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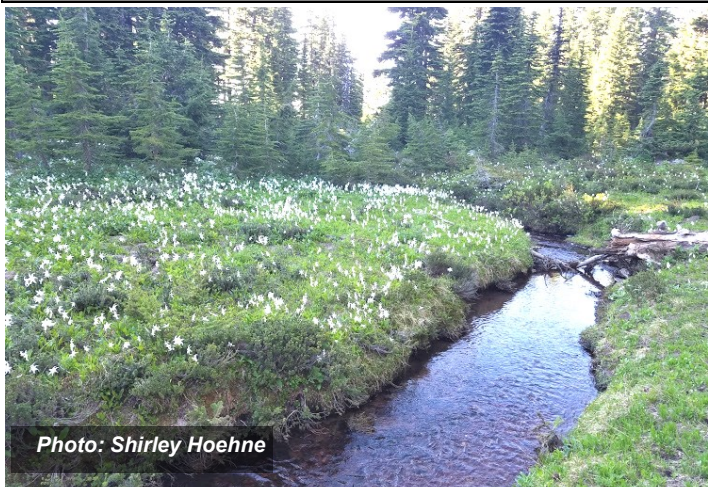


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August Events Summary

2	Sun	Canby to Sawtell Hill Bike Ride
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9	Sun	Puget Island and White Tailed Deer Sanctuary Bike Ride
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22	Sat	Butteville-St Paul Bike Ride
22	Sat	Trails Club Picnic - Lacamas Lake
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Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website www.trailsclub.org

Editor David Hayes is taking a break this month as he is evacuated from the fire at Lava Beds National Monument. We are looking for a Blazer Editor: please contact the Publication Chair.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Note: Following the Trails Club COVID-19 policies, hike participation is limited to 10 participants. Please bring a cloth face covering and hand sanitizer. Carpooling is discouraged for people not members of the same household. In addition, participants will be asked to sign a COVID-19 acknowledgement, or alternatively, review the policies and email the leader indicating you accept the terms and conditions for participating in this activity. See the policies here: <https://trailsclub.org/covid-policies/>.

Canby to Sawtell Hill Bike Ride

August 2



We will ride mostly on rural roads past farms and countryside, going from Canby to Molalla. Then we will ascend Sawtell Hill Rd, which is a strenuous 1,100 ft climb in about 6 miles. As we go up the scenery becomes more forested and there are beautiful views. The rest of the ride is a mix of downhill, flat and rollers. Contact leader to register for the ride and info on start time and location, About 46 miles total. We will be social distancing, wearing masks when within 6 feet of each other, and using hand sanitizer.

Leader: Maureen Covell, charleycvl@aol.com, 503-954-4501

Salmon River Backpacking (Beginners welcome)

August 4-6



This will be a leisurely paced backpacking trip with lots of stops for water, snacks, photos and plan to bring a book for relaxing time in camp. Tuesday we hike in roughly 2 miles and make camp then hang out. Then Wednesday we will hike to viewpoint r/t 4-5 miles 800 feet elevation. Then Thursday break camp and hike out. Tuesday I will be stopping at the Subway on Hwy 26/Salmon River rd to buy my lunch for trail. I'm not sure if we will be able to have a campfire. I will meet you at the Salmon River Trail head. I drive a white Subaru Outback. Please bring a mask and be prepared for social distancing.

DIRECTIONS to TH: Drive East on Hwy 26 and turn right on Salmon River rd at Subway near Welches. Drive 4.9 miles to parking area prior to bridge after green canyon campground. The TH is to the left and just before the

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The purpose of the Trails Club is to foster and stimulate interest in hiking, climbing, skiing, camping and other similar outdoor activities and to promote activities of a social nature for the benefit of its members. The Club's interests and concerns are conservation of natural beauty and resources of the country. All Club activities are affected by the voluntary participation of the members. Membership requirements include an approved outdoor activity, a scheduled lodge visit, recommendations by two members within a one-year period, approval by the Board of Trustees, and payment of \$50 in dues and a \$15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings: Usually first Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The **Membership Directory** is found at:
<https://trailsclub.org/resources/directory/>
 This online directory can be sorted and searched. It is also much more up-to-date than any printed directory could be.

Meeting Places

Friendly House NW Thurman and 26th. TriMet bus service on routes 15, 17 and 77 is nearby.

Gateway TCO : From I-205: take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple blocks and park in the Park and Ride garage. Meet at the SE corner of the structure (near the stairs) on the sidewalk (directly inside if it is raining). From I-84: take I-205, take the above exit and instructions

Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC): A common meeting place for Board meetings and other administrative functions. It is located at 527 SE 43rd Avenue, one block south of Stark St.

Target: A common westside meeting place for hikes. Exit US 26 at NW 185th Ave and drive south to Evergreen Pkwy turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr., Park and meet on the west side of Target's parking lot across from Starbucks Coffee. Tri Met bus service on routes 47, 52 and 89 is nearby.

Tryon Creek State Park: Sometimes used for Wed. AM (and other) hikes. From I-5 South: Take Terwilliger Blvd. exit, bear right, heading south past Taylor's Ferry Rd. and bear left at at Boone's Ferry Rd split, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is a right about one mile past the roundabout. Park near the Nature Center.

Trails Club of Oregon & Meetup Websites

Our website (TrailsClub.org) is the official site for club events and information. There is also a Trails Club Meetup.com site that allows event planners to organize TCO events online, and publicize these events to a wider audience (Meetup.com/Trails-Club-of-Oregon/events/). However, all events posted on the TCO Meetup site should be added to our TCO website as well (and this no longer happens automatically, unfortunately).

While we try to get every event in the Blazer and on the Trails Club website (www.trailsclub.org), some events, especially those planned on short notice, may not appear in the Blazer.

Use the Calendar menu item for a monthly calendar or use the Activities menu to filter events. Registration on the web site is not required to view the events.

Also: All may use the Payment menu item on our web site to use PayPal to pay your dues. You can pay for all members in a household in one transaction.

Board Meeting

There was no board meeting in July.
Next meeting 8/4, via Zoom

The Treasurer's Report, June 30, was sent by email.

Old and New Accounts Combined:

Beginning Balance	\$18,458.47
Deposits	\$2,505.31
Checks and payments	\$1,731.38
Ending Balance	\$19,232.40

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bridge. Also plan for 6 meals and snacks and of course the 10 essentials. Please message me for any questions/ concerns. Trail park pass is required at Salmon River TH.



Goat Rocks Lake Backpack August 7-9

A group of us are going to Goat Rocks Lake on Aug 7 (a Friday). The hike in is 6.5 miles and 2400 feet of elevation.

We will make camp at the lake and on day 2 go up to Hawkeye Point (1.5 miles and 1200 feet of elevation), and continue on to view the Lily Basin as far as Angry Mountain.

Day 2 would be a 10 mile, 2500 feet day if you summit Angry Mountain.

Day 3 come back on the other side to make a loop, 1800+ and 3400- feet of elevation and 7.3 miles out.

As of right now the lake is snowed over, so be prepared for colder nights. If we have to traverse deep snow to get up Hawkeye or Angry, we will turn back if safety is in question. Nathen Barton TyeeWinter@trailsclub.org



Burnt lake hike class B August 9

Join me on one of my favorite Mt. Hood hikes. Trail climbs slowly for the first 2 1/2 miles, gaining 900 feet, walking along the name sake creek, then gains 1000 feet in two miles as the trail passes the lake, then up to the ridge. Then 400 feet in the next mile to the top of East Zigzag mt.

Total mileage 9.6 / 2300' elevation gain. Meet at the Hillcrest sports parking lot in Gresham, Or.

2424 S.E. Burnside towards the sidewalk. Will need to drive separately.

Meet at 8:15, leave lot at 8:30 NW forest pass required Bring lunch.

Leader Brian Carlson owatta53@hotmail.com



Puget Island and White Tailed Deer Sanctuary Bike Ride August 9

August 9th, Sunday – Class B Start time: 10am
Start location: Skamokowa Vista Park (near office)

Ride Distance: 33.4 mi Terrain: Mostly flat
Pace: 12-14 on the flats Class: "B" for distance

Driving distance: 82 mi from Pioneer Square

Driving Time: 1.5 hrs Ride with GPS: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/27807559>

We will meet at Skamokowa Vista Park, ride through the White Tail Deer Sanctuary, the bucolic berg of Cathlamet then on to lovely Puget Island. Loop around Puget Island then back to Skamokowa Vista Park. Pack a lunch, snacks and plenty of water.

If you choose to cross the Columbia via the Oscar B ferry please check the ferry schedule here: <https://www.co.wahkiakum.wa.us/252/Ferry>

I will be camping at Skamokowa Vista Park on Saturday night. If you would like to join me make your own reservations: (360) 795-8605

Due to Covid 19 I will be limiting this ride to 8 riders. Follow club recommendations for Covid safety. Email me to secure your spot. Please review the disclaimer at <https://trailsclub.org/covid-policies/> and indicate you accept the terms and conditions for participating in this activity when you email me.

Leader: Chaz Shaw, chaznw@gmail.com
503-729-7560.



Wednesday Evening Hike August 12, 19, 26

Class B

Meet at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. Start at 6 PM sharp and hike until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 hike fee (if not a TCO member) before 6:00.

Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about 6 miles in 2 hours, often with significant elevation gain.

Please check each week on the TCO website or Meetup to make sure we have a hike. We may need to cancel when we lack a leader.



SE Portland Bike Ride-Class A+ August 13

Ride will start at Sellwood Riverfront Park (the one down by the river, not the one up on the bluff). We will head east on the Springwater Trail, then north on the 205 bike path, west over the south flank of Mt. Tabor (so there IS a hill getting over the south end of Mt. Tabor), down to the Eastbank Esplanade and back to Sellwood Riverfront Park. Ride is approximately 17 miles.

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Please email me no later than Aug. 11 if you are interested in this ride, as I may have to limit attendance. Also, I don't ride in the rain or excessive heat, so if either seems possible, check with me on the day of the ride.

Hopefully the restrooms at Sellwood Park will be available as well as the ones at 45th, but that will be it for restrooms on this bike ride so plan accordingly.

Meet: At Sellwood Riverfront Park 9:45 AM for a 10 AM departure.

Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-522-9911 (cell) or audrey53@comcast.net.



**Nesika Work Trip – August
August 13**

Check the TCO website for more information.



**Boring/Redland Bike Ride – Class C
August 15**

Join me on a ride with a wide variety of terrain and vistas. From Milwaukie, we head north to the Springwater Trail and follow it to its end in Boring. From there, we continue south to Barton, where we cross the Clackamas River. We then work our way up to Redland on quiet back roads, and then once in Redland it's all downhill to Oregon City. From there, we make our way to the bike/ped bridge over the Clackamas River at Cross Park in Gladstone before heading back to Milwaukie on the Trolley Trail. Total distance is approximately 45 miles, with cumulative elevation gain about 1,600 feet. Optional lunch in downtown Milwaukie after the ride.

Meet: 9 AM at Milwaukie waterfront at the Kellogg Creek Wastewater Reclamation Facility, 11525 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Limited parking is available there or on-street parking is close by in downtown Milwaukie just east of McLoughlin Blvd (Hwy 99E). The Milwaukie-Main Street Light Rail Station is just a few hundred feet away.

Leader: Dave Crout 503-460-9782, or dave_sandy@comcast.net.



**Wednesday Evening Hike
August 19**

See August 12 description.



Nesika visitor Photo: Ralph Bloemers

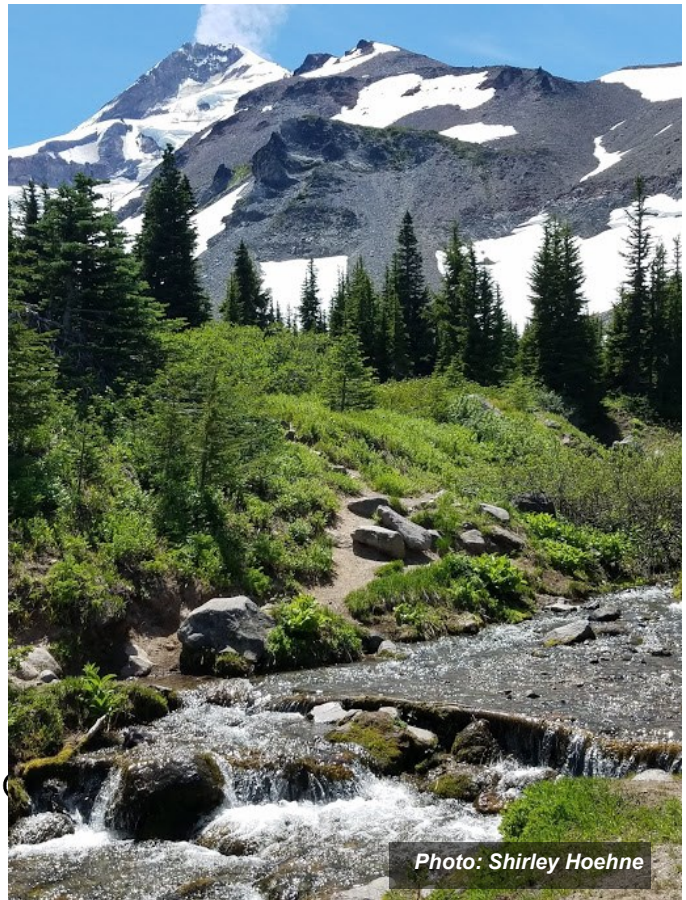


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**SE Portland Bike Ride-Class A+
August 13**

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Meet: At Sellwood Riverfront Park 9:45 AM for a 10 AM departure.

Leader: Audrey Perino, 503-522-9911 (cell) or audrey53@comcast.net

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Timberline Trail Backpacking Trip
August 20-23

Backpacking Location: Timberline National Historic Trail #600
Backpacking Duration: 4 Days / 3 Nights
Trip Length: ~ 44 Miles Elevation Change: ~ 9,800'
Hiking Difficulty: Very Strenuous Average Pace: 1.5–2mph
Northwest Forest Pass/Day Pass (Parking): Required
Group Size: 4 – 6 Leave-No-Trace: Required
Fees: \$8 for Non-members / Free for Members (Excludes parking fees)
Trails Club of Oregon will host a 4-day, 3-night backpacking trip around Mt. Hood utilizing the Timberline National Historic Trail #600. The Timberline Trail begins and ends at the Timberline Lodge, and the route will go clockwise. The trip will climb in and out of glacial-fed drainages throughout its length. In this hike, we will experience stunning views with Alpine flowers. We can expect spectacular views; Alpine Meadows carpeted with wildflowers, streams lined with flowers, and quiet forest settings.
The elevation will range from 3480' to 7300' and will include fast-moving river fords at Newton, Coe, Muddy Fork, Sandy, and White Rivers.
There will be a pre-meeting (TBD) to discuss the route, expectations, estimated camp locations, and pre-screen attendees for the proper equipment and experience. We ask that all potential attendees have experience in backpacking and possess the required equipment to be self-sufficient. Additionally, we asked for positive attitudes and good conversation.
Additional information is forthcoming.



Butteville-St Paul Bike Ride-Class B
August 22

This ride starts at the Butteville General Store. We will ride through Champoeg State Park to St Paul along mostly flat country roads using some of the Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway. Ice cream or a snack at the General Store is a possibility when we return to Butteville, if conditions permit. Distance: 33 miles, 600 ft elevation gain.
Please register with leader as the ride is limited to 10 cyclists Please bring your mask.
Meet: Butteville General Store <https://goo.gl/maps/hKfJufadn5FPtLL46> at 9:45am and begin riding at 10am.
Leader: Allen Burrell, burrell@teleport.com or (503) 288-3859



TCO Picnic
August 22

Water play, hiking, yard games: At Heritage Park in Camas.

Nesika News!

Get ready for rebuilding the dorm. Materials are on the way and help will be needed to transport and construct. Check later for details.



Western Pasqueflower (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss flower) *Anemone occidentalis* Photo: Shirley Hoehne

We will go early and set up area of picnic. This park is a gem on Lacamas Lake. You can boat, hike, canoe, play in water, ride bikes. There is play ground for kids. During the summer they usually rent boards and boats for water play.

Bring potluck for a picnic. We will set up extra tables if needed. There is shade. Bring chairs. We will bring some yard games. Cost is free.

Directions:

Follow Hwy 14 east from 205 bridge to Camas WA exit. Follow 6th street to Garfield street. Take a left. Follow Garfield up hill. Take right on Everett Street. Follow Everett street to NW Lake Road. Take a left. Heritage Park is on Right.

Linda Conrad lqconrad@aol.com



Wednesday Evening Hike
August 26

See August 12 description.

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Gentle Reminders

For activities such as bicycle, snowshoe, and x-c skiing check with the leaders for the difficulty level. Good equipment for the specific activity is required for all events. For hikes, snowshoe:

Class A—Shorter, less strenuous activity, typically 4 to 8 miles, less than 1500 feet elevation gain.

Class B—Moderate to difficult, typically 6 to 12 miles, up to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

Class C—Long and difficult, strong experienced participants only, typically over 8 miles, and over 3000 feet of elevation gain. Boots are recommended for B/C hikes.

Harsh or unusual conditions may greatly increase the exertion and skill required. Be prepared for the level of activity you are planning to take. Contact the trip leader if you have any questions and to let him or her know that you will be attending. Bring plenty of water and a sack lunch. Please, no alcohol. Remember to bring your Ten Essentials. Pets allowed on designated trips only.

Stay with the group and follow the leader. The leader is responsible for the group's safety. The leader determines which route is taken. The leader has authority to determine if a participant is prepared for the activity. Group safety must come first.

Fees

There is no charge to Trails Club members for day activities; non-members pay \$2. Please contribute to any carpooling expenses at the rate of \$.15 per mile. With multiple riders the driver can collect up to \$.30 per mile shared by all the riders. Other fees may apply.

If you have RSVP'd for an activity at a lodge involving food expense and are unable to participate, you are obligated to do one of the following: Cancel before the food is purchased, find someone to take your place, or pay for your share of the food.

All activities must be approved by the appropriate activity Coordinator or the Trips Trustee.

Newsletters

Send write-ups to: blazer@trailsclub.org

Submissions are due by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication.

Please use the following format:

Month Day (Day of week) Event Title - Class A, B, C

Description Text - Please include distance, elevation change, and round trip driving distance.

Do not capitalize full words, lines or sentences for emphasis
Day trip descriptions should be under 100 words.

Depart: Meeting place, with address if possible, and departure time

Leader: Name, Phone, and/or email.

Editor: Dave Hays

Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon website to:

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