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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Nesika Work Trip

Fri, April 30 - Sun, May 2

Host: Linda Conrad

Meet at 9:00am at the gate just after the 10-mile marker on Larch Mountain Road. The gate will be open Friday and Saturday mornings. You can leave on Friday night, 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 day 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 6 feet apart. Meals will be provided.



Nesika Lodge Membership Hike

Sat, May 1, 10:30am

Host: Jennifer Samuels

We'll meet at milepost 10 on E Larch Mountain Road, unlock the gate and drive to a spot 3.5 miles from the Lodge to park. The hike from there will be along the dirt/gravel road to Nesika Lodge. 7 miles round trip, around 600 feet elevation change. On the way to the Lodge, we'll visit the hidden ornament trail. If you're into it, do some research to see if you can figure out where it is ahead of time. We'll stop for a nice visit at the Lodge. Hike fulfills qualifications for Trails Club of Oregon membership for those wanting to join the Club. All COVID restrictions will be closely followed. Masks and limited people in the lodge at one time, maintain social distancing. As always, bring 10 essentials, food and water, dress for weather and practice leave no trace.

Welcome New TCO Members!

Joy (Alex) Joseph

Attila Jurecska

Ricky Soeung

Diane Strand



Columbia Hills Wildflowers. Photos: Rachel Eggers

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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
April 6, 2021 7:00 - 9:00pm, Zoom

Present:

Sheryl Wagner	President
Beverly Drotter	Vice President
Rachel Eggers	Treasurer
Bill Yandon	Former Treasurer
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

Minutes of the March board meeting were approved.

1. Treasurer’s Report - Rachel and Bill

Beginning balance.....	\$20,137
Total deposits.....	\$989
Total expenses.....	\$223
Ending balance.....	\$20,903

Bill reported he met with our tax person and taxes are filed. We paid \$150 to Oregon. He has met, and will meet again, with Rachel to transfer treasurer duties.

2. Committee Reports

a. Nesika - Glen

Road clearing event is scheduled for April 17. On June 9-15, contractors will work on Redwing. We need cooks for that time and the help of the membership. We will paint, put in windows and doors and do other tasks, not all related to construction. There is no report on how the lodge

weathered the winter. He has purchased a personal log splitter and will leave it at Nesika for the summer.

b. Tyee Lodge - Nathen

There is a lot of snow at the lodge. A mouse was reported above the women’s restroom.

c. Membership - Lori

A few people have responded to dues reminders. We are still working on contacting other.

First Readings:

Crissi Milner (West Linn) sponsored by Jennifer Samuels and Helen Wang

Pearl Zadnik (Hillsboro) sponsored by Nathen Barton and Dolores Niebergall

Second Readings, all approved:

Joy (Alex) Joseph
Attila Jurecska
Ricky Soeung
Diane Strand

d. Publications - Joel

He has a log of Tyee openings made with the new electronic lock.

e. Trips - Dolores

Trips are being planned and led. Some leaders use the calendar, some use the Blazer and some use Meetup. Bike rides are starting. We had a good Zoom meeting with Dave Crout and some of the bike leaders. They have compiled their trips for the year and those will show in the next Blazer. More leaders will be trying the Meetup platform, and she has counseled 1:1 with one of the other leaders on how to use Meetup. She made a flyer for the Bike Leaders to share with potential new leaders. It might be helpful to print a few and give to the leaders to handout to TCO members interested in leading. She will forward any new volunteer responses to Dave. The weekly Wednesday night hikes are back. They will not be listed on Meetup to keep group sizes smaller in the time of COVID. She’d like to do a monthly summary of who led what. We discussed the use of MeetUp and TCO’s website. She advertised for leaders for all activities in the last Blazer.

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Board Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

e. Social - Linda

The Easter egg hunt was attended by 10-11 members and 15 nonmembers. It was fun for all. No work yet on annual banquet.

4. New Business

a. Only potential members with complete applications (payment, qualifications, membership form with signature) will be presented for board vote.

b. We have different levels of authorization on our website (which Wordpress allows) so Lodge coordinators and hike leaders are able to add items to the calendar themselves. Joel will do some tweaking to make the listing of events on the website more convenient.

c. Hike leaders on Meetup need to be Trails Club members (in our club directory) and their actual name (not a nickname or email address) needs to be listed as the person who is leading. The first name with last initial will suffice for leaders who prefer not to disclose a complete name. Every year, we need to check people with organizer status on Meetup against our membership.

d. We discussed how to encourage members to lead trips/activities.

Next meeting: May 4, 7 PM, Zoom
Submitted by Rebecca Knudeson, TCO Secretary

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Burnt Bridge Creek/Vancouver Lake Bike Ride, Class A/B

Weds, May 5, 10:00-5:00

Host: Terry Lawson

This short A level ride is an out and back on the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. It is 16 miles long with scenic views. The B level ride follows this with 17 more miles and stops at Vancouver Lake and Frenchman's Bar on the Columbia, eating lunch at one of them. The total route has 850 feet of ascent.

Depart: 10am at Bernie and Lakeshore TH of Burnt Bridge Creek Trail. E-mail leader to register for the ride, saying whether you plan to ride the shorter or longer route. Registration required since ride may be rescheduled in rainy weather.

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Weds Night Hike, Class B

Weds, May 5, 6:00-8:00pm

Leader: Rebecca Knudeson

Meet at Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh. We leave at 6:00 sharp and hike until about 8:00 in Forest Park and the West Hills. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 fee (if a non-TCO member). Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about 6 miles in 2 hours, often with significant elevation gain.



Olympic National Park Backpack

Thurs, May 6 - Sun, May 9

Leaders: Julia Mace and Helen Wang

Trip plan - day one: meet at a first come, first served primitive campground. \$20 a night, you pay for your own site. Day two: hike 6.7, 800 elevation gain to a backcountry campground, set up camp for Fri/Sat nights. Day three: day hike 13 miles round trip, 1,000 feet gain. Day four: last day! Hike 6.7 miles back to trailhead. This is a small group of eight. If you are interested, place yourself on the wait list, make arrangements to pay. Once paid, then you will be moved to confirmed "going", unfortunately, payments are non-refundable. Specific details for the trip will be discussed on Facebook Messenger group chat; cost for the Backpack Trip is \$17 for TCO members and \$25 for non-members.



Sunshine Valley/Boring, Class C

Weds, May 9, 8:45-5:00

Host: Terry Lawson

Join me on a beautiful ride through the countryside south of Gresham, where in addition to Sunshine Valley, we'll also pass through Happy Valley and Pleasant Valley. Then we head to Boring for a break



Lower Deschutes Backpack. Photo: Janet Clarey

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before heading back to Gresham on the Springwater Trail. Total distance is just over 20 miles, with cumulative elevation gain about 1,000 feet. Due to continuing COVID-19 concerns, please have a face covering available. We will maintain six-foot spacing while riding and on breaks. Carpooling is discouraged for people not members of the same household. Meet at 8:45 at Gresham Main City Park, 219 S. Main Ave, Gresham, south end of the park. Trails Club members are free, non-members pay \$2 cash.



Weds Night Hike, Class B **Weds, May 12, 6:00-8:00pm** **Leader: Bruce Seymour**

Meet at Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh. We leave at 6:00 sharp and hike until about 8:00 in Forest Park and the West Hills. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 fee (if a non-TCO member). Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about 6 miles in 2 hours, often with significant elevation gain.



Monthly Trips Planning (Zoom) **Weds, May 12, 7:00-8:30pm** **Leaders: Dolores Niebergall & Rachel Eggers**

The trails beckon us - please consider joining our planning team! Have someplace you'd like to explore? We follow all CDC, state and local guidelines around COVID. Zoom meeting is [HERE](#) or Meeting ID: 906 118 7636 Passcode: 1243



Eastside Portland Loop Bike Ride **Sun, May 16, 10:00-3:30** **Leader: Maureen Covell**

This is a 32 mile ride, mostly on Portland's bike trails, and streets with bike lanes. We will ride along the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, Johnson Creek, and the Springwater, 205, and Marine Drive bike paths. A lot of the riding is on flat terrain, but there are uphill sections, as well. After our lunch stop, there is an option to shorten the ride to about 16 miles, by taking MAX from the Rose Quarter TC back to the Gateway TC. Please arrive 10 minutes early at start point. Required: helmet, mask, extra tube, water and food. Covid protocols: 6 feet distancing while riding, and distancing with masks on for breaks/lunch stop. Contact leader to register for ride, for start time and location, and any questions. you may have.



Weekday Dog Mountain Hiking **Mon, May 17, 10:30-3:30** **Hosts: Helen Wang and Debi Baker**

Debi and Helen are going to hike Dog Mountain on Monday May 17. We can take 5 more hikers. If the weather is bad we will reschedule it and communicate with you! This is not for beginners! This is a TCO event, Those interested: please put yourself on the Meetup waitlist. Distance: 6.9 miles; Elevation gain: 2800 feet; High point: 2,948 feet; Difficulty: Moderate



Scio 5 Bridges Bike Ride, Class C **Weds, May 19, 10:00am** **Host: Chaz Shaw**

This ride is through the beautiful rolling hills and farmland around Scio, Oregon, visiting five historic covered bridges. Bring a sack lunch and plenty of water. There are no restaurants along the route and water is limited. In past years there have been Porta Potties at the city park. There is a restroom at the Larwood Bridge Park where we stop for lunch. There is a possibility of adding camping to this event at the John Neal county park in Lyons. I will update attendees through Meetup. I prefer attendees to sign up through Meetup. Ride Distance : 40 miles; Pace: 12-14 mph on flats; Elevation gain/loss : +855 ft / - 702 ft; Meet: In front of City Hall in Scio.



Weds Night Hike, Class B **Weds, May 19, 6:00-8:00pm** **Leader: Gini Bateman**

Meet at Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh. We leave at 6:00 sharp and hike until about 8:00 in Forest Park and the West Hills. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 fee (if a non-TCO member). Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about 6 miles in 2 hours, often with significant elevation gain.



Independence/Buena Vista, Class B **Sat, May 22, 10:00-5:00** **Host: Allen Burrell**

Bike 28-30 miles through the fields, rolling hills and farmland of Polk County. The ride starts at the Independence Riverview Park, Independence, Oregon. We ride west through Monmouth, south to Helmick State Park and east to the Buena Vista Ferry landing for a lunch stop along the Willamette River. We then ride north to Independence to complete the loop. GPS Routing with RideWithGPS: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/35697853>. Please confirm participation with leader for possible weather cancellation.

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Weds Night Hike, Class B
Weds, May 26, 6:00-8:00pm
Leader: Bruce Seymour

Meet at Wallace Park between NW 25th and NW 26th on NW Raleigh. We leave at 6:00 sharp and hike until about 8:00 in Forest Park and the West Hills. Arrive early to find parking, sign in and pay the \$2 fee (if a non-TCO member). Carry water, a light source and dress for variable weather. We hike about 6 miles in 2 hours, often with significant elevation gain.



Bike and Dine SW PDX to N PDX, Class A
Thurs, May 27, 10:00-5:00
Leader: Audrey Perino

Please join me for an easy ride and lunch! We'll start in SW Portland, cross the Tillikum Bridge to the eastside, ride up to North Mississippi Ave to have lunch at Por Que No (they have outdoor seating). We'll then ride back on the west side. About 14 or so miles round trip, bike path and bike lane on N. Williams. Please bring a lock to lock your bike at Por Que No. I don't ride in the rain or excessive heat, so check with me that morning if the weather seems iffy. Depart from corner of S Virginia and S Nebraska, near Fulton Pub.



Trip Leader Training
Thurs, May 27, 7:00-8:45pm
Leader: Dolores Neibergall

Learn how to get started, who to contact, get assistance! TCO is offering an intro to leading hike and backpack trips - join in!



Criterion Ranch Backpack. Photo: Dolores Niebergall



Lower Deschutes Backpack. Photos: Helen Wangyi

Ever consider leading a day hike or backpack outing?



Any of the following concerns holding you back?

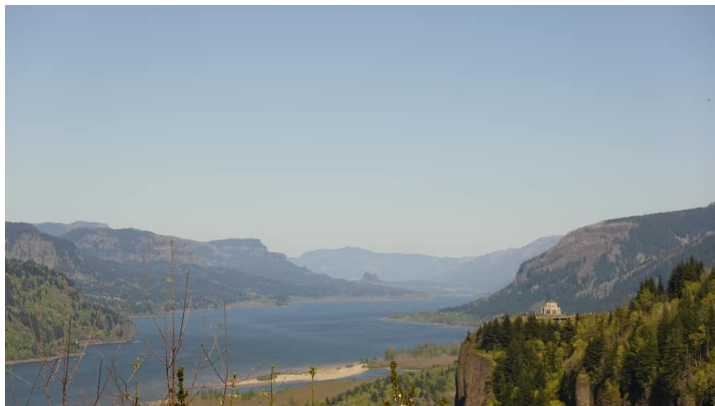
- Not sure how to get started
- Not sure who to contact
- Concerned you might be winging it without assistance?

Trails Club of Oregon has answers !
We are offering an intro to leading hike and backpack trips
May 27th, 7:00-8:45 pm
via Zoom

Announcing: 2021 Bike Ride Schedule

Weds, May 5	Burnt Bridge Ck/Vancouver Lk (Terry Lawson)
Sun, May 9	Sunshine Valley/Boring (Dave Crout)
Sun, May 16	Eastside Portland Loop Bike Ride (Maureen Covell)
Weds, May 19	Scio 5 Covered Bridges (possible camping) (Chaz Shaw)
Sat, May 22	Independence/Buena Vista (Allen Burrell)
Thurs, May 27	SW Portland to North Portland (Audrey Perino)
Weds, Jun 9	Two Creeks Vancouver (Chaz Shaw)
Sun, Jun 13	Mosier Tunnels and 7 Mile Hill (Allen Burrell)
Mon, Jun 21	Banks-Vernonia Trail (Maureen Covell)
Sat, Jun 26	Sandy River/Dodge Park (Dave Crout)
Sun, Jun 27	Blue Lake Park (Terry Lawson)
Fri, Jul 2	Tour de Westside (Chaz Shaw)
Thurs, Jul 8	Peninsula Park to Pier Park (Audrey Perino)
Sun, Jul 11	Willamette Valley (Terry Lawson)
Thurs, Jul 22	Milwaukie-Lake Oswego Loop (Allen Burrell)
Sat, Jul 31	Milwaukie/Lake Oswego/West Linn (Dave Crout)
Weds, Aug 4	Milwaukie/Redland (Terry Lawson)
Thurs, Aug 12	SE Portland (Audrey Perino)
Sat, Aug 14	Puget Island/White Tail Deer (possible camping) (Chaz Shaw)
Sat, Aug 21	Butteville-St Paul (Allen Burrell)
Sat, Aug 28	Boring/Redland (Dave Crout)
Sun, Sep 12	Women's Forum (Terry Lawson)
Sat, Sep 25	Canby Ferry (Dave Crout)

* Also available online at: <https://trailsclub.org/activities/bicycling/>



Nesika Road Clearing. Photos: Dolores Niebergall

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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.

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