are some suggestions from fall schedules in years past: Clear Lake, McKenzie River Trail, Little Belknap Crater, Proxy Falls, Tamolitch Pool, Cascadia State Park/Soda Creek Falls, Silver Falls, Cummins Ridge, Amanda Trail, Brice Creek, North Bank Habitat, Fitton Green, Coffin Mountain, Marys Peak, Shotgun Park, Grizzly Peak, and Linton Lake, as well as one of our many urban hikes. For more suggestions check out the Trip/Activities History on our website. Reference Hike Oregon's *52 Hikes for 52 Weeks* or Bill Sullivan's hiking books.

The Obsidians' first hike was to Castle Rock in 1927. For the last 95 years our volunteer leaders have been making it happen. Volunteering to lead is a real trip! Contact Trips Chair, Dave Cooper, to submit a trip or if you have questions. summertrips@obsidians.org



Welcome New Members!

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Kathy Brenner
Eugene, OR 97404

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Eugene, OR 97403

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Eugene, OR 97405

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Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM the first Wednesday of each month, except October when it is the Wednesday after the Annual Meeting. There is no August meeting.

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SEPTEMBER BOARD NOTES

From Minutes by Denise Rubenstein September 7, 2022

Vice president Laura Osinga called the meeting to order. Board members present: Dave Hawkins, Laura Osinga, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, and Lyndell Wilken. Others present: Dave Cooper, Stewart Hoeg, Jim Northrop, and Sue Zeni. The Board approved the minutes for July 2022.

Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg): Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses as well as the balance sheet. Stewart noted that the club had a lot of financial activity this year. There was a transfer from Contingency Funds of \$25,637.60 that reflects the amount paid so far for our new website. There is also a gain of \$16,976.90 which reflects the sale of \$25,000 from the club's Equity Mutual Fund. These sales were made to pay for the new website. The Board approved the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climbs (Maryanne Reiter): We had six climbing adventures in July and August: Mt. Washington, Mt. Thielsen, Broken Top, Three Fingered Jack, and two new offerings for Obsidian climbers, Castle, and Pinnacle Peaks (done as a double-peak day) in Washington and a day of sport climbing at Flagstone up the McKenzie River. Climb leaders also met at the Lodge in August to go over specifications for technical rock skills. We used the new skills board to work on setting up anchors for top roping and how to take the anchors down. Great fun with the new board!

Concessions (Carla Cooper): Many thanks go to Nancy Whitfield for her work at Summer Camp. She managed a whopping \$304 in sales! Also, thanks to the volunteers (draftees?) that helped her show off the merchandise.

Extended Trips (Lana Lindstrom): We had a very fun raft trip with 12 participants on the N. Umpqua in early July; Ouzel Outfitters provided the equipment and the guides. The second day, we split up and did various hikes in the vicinity. \$65 in trip fees were collected.

Lodge Building (Dave Cooper): A special thanks goes to Joella Ewing for agreeing to take over as the curator of the Scherer Room. John Jacobsen has generously donated a pressure washer to the club. We can use this to clean paved surfaces and more. A metal threshold has been installed to protect the upper exterior doorway on the west side of the Lodge.

Membership (Diane Schechter): There has been a significant increase in the number of new members. We have 11 new members since July 6. Of this group, seven joined and did not complete three hikes. Three of these new members joined immediately after going on last month's Get Acquainted Hike. It is too early to tell, but the change in the bylaws seems to have had a very positive effect. Total membership 441. Welcome new members: Heidi Anderson, Annie Chan, Karen Dunne, Jim Jagger, Frank Keim, Silva Marin, Zack Marin, Marla Miller, Pierre Robert, Lis Sorrell, and Mike Tyler.

Publicity (Marci Hansen): The website is scheduled to launch around October 13. I will be scheduling reviews of functionality for key people like Dave Cooper, Diane Schechter, and perhaps others. Also, an email is going out

Sept 17 to the members as a reminder to renew membership and the annual meeting in October.

Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom): We had a great summer camp near Mount Rainier National Park and Goat Rocks Wilderness! The week was filled with mostly blue skies giving us spectacular views of the surrounding mountains, bountiful wildflowers, and occasional glimpses of wildlife (mostly marmots and a few goats). We had over 40 official hikes to at least 22 different destinations; thanks very much to the leaders and the drivers. Camp involves a lot of work in preparation and execution and wouldn't happen without a lot of Obsidians working together. Thanks particularly to the set-up crew, the lead folks for the various jobs, and Camp Boss Steve Johnson for all your hard work. There are lots of pictures in the gallery, as well as the detailed trip report. We deliberately budgeted a financial loss for this camp due to healthy reserves and not wanting to raise prices. Revenues and Expenses show a net loss of -\$1,335. The 2023 Camp in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area near Stanley, Idaho is scheduled for Sunday, August 6–Saturday, August 12, 2023.

Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak): Stewardship activities in August 2022: Lils Lake, Love a Lake: 10 participants and Kiosk Painting, Trail Maintenance: 9 participants.

Summer Trips (Dave Cooper): There were 23 trips in August. Not bad, considering this was the month of Summer Camp. Income from trip fees was \$204.

OLD BUSINESS

- July 11, Special Meeting: The membership will be advised of the change that was voted on for membership requirements in the upcoming *Bulletin*.
- Summer Camp Recap: Camp was a great success! Thanks to Lana, Steve, and all the volunteers.
- Updates for ongoing Strategic Planning website work: The initial launch is expected around October 13.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board approved Janet Jacobsen's request for \$720 (plus unknown shipping costs) for patches for awards.
- Property Tax Exemption Update: Sue Zeni researched the possibility of the club obtaining a property tax exemption which would amount to about \$5,000. Unfortunately, it is not looking likely at this point as it would require a charitable focus. While there are some charitable and educational activities with the club, it is not our focus. A little more investigation will be done.
- Housing for AmeriCorps: Dave Cooper shared the City's request for using the Lodge for the group again this year. After discussion, it was suggested that we decline as it would mean that the Lodge would be unavailable to us for possibly up to three months.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS

Jim Northrop noted that Bus Trip costs have about doubled. Trip fees will increase and the member limit for the trip may be raised.

ADJOURNMENT

Howard Buford Recreation Area Turns 50

Compilers: Janet Jacobsen and Bea Fontana, Historian Committee

HOWARD BUFORD RECREATION AREA (HBRA) CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY was featured on the front page of the September 18 *Register-Guard*. It is now a 2,214-acre park including a 209-acre arboretum. Ed Alverson, Lane County Park Natural Areas Coordinator said that the anniversary is a way to *talk with the public about what's important to them in the park and to look back at the 50 years while thinking about what the next 50 could look like*. Earlier in the summer Ed sent us a timeline and invited us to participate in the anniversary. The Obsidian Historian Committee then initiated a search of our archives including over 450 Pisgah trip reports, plus asked members to share their memories. Bert Ewing found the earliest reference in Nellie McWilliams' scrapbook: a 1936 photo of five Obsidians resting on Mt. Pisgah. Here are a few highlights that the Historian Committee found most interesting. (*Lane County Parks timeline shown in bold type.*)



Bert Ewing found this photo in the Obsidian Archives, taken in 1936 by Nellie McWilliams.

1957, MARCH 24—Mt. Pisgah hike led by Henry Jeppesen. ...started hiking from the Coast Fork of the Willamette and Seavey Road. After following wagon trail to the main ridge they trekked through the trees out onto the open South end of the mountain. From here they had good view of the surrounding country. ...Several of the group felt that this trip should be repeated due to easy accessibility, and is a good afternoon hike for conditioning.

1967—Junior Obsidian member, Rick McManigal at age 13, attended the local Boy Scout Camporee with some 500 scouts at Pisgah. He told us, *We got more points when they 'judged' our campsite if we chopped down more of the deciduous trees and made tables, chairs, even towers. But we were supposed to not touch the fir trees!*

1971, JUNE 24—Letter of Intent signed by Tom McCall, sets out roles and timelines for steps necessary to develop a regional park at Mt. Pisgah.

1972, MAY 16—State and County Officials sign a 3-page agreement formalizing State plans to purchase land at Mt. Pisgah, with Lane County Parks to lease the land from State Parks.

1972, JUNE 27—First land purchase closes, 872 acres extending from the SE corner of the park to the summit, purchased for \$261,600 from Albert and Emma Dery.

1973, SEPTEMBER 12—Date of Board Order formally naming the park 'Howard Buford Recreation Area'.

1974, APRIL 20—Obsidian Dot Leland led the first of her twenty-two Mt. Pisgah hikes on the newly acquired park property. *After leaving Eugene we took the Seavey Loop Road to the west entrance of the Howard Buford Recreation Area. Here we parked our cars at the caretakers parking lot and then started out on our two-mile walk to the top of Mt. Pisgah. Since the weather was damp and partly cloudy, we didn't stay too long on the top. Just long enough to get some good views of the surrounding area. After lunch Vic Martin of the Lane County Parks Department took us on a three-mile loop around the base of Pisgah. The meadows were soggy, but there were lots of wildflowers to enjoy.... As one hiker mentioned "This is great to know about. Now we don't have to always go up Spencer Butte for a close-in hike.*

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(Howard Buford: Continued from page 4)

1975, OCTOBER 15—Board of County Commissioners approves agreement to lease 118 acres of HBRA to the International Arboretum Association.

1978, APRIL 1—Obsidian hike led by Bob Walden: *...It was cold and windy on top so we cut our view short and huddled to decide where to go. Paula led us down cowpaths, creek beds, meadows of flowers, babbling brooks, power line road beds, passed the old rock quarry and river bank back to civilization. Now we can see why this site was purchased for present and future recreation use. It is to be known as "The Howard Buford Recreation Area." Many picnic areas have been built lately; along the river bank an Arboretum is planned...*

1982 MAY 5—Ownership of Howard Buford Recreation Area was transferred from the state of Oregon to Lane County.

1990—Mt. Pisgah Sighting Pedestal installed on the summit. Royal Murdock led the first sunrise winter solstice hike in 2006: *It was so close, just below the horizon, that we could determine almost exactly where it would rise, and that spot lined up very nicely with the southern slot on the monument. But this new sun, on his first appearance on the first morning of the new solstice year, modestly wrapped himself in fog as he came up from behind the mountains.*



December 2021: Eighteen Obsidians enjoying the last rays of sunshine on a beautiful winter solstice day.

1995—Obsidian Dave Predeek began volunteering for Friends of Mt. Pisgah and started the Monday Morning Regulars to remove invasive species protecting the oak savannahs. Recently Dave has led tours for Obsidians of the Mt. Pisgah Plant nursery.

2016, OCTOBER 7—Bill Montgomery, Obsidian former President and long-time volunteer for Friends of Buford Park led a tour for the Obsidians explaining his work, especially on Trail 4. *Bill shared history, trail building techniques, drainage issues and future plans.* Bill said that *enhancing recreation and protecting native habitats begins with a good network of trails.* One wonders how many cubic yards of gravel Bill has shoveled, spread, and compacted. This was his 100th trip with the Obsidians.



*Doreen and Janet listen to Bill Montgomery's story about Trail 4.
Photo by Tommy Young.*

2022, OCTOBER 1—We thank Lane County Parks and volunteers for implementing habitat restoration along with more than 25 miles of trails, up and around the 1,518-foot high butte, to enjoy year round.

For further information:

lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/public_works/parks/our_parks/howard_buford_recreation_area

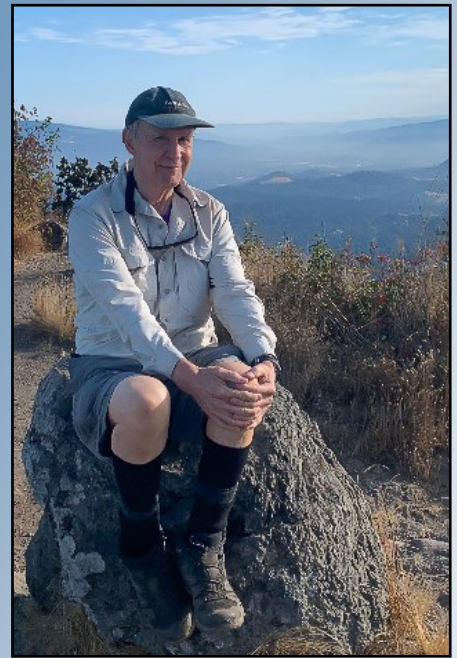
About the Friends: bufordpark.org/

Monday Morning Regulars: obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2005_Bulletins/2005_05_Bulletin.pdf

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2022 Awards

**GREAT leaders keep
Obsidians moving
forward!**



MIKE SMITH
200 LEADER AWARD
Photographer: Tommy Young



STEVE JOHNSON
75 LEADER AWARD
Photographer: Randy Sinnott



JORRY ROLFE
50 LEADER AWARD
Photographer: Tommy Young



MARK HOUGARDY
50 LEADER AWARD



TOMMY YOUNG
50 LEADER AWARD
Photographer: Janet Jacobsen



LISA VAN LIEFDE
25 LEADER AWARD
Photographer: Buzz Blumm



KAREN YOERGER
25 LEADER AWARD
100 TRIPS AWARD
Photographer: Janet Jacobsen



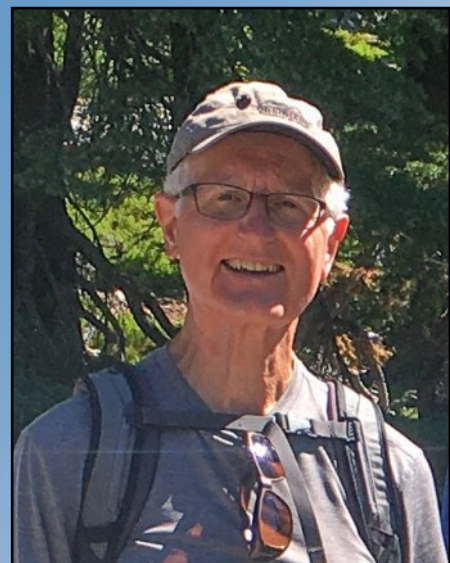
DENISE BEAN
100 TRIPS AWARD



WHITNEY GOULD
100 TRIPS AWARD
Photographer: Carla Cooper



VICKIE HANSON
100 TRIPS AWARD
Photographer: Darko Sojak



DAVE HAWKINS
100 TRIPS AWARD
Photographer: Randy Sinnott



KATHY HOEG
100 TRIPS AWARD
Photographer: John Jacobsen



JONATHAN JOST
100 TRIPS AWARD
Photographer: Randy Sinnott



JUNE MILLER
100 TRIPS AWARD
Photographer: Pat Soussan



BARBARA ORSI
100 TRIPS AWARD
Photographer: Darko Sojak



DOROTHY VAN WINKLE
100 TRIPS AWARD
Photographer: Darko Sojak

*"There is no where to go but everywhere, so just keep on rolling under the stars."
-Jack Kerouac*



200 TRIPS AWARD
ANGIE RUZICKA
GWYNETH IREDALE

300 TRIPS AWARD
MARI BALDWIN
KATHIE CARPENTER
NANCY HOECKER
CLARA EMLN

400 TRIPS AWARD
MARGUERITE COONEY
CARLA COOPER
HOLGER KRENTZ
DAVE PREDEEK

500 TRIPS AWARD
DARKO SOJAK

TRIP REPORTS



Backpacks

Hoh Valley to Blue Glacier

August 22, 2022

Leader: Becky Lipton

Photographer: Lorraine Cuevas

Backpack: 37 miles, 4,375 ft. (Difficult)

A BACKPACK TRIP IN THE OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK IS TRULY A TREASURE! We walked among massive trees 7–9 ft. in diameter—with some over 10 ft. in diameter even eight miles up the Hoh River trail—in awe of almost a thousand years of undisturbed growth. We imagined what it was like 150 years ago when most of the west coast was covered with these giants. Our adventures included negotiating numerous stream crossings and a very long, floppy ladder down an avalanche chute, seeing bazillions of tiny new frogs just emerged from tadpolehood, discovering a nest of a dozen eggs at one of our campsites, and hanging out at the humongous Blue Glacier coming off of Mount Olympus. Members: Lorraine Cuevas, Becky Lipton, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Nonmembers: Irene Fries.



Darko between two giants.



Water Trips

Women's Kayak Overnight

September 7, 2022

Leader: Diane Schechter

Assistant Leader: Lana Lindstrom

Photographer: Pam Caples

Kayak

WE SPENT THREE DAYS ON THE OREGON COAST and explored several rivers. We paddled Sweet Creek (near Florence), the Salmon River (near Lincoln City), and Drift Creek (in Waldport). We had one very windy day so part of the group hiked at Cascade Head after lunch. We had a wonderful group of women who brought flexibility, plenty of laughs, and good spirits. Members: Julie Barnas, Pam Caples, Kim Davidson-Ruby, Lana Lindstrom, Emily Rice, Diane Schechter.



Resting on Drift Creek.



Hikes

The Twins

August 28, 2022

Leader: Sue Wolling

Hike: 6.6 miles, 1,600 ft. (Moderate)

EVEN THOUGH THE CEDAR CREEK FIRE WAS ACTIVELY BURNING A MILE OR TWO FROM OUR TRAILHEAD, our group of 11 set out under clear blue skies to hike up the Twins. Although it was too early for huckleberries, we were happy to find that it was also too late for mosquitoes. We enjoyed an easy hike up to the first dazzling view of Waldo Lake (with a visible layer of smoke over the western edge), and then continued up a cinder slope to the South Twin. Over lunch we enjoyed views of the Cascade peaks from Mount

Jefferson to Diamond, as well as—well, some lakes that might have been Cultus, and/or Crane Prairie, and/or Wicki-up, and/or Davis. The wind picked up as we ate lunch so we encountered a little smoke in the air as we headed down the cinder slope to the trail. After a minor delay for a boot repair (duct tape is obviously the 11th essential!) we returned to the trailhead to complete a pleasant late-summer hike. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marti Gerdes, Gwyneth Iredale, Jonathan Jost, Andrew McIvor, Lynn Stearney, Sue Wolling, Signe Wright. Nonmembers: Kathy Brenner, Charmaine Rehg, Sharon Blick.

Maiden Peak

September 2, 2022

Leader: Jean Harris

Photographer: Kathie Carpenter

Hike: 13 miles, 2,500 ft. (Difficult)

THIS MAIDEN PEAK ADVENTURE TO THE TOP OF THE 7,818-FOOT PEAK involved an incredible and unfortunate view of the large smoke plume north of Waldo Lake. The Cedar Creek fire captured our attention as we watched in awe. The 3,000-foot elevation gain in six miles kept us resting and grateful for the shady forest and gentle breeze. As a group, we chose to skip the side trip to Maiden Peak Shelter. Instead, we drove from the trailhead to Gold Lake to view this area that many have only seen under snow. The air was mostly clear with a bit of haze, allowing us to see Diamond Peak, Bailey, Mount Scott (Crater Lake rim), Thielsen, the Three Sisters, Jefferson, and more. It was a glorious place to be! Members: Kathie Carpenter, Marti Gerdes, Jean Harris, Steven Johnson, Jane Leng, Lynn Meacham.



Jane, Steve, Marti, Jean, and Lynn with Cedar Creek Fire smoke plume in the distance.

Irish Bend Covered Bridge and Bald Hill

September 4, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Angie Ruzicka

Hike: 7 miles, 500 ft. (Moderate)

AFTER A SHORT DRIVE TO CORVALLIS our cheerful group of ten walked along Campus Way between fields that are part of the OSU Research Farms. Big leaf maple and large oak trees provided some shade. We stopped to admire the Irish Bend Covered Bridge that was relocated to campus in 1989 from

Irish Bend Slough near the Willamette River. Continuing past the Benton County Fairgrounds, we transitioned from a paved path to a trail in the woods and took a short snack break at a lovely barn that offered shade and seating. Vicky provided both entertainment and delicious mocha mini-muffins that were appreciated by all! Fortified, we ascended around the north/northwest side of the hill to the summit (755 feet). After a short lunch break we descended switchbacks on the southeast side and completed the lollipop route back to our cars. Members: Vicky Hanson, Christiane Hougardy, Mark Hougardy, Gwyneth Iredale, Holger Krentz, Andrew McIvor, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Lisa Van Liefde, Dorothy van Winkle.



Chris, Holger, Andy, Vicky, and Darko on the Irish Bend Covered Bridge.

30th & Spring to Hendricks Park

September 7, 2022

Leader: Jennifer Crim

Assistant Leader: Lisa Van Liefde

Hike: 3.3 miles, 400 ft. (Easy)

WE HAD A LOVELY EVENING HIKE in the shade to Hendricks Park. Everyone remembered to bring water. We noticed that recent maintenance had been completed on the trail. On the return trip, the group voted to take a detour to the Obsidian Lodge and we were treated to a brief tour and history. Two participants were able to pick up membership packets. We had a view of the moon upon returning to our cars. Members: Jennifer Crim, Whitney Gould, Gwyneth Iredale, Lisa Van Liefde, Maureen Whalen. Nonmembers: Angela Bos, Thomas Smith.

Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

September 10, 2022

Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

IN SPITE OF THE SMOKE AND ASHY SKIES, four guests and five members met at the Lodge and proceeded to get acquainted while hiking. Our guests all seemed eager to do more with the club and membership forms were passed out. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Judith Moman, Dorothy van Winkle, William Wu. Nonmembers: Beth Bauchet, Larry Morrison, Jack Greene, Sandra Sigrist.

Scott Mountain

September 25, 2022

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Lynn Meacham

Hike: 8.2 miles, 1,300 ft. (Moderate)

A SUNNY DAY WITH GREAT VIEWS AND FOR SOME, A QUICK DIP IN COLD TENAS LAKE. Thanks to Darko who figured out that the two hikers who were to meet us at the trailhead were back out at the parking near the highway. We recommend that the meeting place should be a known location with cell phone reception. All of us were happy that we were at last united and started hiking up the trail together. A wonderful day ending with a stop at Takoda's. Members: Brad Bennett, Diana Dinn, James Dinn, Janet Jacobsen, Lynn Meacham, Jorry Rolfe, Angie Ruzicka, Randy Sinnott, Darko Sojak, Lisa Van Liefde, Sue Wolling. Nonmembers: Charmaine Rehg.



The Scott Mountain lunch spot was chosen for the best view.

Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes

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

Various Leaders

Janet Jacobsen: 9/3 11 Members

Karen Yoerger, Diana Wheat: 9/7 14 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Jorry Rolfe: 9/14 10 Members

Mike Smith: 9/28 9 Members, 2 Nonmembers

Blanton Ridge Hikes

Hike: 3.7–8.5 miles, 500–1,740 ft. (Moderate)

Various Leaders

Lisa Van Liefde: 8/31 4 Members, 1 Nonmember

Tommy Young: 9/6 6 Members, 1 Nonmember, 9/13 6 Members, 9/20 9 Members, 9/27 6 Members

Janet Jacobsen: 9/10 2 Members

Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hike: 3.5–5.3 miles, 1,000–1,100 ft. (Easy–Moderate)

Various Leaders

Janet Jacobsen: 9/8 12 Members, 2 Nonmembers, 9/22 4 Members

David Hawkins: 9/16 7 Members



Stewardship

Lils Lake, Love A Lake Hike

August 29, 2022

Leader: Jan Anselmo

Photographer: Esme Greer

Trail Maintenance: 12 miles, 1,330 ft. (Difficult)

TEN HIKERS WENT ON THIS OBSIDIAN STEWARDSHIP HIKE. I was very pleased that so many folks were willing to help clean Lils and Hidden Lakes. *Love A Lake* hikes are a way to enjoy the outdoors but also clean up the beautiful lakes that we enjoy. We even stopped by Midnight Lake to break up some fire rings that were too close to the lake and to pick up trash. We cleared out ashes or dismantled a total of six fire rings. Trash was packed out. Kathie and Lis enjoyed a refreshing swim in Lils Lake. This loop trail takes hikers past 11 lakes and ponds! The named lakes are Karen, Yoran, Lils, Arrowhead, and Midnight. We hiked about 13 miles if you include walking around the lakes. Thanks to everyone for helping. It was a great hike. Members: Jan Anselmo, Kathie Carpenter, Esme Greer, Joel Greer, John Hegg, Lyndell Wilken. Nonmembers: Mary Holbert, Richard Anselmo, Lis Sorrell, Margaret Beals.



Hikers/cleaners at Arrowhead Lake.

National Public Lands Day, Spencer Butte

September 24, 2022

Leader: Matt Bell

Photographer: Pat Soussan

Trail Maintenance: 1 mile, 500 ft. (Moderate)

THE FIRST SATURDAY MORNING OUTING OF OUR WINTER SCHEDULE WAS ALSO NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY. We met Evan Gammon of the City of Eugene to work on preparing the main Spencer Butte trail for fall. We grabbed an assortment of tools and hiked up the butte to begin our work. We used garden hoes to scrape and loosen the gravel and grit on the summit steps and then used a backpack leafblower to remove it. As we worked our way back to the main trailhead we used Terra Hoes to quickly and lightly clean the drainage

ditches and outflows. Special thanks go to Clara for once again immaculately cleaning the trailhead steps and cutting back blackberries from around the parking lot. At the parking lot, we all took a well-deserved break to enjoy chocolate zucchini bread, cookies, and juice. Members: Heidi Anderson, Matt Bell, Nathaniel Bell, Jennifer Crim, Clara Emlen, Dan Gilmore, Janet Jacobsen, Pat Soussan.



Heidi, Jennifer, Matt, and Evan start work on the stairs at Spencer Butte summit.



Dan, Nathaniel, Heidi, and Janet clearing gravel.

Volunteers Welcome!



Volunteer Opportunity October 15, 2022

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US FOR THE OBSIDIANS VOLUNTEER DAY AT NEARBY GREEN ISLAND.

Green Island is located at the confluence of the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. The McKenzie River Trust, with the generous support of dozens of local organizations and hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers, works at researching, restoring, and protecting over 1,100 acres of riverbanks, forest, islands, channels, sloughs, and grassland at Green Island.

We'll work from 9:00 AM–11:30 AM on blackberry removal at the 2.5-acre plot adopted by the Obsidians. For more information contact Darko at (541) 799-9199.

Darko Sojak, Stewardship Committee

JOIN US!
October 15, 2022
9:00 AM–11:30 AM
SIGN UP ONLINE.

Pat Soussan and Nancy Whitfield work on clearing blackberries on the Obsidians' adopted plot at Green Island.



OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

October

11 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M. Young 941-780-4156
12 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Rubenstein 248-514-5092
12 Wed 2022 Great Willamette Clean Up E Rusow 744-7990
14 Fri Pisgah East Side Loop Hike M Hawkins 505-0119
15 Sat McKenzie River Trust Stewardship E Sojak 799-9199
18 Tue Fuji Mountain Hike D Wilken 343-3080
18 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M. Young 941-780-4156
22 Sat Koosah Falls/Clear Lake Hike M Carpenter 505-2370
22 Sat Upper Alpine Trail Hike M Sojak 799-9199
25 Tue Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M. Young 941-780-4156
26 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Miller 808-282-5201
29 Sat Trail Maintenance Stewardship M Bell 503-884-8829
29 Sat Mt Yoran Halloween Costume Climb D Reiter 521-8472

November

2 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Yoerger 510-2832
9 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Clifford 915-5434

16 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Rubenstein 248-514-5092
23 Wed Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251
23 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Smith 520-488-9569
26 Sat Trail Maintenance Stewardship M Bell 503-884-8829

December

7 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Rolfe 206-9501
14 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Rubenstein 248-514-5092
21 Wed Mt Pisgah Winter Solstice Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251
28 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M McKee 554-1364

January

4 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Miller 808-282-5201
18 Wed Amazon/Spencer Butte Hike M Jacobsen 206-1251

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If you plan to join Obsidians trips, be prepared to abide by our protocols: [COVID-19 Protocols](#)



POTLUCK

Friday, October 28, 2022, 6:30 PM

Lesser-visited Trails of the Southwest

Buzz Bloom

BUZZ HAS TRAVELLED AND HIKED extensively throughout the southwest in the last six years. The presentation will be a slide show and discussion of lesser-visited trails and venues such as Chaco Canyon NM, Big Bend National Park, Marfa TX, Jerome and Bisbee AZ, Berlin NV, Palm Desert CA, Great Sand Dunes National Park CO, and many more—about 40 total in six states.

While you are at the Lodge, be sure to visit his photographs on exhibit in the Scherer Room.



Buzz on the mountain overlooking Bisbee, Arizona.



Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, a ghost town in Nevada.

Potluck

Friday, October 28, 2022

Obsidian Lodge

Potluck 6:30 PM, Program 7:30 PM

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share along with your own plates, utensils and cups to be washed at home.



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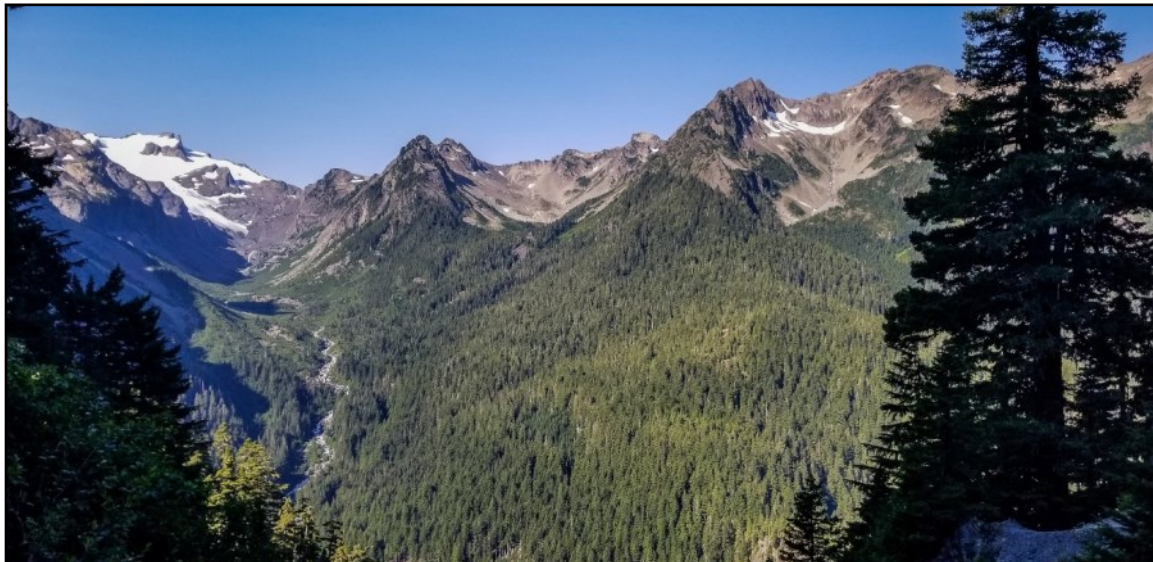
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*White Glacier Creek rushing down to Hoh River Canyon.
See the Hoh Valley to Blue Glacier trip report on page 11.
Photo by Darko Sojak.*

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