



Trail Blazer



Tyee Lodge Snow Camping. Photo: Helen Wangyi

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



EASTER EGG HUNT AND RUCK

Susan's Farm (Manning, OR)

Sun, Apr 4, 12:05 - 3:05pm

Hosts: Susan Ashenfelter & Linda Conrad

Annual Trails Club easter egg hunt and ruck. Bring a dozen colored hard boiled eggs. Bring kids. Wear masks. Bring potluck dish. Do not come if running fever, coughing or feeling sick. We will also do ruck - bring a fully loaded backpack packed for an overnigher on the trail. We will go through your pack and help you reduce weight.



CRITERION RANCH BACKPACK

Sat April 10 - Sun, April 11

Host: Linda Conrad

We will meet in Maupin at the High River Desert Outfitters store at 8:00am. Please arrange your own carpool following COVID restrictions. We will leave a few cars eight miles upriver from Maupin and then drive up 197 to the trailhead. There will not be water on the hike that I can see so please bring around six liters each. We will hike in two to four miles and set up a base camp. There is a peak to the north we can climb. There are other side trails on map. You can read article on hike at: [https://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/Criterion Tract Loop Hike](https://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/Criterion_Tract_Loop_Hike). Supposed to be fantastic stargazing. Wildlife include deer, mountain sheep, eagles, osprey. Spray clothes and gear for tick prevention and be prepared for wind.

April Events

4	Sun	Easter Egg Hunt and Ruck
7	Weds	Weds Night Hike - Wallace Park
10-11	Sat-Sun	Criterion Ranch Backpack
14	Weds	Monthly Trips Planning (Zoom)
14	Weds	Weds Night Hike - Wallace Park
21	Weds	Weds Night Hike - Wallace Park
24	Sat	Gumjuwac-Badger Lake Loop Hike
28	Weds	Weds Night Hike - Wallace Park
30-2	Fri-Sun	Nesika Work Trip

Scheduling, fees, and lodge availability are updated on website www.trailsclub.org



MONTHLY TRIPS PLANNING (ZOOM)

Weds, April 14, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Hosts: Dolores Niebergall & Rachel Eggers

The trails beckon us - please consider joining our planning team! Have someplace you would like to explore? We follow ALL CDC, state and local guidelines on our trips. Goals are better met with action plans!

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/9061187636?pwd=QWdNaVBvRFE4NGU0VUZpNUZBb1Z0UT09>. Meeting ID: 906 118 7636 Passcode: 1243

Welcome New TCO Members!

Elizabeth Brashear
Craig Gwydir

David Noyes
Carolyn Willis

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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, 7:00pm, at Mazamas Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave at SE Stark St, Portland

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EVENT CANCELATIONS

Please note that some events may be canceled at a future date, depending on late-breaking COVID-19 related issues, etc. Check the [website](#) regularly.

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, head east to 99th Ave, turn north, head 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, drive south to Evergreen Parkway turn east (left) one block to NW Town Center Dr. Park and meet on the west side of the Target 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

Trails Club of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021 7:00 - 9:00pm, Zoom

****DRAFT Minutes: pending board approval****

Present:

Beverly Drotter	Vice President
Rebecca Knudeson	Secretary
Nathen Barton	Tyee Trustee
Lori Leach	Membership Trustee
Joel Reitz	Publications Trustee
Dolores Niebergall	Trips Trustee
Linda Conrad	Social Trustee
Glen Conrad	Nesika Trustee

Absent:

Sheryl Wagner	President
Bill Yandon	Treasurer

February meeting minutes approved by email

1. Treasurer’s Report - Bill via email

Beginning balance.....	\$17,224
Total deposits.....	\$3,361
Total expenses.....	\$448
Ending balance.....	\$20,137

Bill will meet with our CPA on 3/4. He thinks he has the necessary Fidelity and Columbia Threadneedle forms. He will include a download of our Quickbooks account.

2. Committee Reports

a. Nesika - Glen

A crew did some road maintenance in January before it snowed. He’s organizing and scheduling with the Atterbury brothers to get Redwing’s roofing

and walls done in June. The March work trip is cancelled due to snow. Any work trips through the end of April will depend on the road’s condition. Railroad ties have been donated to make stairs to the outhouse.

b. Tyee Lodge - Nathen reported

There are 6-8 feet of snow at the lodge now. The toilets were frozen solid on 2/27-28, when he went in. “Note that frozen toilet bowls are not a problem. Antifreeze is there to keep the water from expanding and breaking the fixtures and pipes. If the bowl is not in pieces, the antifreeze is working properly. The tank may not fill until the bathrooms heat up because the fill valve often freezes.” Please use the directions when closing and call for help if you have any problem following the closing or opening procedures.

c. Membership - Lori reported

First Readings:

Joy (Alex) Joseph (Portland) sponsored by Nathen Barton and Sheryl Wagner
Attila Jurecska (Beaverton) sponsored by Nathen Barton and Sheryl Wagner
Ricky Soeung (Hillsboro) sponsored by Nathen Barton and Sheryl Wagner
Diane Strand (Portland) sponsored by Jennifer Samuels and Sheryl Wagner

Second Readings: - accepted:

Elizabeth Brashear
Craig Gwydir
David Noyes
Carolyn Willis

We discussed sending an autogenerated response with information about TCO when new people join us on Meetup.

Total members: 332
Golden: 11; Junior: 3; Life: 35; Life/Golden: 2;
Regular: 281

d. Publications – Joel

Lori has updated the membership list and it is reflected on the website. We should publicize those who have not renewed their memberships when we are confident of our present status.

Board Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

e. Trips - Dolores

The Arizona trip was beautiful. Thanks to Linda and Glen for planning. Rachel Eggers led the February Trips Zoom meeting with an attendance of 12. Nathen Barton, Jennifer Samuels and Linda and Glen Conrad led trips in February. Dave Crout has volunteered to be bike trips coordinator again this year. He's reaching out to previous trip leaders to gauge their interest in leading. We hope to increase overall participation. Next Trips meeting is March 10 at 7:00. Spring and Summer backpack trips planning is beginning. Some hikes and trips will not use Meetup due to the continuing COVID situation.

f. Social - Linda

We will have an Easter egg hunt if COVID permits but will wait to see how counties lessen restrictions. We may hold a ruck (training for packing a backpack) if a Washington County location can be found.

4. New Business

a. We approved Rachel Eggers as our new Treasurer to replace Bill Yandon. The board deeply appreciates the work Bill did as treasurer.

b. The historian position is open. Anyone who might be interested, please let Sheryl know. Right now they would not have any responsibilities except going through the archives when we move them. We don't know when that will happen. Lori talked with the president of Crown Point. The building is nearly finished, but they still need to raise some funds in order to finish. If arranged ahead of time, they are happy to give a tour to anyone who is out their way. She didn't discuss storage space with him but will get back in touch to ask.

Next meeting: April 6, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, Secretary

Note About Dues: The Online Member Directory now includes the status of dues payments for 2021. If the dues column is blank for you, you haven't paid your 2021 dues. Thank you!



Pocket Creek Snowshoe. Photo: Pearl Zadnik

Now Recruiting Trip Leaders!

Did you know Trails Club can help you condition, cross train, make new friends and have fun at the same time?! Bike trips, rambles in the city, day hikes, snowshoeing, and backpacking are all active. We follow current CDC and Oregon Health Authority guidelines. Don't delay, consider joining in one of our activities or becoming a trips leader.



Bike Leaders: for beginner to advanced rides. Wish you had more people to ride with? Tired of riding alone? Helping others to get out may help you too! We will help publish your events. You choose the difficulty, route, distance, elevation, dates and times. All levels including beginners to advanced needed. Please consider joining our friendly and enthusiastic bike leadership team. Contact: dave_sandy@comcast.net



Rambles Leaders: Rambles are resuming! We need a few leaders to join our rotation. Our group does moderate hikes (5-6 miles in two hours). We also welcome leaders to lead shorter/slower hikes. Contact: Rebecca at rebeccarknudeson@gmail.com or Catherine at catherineschied@gmail.com



Hike Leaders: especially day hikes. A great thing about leading is that you get to choose the location and difficulty, including pace, distance and elevation change. Think you are slow? There are other slow hikers intimidated by fast hikers! You're fast? Let's find some other fast hikers to breeze along with you! We'll help you announce and publicize your event. Contact: tripschair@trailsclub.org

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES (continued)



GUMJUWAC-BADGER LAKE LOOP

HIKE Sat, Apr 24
Host: Rachel Eggers

Let's explore some of the Badger Creek Wilderness. Here are the details of the trail we will be taking: https://www.oregonhikers.org/field_guide/Gumjuwac-Badger_Lake_Loop_Hike. This is a Trails Club of Oregon event which is free to members and \$2 for non-members. We will be moving at about two miles per hour average regardless of elevation. This is a fairly difficult hike for most people. We will stop for lunch at Badger Lake for about 30 minutes. Other than that, we will stop several times for water but not more than 5 minutes at a time. I expect the snow and ice will be gone by this time. Waterproof boots are a must since I am not sure how muddy this trail will be. We will hike regardless of weather so please make sure you check the forecast ahead of time and come prepared for the weather.



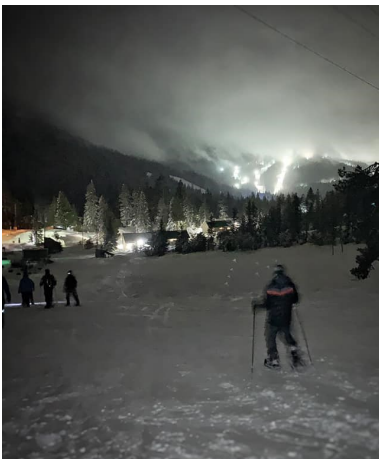
Glacier View Snowshoe. Photo: Mimi Cogswell



NESIKA LODGE WORK TRIP

Fri, April 30 - Sun, May 2
Hosts: Linda and Glen Conrad

Meet at gate just after 10-mile marker on Larch Mountain Road. You can leave on Friday night or Saturday night or Sunday before noon. We may need to clear trees off road. We will be doing trail maintenance and wood management for stoves. If nice weather we may do some painting, finish outhouse; create steps and trim. Would like to build some benches. Does anyone have gas lawn mower they could donate? Be prepared to sleep in tent: bring tent, sleeping pad, and bags. COVID-19 restrictions: face masks, stay six feet apart. Meals will be provided.



Tyee Full Moon Snowshoe. Photos: Helen Wangyi and Nathen Barton

Wednesday Night Hikes are Back!

Recurring Wednesday Evening Hikes
 6:00 - 8:00pm, Class B
 Meet at Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh
 Free for TCO members, \$2 for non-members

We leave at 6:00 sharp and hike until 8:00-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills. Arrive before 6:00 to find parking, sign in and pay fee (if applicable).

Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about six miles in two hours, often with significant elevation gain. Please check the TCO website to make sure we haven't cancelled. We are looking for people who would like to lead a slower, shorter hike (class A) at the same time. Contact Rebecca if you are interested or have questions: secretary@trailsclub.org

April Leaders:
 4/7 Jane Gunn
 4/14 Catherine Schiedler
 4/21 Rebecca Knudeson
 4/28 Catherine Schiedler

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Gentle Reminders

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

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: Jennifer Samuels

Send pictures, new events, corrections and anything else for the Trails Club of Oregon website to: webmaster@trailsclub.org