



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
Date	Day	Event Description
1	Sun	Monster Cookie Metric Century Bike Ride - Class B/C
1	Sun	Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge Hike-Class A
3	Tue	Dog Mountain Hike - Class B
4	Wed	Morning Hike - Class A/B
4	Wed	Evening Hike - Class B
7	Sat	East Gorge Flower Hike - Class A/B
7	Sat	Silver Falls Hike- Class B/C
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25	Wed	Evening Hike - Class B
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28	Sat	The Other Eagle Creek Hike - Class B and Dog Friendly
28-30	Sat-Mon	Memorial Day Weekend at Tyee
28-30	Sat-Mon	North Fork of Umatilla River Backpack-Class A

Upcoming Events (cont.)		
Date	Day	Event Description
30	Mon	Last Monday Bike Ramble-Class A
June 4	Sat	Silver Star Mountain Hike - Class A
Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org		
Meeting places are detailed at the end of events section.		
TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2		

Announcements

2011 Membership Handbook and Directory Available

The 2011 Membership Handbook and Directory are now available. If you did not pick yours up at the Banquet it will be mailed to you soon. Please take a moment to check your information to be sure we have it right. Please send changes to membership@trailsclub.org or mail them to the club PO box.

The Membership Committee

Trail Work Events

Many of you filled out a questionnaire asking about your interests when you paid your dues. About thirty people indicated an interest in trail maintenance. The club has not provided many trail work events recently, but since there is excellent interest, we want to provide opportunities. Our club uses Forest Park trails almost every Wednesday so this would be a great way to support Forest Park and our hiking program. The first trail maintenance opportunity of the year will be May 21. Please check the "Announcements" for details. Join the fun and help keep our trails in good condition.

Trails Club T-Shirts

Please arrange to pick up your t-shirt if you have not already done so. There are 2 extra t-shirts if anyone would like to purchase one: (both in forest green)

Size XL Short Sleeved Cotton with logo & graphic, \$8
Size XL Short Sleeved Dry Mesh (wicking) with logo & graphic, \$19

Contact Vicki Wood, 503-659-1423/vw48@comcast.net

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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 \$45 in dues for first household member, \$25 for each additional household member or those over 65 years of age and a \$15 entrance fee.

Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month ,7:00 pm, at Mazama Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Ave. at SE Stark St. Portland, OR

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Events

May 1 (Sun) Monster Cookie Metric Century Bike Ride —Class B/C

I will be riding the full 62 mi route organized and fully supported by the Salem Bicycle Club. Others in our club will be doing shorter distances. Registration is required through the SBC at www.salembicycleclub.org. This relatively flat ride goes from Salem to Champoege Park and back. It is a nice opener to the season. Contact me if interested and I can advise of alternate starting points. Leader:Allen Burrell burrell@teleport.com 503-654-1353

May 1 (Sun) Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge Hike-Class A

Come join us in exploring the wildlife refuge. Wayne Schweinfest will be our bird guide. This is a slow pace bird watching hike. Bring your binoculars, bird identification book (if you like) and trail lunch. No elevation gain on either trail. Kiwa hiking trail is 1.5 miles and the Oaks to Wetland Trail is 2.0 miles.We will also bird watch during the auto tour loop. \$3.00/car parking fee at refuge. Depart: 8:00 am. at Gateway Transit Center or 8:30 am. at Salmon Creek Park and Ride, Vancouver. Leader: Callista Snively 503-330-7344 or Kissta9@gmail.com

May 3 (Tue) Dog Mountain Hike - Class B

Do it again! Let's see how the wildflower blooms have changed since our last ascent 3 weeks ago. We will take the less strenuous route up the Augsperger Trail, then head across wildflower meadows to the top of Dog Mt. and descend on the steep Dog Mt. trail. 7 mile loop, 2900 feet elevation gain. Drivers need a trailhead pass parking permit. Drive 98 miles round trip. Register in advance with leader, preferably by email. Depart: 8:30 AM from Gateway Park and Ride Leader: Bill Kingsbury wfcrowntown@gmail.com

May 4 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM Leader: Mike Harrison 503-239-3497

May 4 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. Return about 8:00 PM. Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 6:00 PM Leader: Lisa Brice 503-682-2952 ibhikes@msn.com

May 7 (Sat) East Gorge Flower Hike - Class A/B

A hike east of Hood River (Washington or Oregon) — into the "dry side." The hike will be determined by weather, flowers, and group interest. Distance: 6 to 8

Miles. Elevation: No more than 2000 feet.
Depart: 8:00 AM East side of downtown Troutdale -(north side of street—across from city hall—under TROUTDALE HOUSE sign). Register by Friday at 8:00 PM.
Leader: Gary Holman 503-261-3571

May 7 (Sat) Silver Falls Hike - Class B/C

See the Falls. See the back country. Start at the south falls parking lot and do a clockwise loop. Canyon trail-Perimeter trail-Rackett ridge trail-Rim trail. Total mileage 14 miles max elevation gain 1200 ft. Hiking speed 2 MPH, Driving distance 100 miles
Depart: 8:45 Clackamas town center
MAX park & ride N end.
Leader: Tom/Susan Ward 503-722-2181
wardttt2000@yahoo.com Tom cell 206-307-2809

May 9 (Mon) Sauvie Island Bike Ride - Class A

Lets get out this evening and pedal through this lovely farmland, Cascades can be seen on the far horizon, Ospreys should be nesting on the pilings. We will ride about 15 miles on flat terrain.
Meet: 5:30pm at park and ride on the island
Leader: Gerda Eck 503-654-1353

May 11 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.at 9:30 AM
Leader: Callista Snively 503-330-7344

May 11 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM
Leader: Andy Tipton 503-269-5460 /tiptonal@gmail.com

May 12 (Thu) Bike and Dine - Sellwood Riverfront Park to Mississippi - Class A

Please join me for an easy ride and lunch! We'll start at Sellwood Riverfront Park and ride to the shopping district on N. Mississippi Ave. We'll have lunch at Por Que No and then ride back. About 15 miles round trip, part on the Esplanade, part on streets with a bike lane.
Depart: 10:00 AM, Sellwood Riverfront Park (this is the Sellwood park down on the river by Oaks Park).
Leader: Audrey Perino, audrey53@comcast.net, 503-246-6462 or 503-522-9911 (cell)

May 14 (Sat) Gorge Waterfall Loop Hike- Class A/B

Rain or shine this is one of the prettiest hikes in the Columbia Gorge. We'll take in Multnomah Falls, Wahkeena Spring, Fairy Falls and Wahkeena Falls on this beautiful loop hike. Hike: 5.5 miles w/ 1,635' elevation gain, Drive: 30 R/T miles
Depart: 9:30 AM @ Lewis & Clark State Park (I-84;exit 18)
Leader: Kelly Marlin, 503-665-6778

May 15 (Sun) Portland Loop Bike Ride - Class B

We will do a 32 mile loop on Portland's dedicated bike paths and on roads with bike lanes or little traffic. Mostly flat, with views of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers and Johnson Creek.
Depart: 10:00 am from Gateway Park and Ride.
Leader: Maureen Covell at 503-235-7511 or charleycvl@aol.com

May 15 (Sun) Day Hike Around Historic Oregon City - Class A

A Day hike around Historic Oregon City's hills, highlights and staircases. Class A Walk: 2 to 3 1/2 hours depending on a vote from the group. Elevation gain and loss: steep at times. Walking distance: unknown but beautiful.
Please RSVP by Sat May 14th, 8:00 pm
Depart: 9:00 am @ Oregon City Carnegie Center
606 John Adams Street, Oregon City,
Leader: Janet Mallon 503-655-2357 or 503-724-6029
jemeight8@yahoo.com

May 18 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.at 9:30 AM
Leader: Phillip Jackson 971-404-7137

May 18 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.
Return about 8:00 PM.
Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 6:00 PM
Leader: Donna Covi dcibike2@aol.com

May 18 (Wed) East Gorge Flower Hike - Class A/B

A hike east of Hood River (Washington or Oregon)—into the "dry side." The hike will be determined by weather, flowers, and group interest. Distance: 6 to 8 Miles.
Elevation: No more that 2000 feet.
Depart: East side of downtown Troutdale 8:00 AM (north side of street—across from city hall—under TROUTDALE HOUSE sign)
Leader: Gary Holman - 503-261-3571
(register before Tuesday at 8:00 PM).

May 21 (Sat) Membership Day Hike to Nesika-Class B

Hike to our lodge above Multnomah Falls where a work group will be busily putting the site in order for summer activities. Bring a lunch to eat in the lodge. Hike 8 miles RT with 1800 ft. elevation gain. Drive 50 miles RT.
Please remember to bring dollar bills for the gas contribution if you are part of a carpool. RSVP by Friday, May 20, 8 PM
Depart: 8:30 from Gateway Park and Ride
Leader: Jeff Andrew 503-804-9027 or andrewstorey@comcast.net

May 21 (Sat) Forest Park Trails Work Day

Trail maintenance will be the focus of our work. Let's join Forest Park Conservancy on one of their regular work days. Refreshments and raffle for a few prizes are offered at the end of the day. No previous experience required. All tools and materials will be provided. Help keep our Wednesday hike trails in good shape. Arrive a little before 9 AM. Work 9 to noon. Contact Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456 or carolynjnkn@gmail.com for meeting location.

May 21-22 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

The road into Nesika is still washed out at the Multnomah Creek Bridge. It is unknown at this time if we will have a temporary ramp in place for this work party but we are attempting to get that done before. There is a foot bridge from the bank onto the Multnomah Bridge in place at this time. We will meet at the parking area by our old green gate and shuttle food and materials to Multnomah Bridge and transfer to the tractor to complete the trip to the lodge. Access is from the upper Palmer Mill Road gate from Larch Mountain Road. (Next to the snow gates just past mile marker 10.) Expect to hike from the parking lot to the lodge if the ramp is not in place. Make reservations with our cook Steve Brown 360-687-6169 no later than Wed. May 18th. For other information call Lodge Trustee, George Milne, at 503-572-8512 C or 503-653-1394 H

May 22 (Sun) Wauna Viewpoint Hike – Class A

Hike 5.7 miles with 900 feet elevation gain on this hike with a nice Columbia River Gorge view. Our trail will loop us over the Eagle Creek bridge and return us along a bit of the historic old highway. Some poison oak likely near the trail. Drive about 66 round trip miles. Drivers need a trail-head parking permit.

Depart: 9 AM from Gateway Park and Ride

Leader: Carolyn Jenkins 503-422-6456

May 22 (Sun) Lacamas Lake Bike Ride - Class B

The ride is roughly 25 miles near Vancouver and Camas and features a loop around Lacamas Lake, with total elevation gain of about 900 feet.

Depart: Vancouver, corner of SE Chakalov Dr. and SE McGillvray Blvd. (near SE Mill Plain exit, off, I-205) 10 AM

Leader: Terry Lawson, lawson.terry@gmail.com, 971-998-5810

May 25 (Wed) Morning Hike - Class A/B

We hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, usually in Forest Park, then lunch at a nearby cafe. If you would like to know the distance or difficulty of the hike call the leader.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 9:30 AM

Leader: Richard Gaunt 971-404-1153

May 25 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We will hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and the West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain.

Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.

Return about 8:00 PM.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St. at 6:00 PM.

Leader: Lotte Schmitz 503-722-2290 or

lotteschmitz@msn.com

May 26 (Thu) Frenchmans Bar County Park Bike - Class A

This 18 mile ride goes from Fort Vancouver through Vancouver to the Columbia River by way of some city streets, the Fort land bridge, Ester Short Park, rural roads with bike lanes, and a walking & bike path. Mostly level. Estimated 300' elev. gain.

Depart 9:00 AM at the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center on Evergreen Blvd. (Might want to visit this fort) Please call the leader for directions if needed.

Leader Kent Meyer 360-574-0784

May 28 (Sat) The Other Eagle Creek Hike - Class B and dog friendly

Little hiked, this well maintained trail offers lovely forest, old growth and lunch by a stream. This out and back hike will be 9.4 miles and 1200 feet elevation gain. Bring waterproof boots for areas of mud. Drive is 70 miles round trip. Call leader if you plan to bring a dog. All dogs must be very well behaved, respond to voice command, and strong enough to hike the 9.4 miles.

Depart: Gateway Park and Ride at 8:00. Call leader if you wish to have a second pickup spot.

Leader: Diana Forester 503-288-7782 or cell 503-422-8896 or diana_forester@msn.com

May 28-30 (Sat-Mon) Memorial Day Weekend at Tyee

Join us at Tyee Lodge for a family-friendly Memorial Day weekend with snow outside. Saturday night's feast will include southern style pork ribs flown in from Corky's Barbecue in Memphis, TN. The feast will also have baked beans, corn bread, coleslaw and pecan pie. Dinner will be \$12 (\$5 extra for the ribs, assuming enough people sign up -- if not enough folks sign up, menu might be different).

Hike into Tyee for the day or join us for the weekend (the road will still be covered in snow most likely). The Snively's, Paul and Callista, will serve breakfast and dinner on Sunday and breakfast on Monday.

Reserve NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 24, so we can order the ribs in time.

Reservations: Audrey Perino - audrey53@comcast.net or 503-246-6462.

May 28-30 (Sat-Mon) North Fork of Umatilla River Backpack - Class A

Hike is up North Fork of Umatilla River 4.3 miles to two night camp. We will day hike on Sunday exploring Coyote Ridge and then return back to camp. We will hike out Monday the 4.3 miles and drive home. This hike is known for heavy forest along river, cottonwoods, red alders, parsnip, honey suckle in spring, columbine, coral root orchids, fairy slippers. Easy spring hike to get in shape. Make hike as hard as you like on Sunday or just sit in camp. Total miles 9.1 round trip. Elevation gain: 1050. Round Trip drive: 493 miles. We will carpool Fri. night or early Sat. morning

Leader: Linda Conrad lcgrconrad@aol.com
360-837-3875

May 30 (Mon) Last Monday Bike Ramble - Class A

Join us for our first of many "Last Monday" Bike Rambles. It's an entertaining evening of peddling, socializing and fun stops on a lazy last Monday of the month. Join us at the Sellwood Historic Church by the Sellwood Bridge and see where the SE ramble will take us.
Depart: 6 pm Sellwood Historic Church
Leader: Allen Burrell, burrell@teleport.com or 503-654-1353

June 4 (Sat) Silver Star Mountain Hike – Class A

Silver Star Mountain is one of the best 360 degree summits within a day's drive of Portland, boasting a rocky, exposed viewpoint of five major Cascade volcanoes. The Silver Star Hike using trail #180 is the shortest and most direct route. It is also the best for wildflower lovers. In late spring, the meadows here are abundant with avalanche lilies and beargrass blooms. This out and back hike is 5.6 miles long with 1240 feet elevation gain. About 80 miles roundtrip.
Depart : 8:00 AM at Salmon Creek Park and Ride (meet at 7:45)
Leader: Donna Aase, 360-253-8420 or dmaase@hotmail.com

Meeting Places

Gateway Park & Ride From I-205 take the Glisan Street exit, proceed east to 99th Ave, turn north, proceed a couple of 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 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Wallace Park is the usual meeting place for Forest Park and city hikes. Meet at Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St between NW 25th Ave and NW 26th Ave. Parking is usually not a problem on Raleigh. Tri Met buses 15, 17 and 77 service is near.

Target is a common west side 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 in the southwest corner of Target's parking lot. Tri-Met buses 47, 52 and 89 service is near.

Trails Ahead

**Rocky Point Kayak/Canoe Weekend
Jun 17-20, (Fri-Mon)
(Trip full, Alternates Only)**

The 9.5 mile Canoe trail through the Marsh of the Upper Klamath Wildlife Refuge is fantastic. It is a bird watcher's paradise, and water lilies are spectacular in this quiet water. Powerboats are prohibited on this section of the lake, so we'll have the area to ourselves for a spectacular paddle. One morning we will get up before sunrise to

view the Pelicans at their feeding ritual—it is a site to behold, return to camp for breakfast, then set out to explore a hiking trail in the Sky Lakes Wilderness. All campsites are lakefront, they are small...but lovely. Rocky Point Resort also offers hook-up sites or cabins. If you desire that, please make your own reservation and let me know you are participating. Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-654-1353

**Trails Club Weekend on the McKenzie River
June 24-26, (Fri-Sun)**

Hike, fish, kayak, trail bike, whitewater raft, golf, soak in the mineral springs pools and enjoy the gardens and landscaped grounds at Belknap Hot Springs Resort on the gorgeous McKenzie River. Friday and Saturday night stay is required by the lodge. Two breakfasts and a Saturday campfire dinner will be provided for those interested. Saturday there will be an 8 ½ mile loop hike along the McKenzie River past 3 waterfalls and around Clear Lake. There are 6 cabins, 4 tent sites, and 10 RV sites reserved for our group. Lodging prices for the 2 nights vary from: \$65.40 total for 1-2 people (\$16 each additional person) in **tent** sites; \$76.30 total for 1-2 people (\$16 each additional person) in **RV** sites; **cabin** prices are divided by the number of people and range from \$141.70/for up to 2 people to \$457.80/for up to 6 people (\$20 each additional person.) Other fees include a \$2 pp (members) or \$4 (nonmembers) TCO activity fee and shared meal costs of \$13 for 3 meals. A \$25 deposit is required to hold your lodging reservation. The balance of your lodging fee is due May 23rd. Both checks should be made out to TCO but mailed to Vicki Wood, 2004 SE Waldron Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222. Check out the resort website at www.belknaphotspings.com for photos/info. The resort is about 300 miles roundtrip from downtown Portland.* Reservations will be taken beginning March 1st. Members have priority until April 15th, then nonmembers may inquire.

Before you send a check please contact Vicki Wood to inquire about availability (or for more information): 503-659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net

**Three Sisters Loop Trail Hike—Class C
July 23-30 (Sat-Sat)**

Total Miles 75. We will drive to Wickiup Plain TH and hike up to Mirror Lake night one. We will then hike counter clockwise around the three sisters. Goal is to hit some isolated lakes for fishing and camping to get away from the crowd. We will drive down Saturday AM and Drive Home Saturday PM, attempting two short mile days. Elevation gain: 10,600 over the 8 days.
To register: Linda Conrad at 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com.

**Goat Rocks Backpack—Class B
Aug 21-27 (Sun-Sat)**

This will be a dog-friendly event. Notify leaders in advance if you plan to bring your dog with you. Class B. Write up will be coming soon.

**Wonderland Trail Hike—Class C
Aug 27-Sep 5 (Sat–Mon, Labor Day)**

Total miles approx. 100. Elevation gain: 25,000 feet. We will start at Mowich Lake and hike to Cataract Valley night one traveling counter clockwise around mountain. Total days on trail 10. Average mileage per day: 10. We will attempt to resupply twice depending on number of participants. Limit 6. Pre-hike with leader mandatory. To register: Linda Conrad 360-837-3875 or lcgrconrad@aol.com.

**Elkhorn Mountains Outing
Aug 29-Sep5 (Mon–Mon)**

The jagged spine of the Elkhorn Mountains near Baker City, Oregon, hides many of the same treasures that make the nearby Wallowa Mountains so popular: granite peaks, glacial cirque lakes, clear streams and wildflower meadows. We will car camp at the Anthony Lake Group Camp, elevation 7,130 feet, in the Elkhorns. The camp has tables, firepits, water, and vault toilets. Carolyn Jenkins will lead A-level day hikes ranging from 3 to 6.6 miles long. There will be B-level day hikes if someone volunteers to lead them. Susan Saul will lead a B+-level, 4-day, 31-mile backpack along the view-packed Elkhorn Crest Trail. In addition to hiking, there are many other activities in the area: ride the Sumpter Valley Railroad Steam Train, tour the Sumpter Valley Dredge, visit the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, drive the Elkhorn Mountains Scenic Byway to the ghost town of Granite, swim or canoe in Anthony Lake, or ride the Baker City Trolley through the turn-of-the-19th-century downtown. The cost will be \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. Participants are responsible for providing their own camping gear and food. For more details, see the complete outing description on the Trails Club website (Events/Outings). To reserve a spot, send the Elkhorn Mountains Outing application (available on the website) with your trip fee, payable to Trails Club of Oregon, to Susan Saul, 10102 N.E. 10th Street, Vancouver, WA 98664-3874. Please indicate whether you want to day hike or backpack. The trip fee is non-refundable. For more information, contact Susan Saul; 360-892-5643/susan103saul@gmail.com.

**Coos Bay Area Hike
Sep 16 (Fri)—Class B**

Hike the coastal headlands from Sunset Bay campground down past Shore Acres State Park, home of the old Simpson estate where there is a public garden which we can walk through, and then continue down to Cape Arago State park. Lunch on beach then return. Hike eight miles, five hundred feet elevation gain. Meet 9:30 Sunset Bay state campground site D-21 Leader Brian Carlson

Tyee News)

Projects Planning Meeting- Sat. May 14, 10AM. Meet at Tyee to discuss this year's projects and improvements. Come give your input! Participants should be willing to

attend at least one summer work weekend. Lunch provided. Contact Lodge Chair Stephen Brown for more information. 360-687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com.

Thank You! Joel Reitz installed door closers on the dorm doors and energy saving LED night lights in the dorms.

Donations Needed for Tyee!

- Dish towels (any color, good condition)
- Retired climbing rope for winter trail.
- Sleeping Bag (+20) good condition

Tyee Work Weekends: (Sat–Sun)

Jun 25-26	Sep 24-25
Jul 23-24	Oct 22-23
Aug 27-28	

Cooks needed for all weekends Contact Stephen to volunteer:360-687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com.

Nesika Work Weekends:(Sat–Sun)

May 21-22	Aug 13-14
Jun 11-12	Sep 10-11
Jul 09-10	Oct 08-09

Tyee Hike and Dines

All on third weekend of the month.

Jun 18-19	Sep 17-18
Jul 16-17	Oct 15-16
Aug 20-21	

Trails Club Bike Schedule-2011

May 29	Sun	Mosier Tunnels	Gerda Eck
Jun 2	Thu	Washington Co	Rich Fuhs
Jun 5	Sun	Covered Bridges	Lou Sowa
Jun 12	Sun	Grand Island	Lou Sowa
Jun 16	Thu	Clackamas River Rd	Terry Lawson
Jun 20	Mon	Sauvie Island	Ursula Edlund
Jun 23	Thu	Hagg Lake	Gisela Piercy
Jun 27	Mon	"Last Fri SE Bike Ramble" Oaks Pioneer Church	
Jun 30	Thu	Burnt Bridge Creek	Terry Lawson
Jul 7	Thu	Peninsula/Pier Parks	Audrey Perino
Jul 9	Sat	Willamette Valley	Lou Sowa
Jul 11	Mon	Sauvie Island	Ursula Edlund
Jul 14	Thu	Kansas City Loop	Giesela Piersey
Jul 23	Sat	Banks –Vernonia	Maureen Covell
Jul 25	Mon	Last Fri SE Bike Ramble Oaks Pioneer Church	
Jul 31	Sun	Independence&Buena Vista	Ralph Rodgers

Let's Talk About

Quick Note

Remember to mail in your Trip Log after leading an event. Even if the event was canceled, please mail in the paperwork for our records.

Summary of Board Minutes

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 12, 2011

Call to Order—Randy called the meeting to order at 7p.m. Attending: Randy Dietrich, Carolyn Jenkins, Audrey Perino, Nancy Overpeck, Bill Yandon, Vicki Wood, Phillip Jackson, Callista Snively, and George Milne. Others attending: Virginia Larson, Administrative Assistant.

Approval of Minutes—Minutes were approved as corrected (msc) Audrey/Carolyn

Administrative Assistant's Report—Virginia Larson has addressed half of TCO Directories for mailing, but has run out of stamps. Many to mail this year due to lower banquet attendance.

Treasurer's Report—Audrey Perino provided reconciled bank statements and financial reports to the secretary for the records. The YTD and monthly financial reports were reviewed and discussed by the board. Report on file.

Cash balance at Mar 31, 2011 \$15,139.87

Beginning balance 03-01-11 \$14,156.00

March Deposits 6,055.75

March Checks -5,071.88

Ending balance 03/31/11 \$15,139.87

Committees

Membership—Vicki Wood reported first readings: Carlene M. St. Thomas, Noreen M. O'Connor, and William L. Sullivan, and second readings: Mike A Haasken, and Gretchen Holden. both approved, vote unanimous.

Trips—Carolyn Jenkins reported that the Club's \$10 donation per individual completing the all trails challenge in Forest Park goes 60 per cent to Forest Park Conservancy, 20 per cent to Portland Parks and Recreation Outdoor School and 20 per cent to Mazamas.

We may participate in trail tending in Forest Park hosted by Forest Park Conservancy on May 21.

Carpool suggested contribution to the driver will be in the Blazer.

Publications—Phillip Jackson. Audrey and Nancy will help proof read May Blazer.

Social—Callista Snively reported March Adventures and Travel by Mike Hewlett on India was excellent. Next A and T is on April 21 with Audrey and Ken on Chicago (see what makes a city tick).

Seventy-five people attended our 88th Annual Banquet April. 10th. Alan Bauer gave an excellent program with many photos on southern Washington trails.

Lodges and Properties—George Milne reported that the Forest Service engineers have not been able to meet with him regarding the bridge on Multnomah Creek. We have put in a foot bridge. It is 2 miles from the first parking area to the lodge. Monthly Nesika work weekends will continue. Request for Tyee Lodge by Callista Snively for September 9-11. (msc) Audrey/Vicki.

Request for day visit to Tyee Friday, July 29, by Walt

Garvin with folks from Rose Villa Retirement Center. (msc) George/Callista.

Discussion on who can open and use lodges. It is based on "key list" and approval by George or Steve Brown. No special training at this time. Total Board of Trustees votes approval on special usage.

History—Needs new chair.

Investments—Board has appointed a new chair, Chris Monti (msc) George/Bill.

Committee will have goals and full report in May.

Conservation—Leonard Murphy is out of town for winter. George reported working with Mazamas on the FWOC convention, August 26-28. Theme will be "Defending Our Environmental Legacy".

He will help find a speaker and TCO will lead a hike on that Friday on Mt. Hood. We may have some guests at Tyee Lodge.

Legal Counsel Report—Art Stangell (not present) reported Forest Service is in agreement with our temporary foot bridge over Multnomah Creek.

Unfinished Business

Bylaw amendment regarding Properties Advisory Committee. TCO bylaw section 15. Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 2c of this Article, the Properties Advisory Committee shall be composed of six members, five voting members who shall be appointed by the Board as need arises, and one non-voting member who will be the incumbent chair of the Lodge and Properties Committee (msc) George/ Bill. A Properties Advisory Committee will be formed when the board determines that a recommendation is needed as described in section 15b below. Motion to present this amendment to the membership (msc) George/ Bill

Bylaw regarding Budget Committee Section 17 a. Proposed Change: The Budget Advisory Committee shall consist of five members; the current President, the current Treasurer, the current Lodges and Properties Trustee and two members at large appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Trustees. The current Treasurer to serve as the chairperson.

Discussion that the Treasurer need not be the chairperson. No vote. Tabled until next meeting to allow rewording.

New Business

The Board decided use the proposed budget advisory committee model as a new policy to be effective immediately. This includes the Multnomah Creek bridge repair (msc) George/ Vicki.

The slate for the Memorial Endowment Committee with end date, Carla Haake (2012), Chairperson and members to be Nancy Overpeck (2013), Joyce Rasmussen (2014), Barbara Warren-Sams (2015) and Joan Miller (2016) (msc) George/ Vicki.

For the Good of the Order

Mt Hood NF recreation meeting will be Monday May 2 in Sandy. Randy and George will attend.

Adjourn 8:35 pm (msc) Callista/Nancy.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Overpeck, Secretary

Trails Trodden

Champoeg Bike Ride April 16, 2011

On April 16, Terry Lawson and Kent Meyer had a pleasant 21 mile TCO bike ride through the Willamette Valley near Champoeg Park on rural roads which were largely traffic free. Most enjoyable was the lack of rain on the ride which allowed them to appreciate the scenery.

Terry Lawson



Oregon Coast



Wanta buy a T-Shirt?



Lila and Dottie

Social Trustee & Partner



Membership Notes

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first reading PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Tuesday of the month). We wish to hear your input before the final vote into membership. Club member input is very important in this process.

Do you know a prospective new member? Send his/her name and address to membership@trailsclub.org for him/her to receive a couple of free Blazers. This is the best way to report guest information from hikes, lodge visits and other trips.

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Gentle Reminders

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

For hikes and showshoe activities:

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.

Note: 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 leader if you have any questions about the trip 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.

Everybody should 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.

Be prepared to pay a small fee of \$2 for Guests, \$1 for Members for day activities.

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.

If you have reserved for an activity at a lodge that involves 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 of 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

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