



Trail Blazer

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Upcoming Events		
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Jun 01	Wed	Morning Hike - Class A/B
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27	Mon	Last Monday Bike Ramble - Class A
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Upcoming Events (cont.)		
Date	Day	Event Description
30	Thu	Burnt Bridge Ck-Salmon Ck Bike Ride - Class B
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

Volunteer Opportunity!!!

Columbia Gorge Forest Service, Trail Host Program

TCO has been asked to help find volunteers to sit at a table at a trailhead in the gorge (your choice of Eagle Creek, Angels Rest, Wahkeena Falls, Horseshoe Falls or Oneata) either on your own (bring a friend!) or with a ranger present. You would give information on hiking in general and the particular trail where you are located, and can also have TCO brochures available and tell hikers about our club. The dates are open: any Saturday or Sunday in June, July or August. Please contact Carolyn Jenkins at 503-422-6456 or carolynjnkns@gmail.com or Vicki Wood at 503-659-1423 or vw48@comcast.net if you are interested or want more information.

Weekend Hike Coordinator Still Needed

Jane Storey has been doing a great job with our week-end hike schedule, but she finishes her commitment at the end of July. If someone else volunteers for August and beyond I will be more than happy to set up a hike leader sign-up meeting similar to the successful one hour event we had in March, if you would find it helpful. Your job will be contacting members and asking them to lead hikes. You will also be reminding those who have signed up to lead a hike to get their write-up into the club website by the deadline every month. Also you will handle question about hikes and schedule changes. I promise to help you as much as possible, if needed. A non-hiking member could do this job. But you need to be comfortable with e-mailing. Please contact Carolyn Jenkins, Trips Trustee, 503-422-6456 or carolynjnkns@gmail.com

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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.

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Backpacking Thoughts

How about an easier backpack near Portland, one or two nights, shorter hiking distance? This could be an activity to check out your gear and test your muscle strength. It could be easy enough for families. Gasoline prices got you down? This could be a less expensive mini-vacation. It could fit into your already crowded schedule. Sound like something you have been looking for? If the answer is yes, our club agrees! All we need is a leader or two. Could that leader be you?

We don't have a current Backpack Coordinator to advocate for this. But we can encourage the possibility of some easy backpacks anyway. You folks who like backpacking, there is still time to plan and announce a backpack in July or later (write-ups for July need to in before the June 15 deadline). Club membership and some experience in backpacking required. Please contact me with your plans. I am the one to approve any event write-ups for now.

Douglas Lorain has a book with some ideas: One Night Wilderness: Quick and Convenient Backcountry Getaways within Three Hours of the City. There are lots of other books and on-line resources available too.

And please, someone, volunteer to be the Backpack Coordinator. A coordinator doesn't need to actually backpack, although backpacking knowledge is important. Club membership is needed. A Coordinator finds leaders for backpacks and approves event write-ups and sends them in to the Trail Blazer and website before the deadline each month. If you like to encourage club backpacks, this is your job.

Please take a look now at the backpacks already offered this summer! Information about them is on our website and in the Trail Blazer. Call the leaders for details. Carolyn Jenkins Trips Trustee 503-422-6456 or carolynjnkns@gmail.com

Senior Outings

The past dozen years or so it has been my pleasure to select and direct the Trails Club Senior Outings. We have combined education with outdoor exercise while visiting such diverse places as wildlife refuges, the San Juan Islands, the entire coastlines of Oregon and Washington and a retracement of much of the Missoula Ice Floods with a geologist. It has been a most enjoyable experience with travel partners in a safe environment. Regrettably recent circumstances in my life have made it necessary for me to no longer be the Outing leader in this volunteer activity. Hopefully some one else will volunteer to take on the leadership of this wonderful Outing program. Submitted by Leonard Murphy

Memorial Picnic

Former TCO member Mary Jo Marshall passed away on February 2, 2011. She was an avid bicyclist, hiker, cross country skier and frequently hosted Tyee Lodge. A Memorial picnic is scheduled on Sunday, June 19. Please contact Catherine Schiedler 503-234-1839 or catherineschied@juno.com for more information.

Events

May 29 (Sun) Mosier Tunnel Bike Ride – Class B or C

The old Columbia Highway is now a traffic free bike trail through the historic twin tunnels between Hood River and Mosier. Continuing on Hwy 30 to Rowena and Tom McCall Overlook we will encounter some undulating small hills through beautiful orchards and spectacular Gorge scenery. For those wishing a longer "C" ride, there will be an option to ride to the Discovery Center in The Dalles. This is a favorite bike ride because we can get an ice cream treat in Mosier at the Porsche Museum. Bicycling miles: B=26 or C=50

Depart: Lewis & Clark Park 8:30 AM or at the Mark O Hatfield West State Park at 9:30 AM Leader: Gerda Eck (B ride) and Allen Burrell (C ride) 503-654-1353 gerdaeck@comcast.net 360-837-3875

June 1 (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: Lila Grossman 503-227-0684

June 1 (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

June 2 (Thu) Washington County Bike Ride – Class B+

We'll cover about 30 miles along back roads, visiting Helvetia and North Plains. There is enough elevation gain that this is not recommended as a 1st ride of the season. Please contact the leader to register.

Depart: Promptly at 9:47 from NW corner of parking lot of Regal Cinemas, 2625 NW 188th Ave, Hillsboro
Leader: Rich Fuhs 503-690-5077 rich.fuhs@gmail.com

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

Celebrate National Trails Day with us! 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 also the best for wildflower lovers. In late spring, the

meadows here are abundant with avalanche lilies and bear grass blooms. This out and back hike is 5.6 miles long with 1240 feet elevation gain. About 80 miles RT. Depart : Salmon Creek Park and Ride at 8:00 AM (meet at 7:45)

Leader: Donna Aase, 360-253-8420 or dmaase@hotmail.com

June 5 (Sun) Bicycle Covered Bridges - Class B

We may be doing two groups this year. The long route includes all five covered bridges in the area and is about 40 miles. The shorter route will visit three bridges and is about 25 miles. All of these bridges are still in daily use. Bring a lunch; we will have lunch at the County wayside adjacent to one of the bridges, and next to a swimming hole. Your leader is fairly knowledgeable about covered bridges and about the Willamette Valley. The objective is to enjoy the covered bridges and the countryside as a group. This ride may be an all day event, as this is a leisurely trip with lots of stops.

Depart : 8:30 AM from I-5 rest area south of Wilsonville
Leader: Lou Sowa 503-320-0440 or lsowa@earthlink.net

June 8 (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: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878

June 8 (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: Gini Bateman 503-475-8712 or ginibateman@comcast.net

June 11 (Sat) Membership Hike to Nesika - Class B

Hike from Multnomah Falls to the beautiful Nesika Lodge. This will qualify you for membership in the Trails Club. Club members will be working at the lodge that day so you can meet some of them as we each lunch. Round trip the hike is 8 miles and 1800 feet of elevation. Dress for the weather and bring some change for the carpool. Round trip drive from Gateway is 50 miles. Depart: 8:30 from Gateway Park and Ride or 9:00 outside the rest-rooms of Multnomah Falls Lodge
Leader: Diana Forester, 503-288-7782 or cell 503-422-8896, diana_forester@msn.com (there is an underscore between the first and last name)

June 11-12 (Sat-Sun) Nesika Work Weekend

We will continue to clear brush around the Lodge and split and haul firewood. There are some cleaning projects to complete as well. Because the erosion at the Multnomah Creek Bridge has not been repaired we will park

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by the green gate and shuttle materials, food and gear down the hill to the bridge. It will then be carried across the bridge and loaded onto the tractor trailer and taken into the lodge. It will be necessary to hike into and out from the lodge until the bridge can be repaired. We will meet at the upper gate on Larch Mountain Road at 9:00 AM. Please let Nancy know if you will be meeting us at the gate so we do not go in without you.

Contact: Make reservations with our cook Nancy Overpeck, 360-573-6878

For other information, call George Milne at 503-572-8512

June 12 (Sun) Grand Island Bike Ride - Class A

We will cross on the Wheatland Ferry, then through Maude Williamson State Park on to Grand Island. We will have lunch at a small park on Grand Island next to the Willamette River. We will return pretty much by the same route. The terrain is pretty flat and the riding distance about 25 miles depending on weather. There is little car traffic on most of the route. Driving directions to the Wheatland Ferry: South on I-5 to the Brooks Exit, turn right and follow signs to Mission State Park. Pass the entrance to the park taking the next left after the park to the Wheatland Ferry.

Registration Deadline: 9:00 PM Saturday June 11

Depart: East side of Wheatland Ferry at 9:00 AM

Leader: Louis Sowa 503-320-0440 lsowa@earthlink.net

June 15 (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: Phil Crosby 503-636-1853

June 15 (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: Cathy Schiedler 503-234-1839 or catherineschied@juno.com

June 16 (Thu) First Picnic - "Eat 'N' Hike"

Meet at Gabriel Park, SW 45 Ave and Vermont. Eat at 6:00 PM, Hike leaves at 7:00 PM. Picnic is a potluck. Bring tableware. Lemonade provided. Picnic tables are East of the SW Community Center. For questions, contact leader.

Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-573-6878 or overpeck@wa-net.com

June 16 (Thu) Clackamas River Dr Bike Ride - Class B

We will ride out Clackamas River Dr and Spring Water Rd toward Estacada, turning on Redland Rd to ride back to Oregon City. Rolling hills through beautiful countryside, 28 miles, 1270 ft elevation gain.

Depart: 10:00 AM from Abernathy Creek City Park, Oregon City, just off Abernathy Rd near Washington St;

McLoughlin Blvd exit off I-205

Leader: Terry Lawson 971-998-5810

lawson.terry@gmail.com

Jun 17-20, (Fri-Mon) Rocky Pt. Kayak/Canoe Weekend (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

June 18 (Sat) Elk Mountain Loop Hike - Class B/C

This hike in the coast range has some quite steep sections. Depending on the weather and trail conditions it can be a loop or an out-and-back hike. The views at the top are terrific and flowers should be abundant in June.

Hike Details: The hike is 8.5 miles with approximately 2500 elevation gain.

Depart: 8 AM from Target on NW Town Center Drive off the 185th exit from Hwy. 26. Check "Meeting Places" for complete directions.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 17th

Leader: Jeff Andrew andrewstorey@comcast.net

June 18 (Sat) Cape Lookout Hike - Class A

See the Pacific Ocean from a new perspective! Hike 4.8 miles round trip, 400 ft. of elevation loss/gain, as we walk through cool, beautiful, old-growth forest out to the end of cape. Bring lunch. Although it should be nice, bring boots that can handle lots of mud (there are places where it's a few inches deep with no way around). Prepare for any unexpected rain showers. Driving distance is 150 miles round trip. Questions? Please e-mail or call me.

Depart: 9:00 AM from Target, SW corner of the parking lot, see Meeting Places.

Leader: Lisa Osburn riversdream@msn.com 503-476-5638

June 18 (Sat) Nick Eaton-Gorton Creek Hike - Class B

A moderately steep hike up the Nick Eaton Trail through small meadows of wildflowers. We'll traverse to Indian Point for magnificent views during lunch and then descend the well-graded Gorton Creek trail through verdant old-growth forest. Trail Head Pass required. Wilderness Area-Max 12 people, 80 mi RT, 8 miles, 2600 ft.

Depart Gateway 8:00 am Sign up with leader: Barbara Marquam 503-228-3762, bmarquam@comcast.net

June 21 (Tue) Salmon Butte Hike - Class B

Celebrate the first day of summer with this invigorating hike through forest to a former fire lookout site in the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness. Gain 2800 ft. over nearly 4.5 mi.

on a fairly even rising grade. Total round trip distance is 8.9 mi. The reward, weather willing, is views of Mts. Hood, Adams, St. Helens, and Rainier from the top. Drivers need trailhead parking permit. Drive 90 mi. round trip. This is a wilderness area hike limited to 12 participants. Register in advance with the leader by email. Depart: 8:30 AM from Gateway Park & Ride
Leader: Bill Kingsbury wfcrowntown@gmail.com

June 22 (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: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462

June 22 (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: 6:00 PM from Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St.
Leader: Donna Covi 503-286-7243 dcibike2@aol.com

June 23 (Thu) Hagg Lake Bike Ride. Class B/C

Enjoy the rolling hills past the Fernhill Wetlands through Gaston and then around the lake in a leisurely to moderate pace. The trip is about 35 miles. Meet at George Rogers Park at 10:00 am. Please confirm with leader the night before.

Leader: Gisela Piercy 503-648-5885 or giselapiercy@gmail.com

June 25 (Sat) McKenzie River/Clear Lake Loop Hike - Class B

Join the group from the Trails Club Weekend on the McKenzie River for this gorgeous 9.2 mile hike with approximately 400 feet elevation gain. We'll hike on both sides of the McKenzie River, passing 100 and 70 foot Sahalie and Koosah waterfalls; then hike a 5 mile loop around Clear Lake resting at Great Springs, headwaters of the McKenzie River. Bring lunch, lots of water, sunscreen and a hat. Half of the hike around Clear Lake is in direct sun.

Depart: 10:30 AM near the restroom at Sahalie Falls parking lot between mileposts 5 and 6 on Hwy 126. This is east from Eugene about 65 miles. From Salem go 80 miles SE on OR 22 then about 5 miles south on Hwy 126.
Leader: Vicki Wood 503-659-1423, 503-515-7208 or vw48@comcast.net Call with questions before June 24.

June 25-26 (Sat-Sun) Tyee Work Weekend

This will be our first work weekend for Tyee. Projects include: snow removal on the access drive (if possible), inventory of supplies, take down avalanche signs, assess winter damage, bring in firewood, haul in supplies, clean fireplace. In the evening we'll have a meeting to discuss summer projects and improvements. Lodging and meals free to volunteers. We'll have the work party even if West Leg Rd. is still closed. Plan on arriving by 10 AM Sat.

Lodge will close Sun. at 2 PM. RSVP to Stephen by Wed. June 22nd. Cook: Debbie Ralls. Cooks still needed for Aug. and Oct. work weekends. Contact: Stephen Brown 360-687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com

June 27 (Mon) Last Monday Bike Ramble - Class A

Join us for our "Last Monday" Bike Ramble. It's an entertaining evening of peddling, socializing and fun stops on a lazy last Mon. of the month. Meet at the Sellwood Historic Church by the Sellwood Bridge. See where the SE ramble will take us this week.

Depart: 6:00 PM Sellwood Historic Church
Leader: Audrey Perino audrey53@comcast.net or 503-522-9911

June 29 (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: Carolyn Coleman 503-635-5991

June 29 (Wed) Evening Hike - Class B

We hike approximately 6 miles in Forest Park and West Hills with 500 feet of noncumulative elevation gain. Bring flashlight & dress for the weather. Return about 8:00 PM.

Depart: Wallace Park on NW Raleigh St at 6:00 PM.
Leader: Bruce Seymour 503-722-2290 or vargas5714@hotmail.com

June 30 (Thu) Burnt Bridge Ck-Salmon Ck Bike Ride - Class B

This 24 mile ride is a loop with about half on the Burnt Bridge Ck and Salmon Ck Greenway bike trails and the rest on city streets. It is relatively level with some rolling hills and a total elevation gain of 587 ft.

Depart: 10:00 am from Burnt Bridge Ck Trailhead on NW Lakeshore Dr just past the intersection with NW Bernie Dr in Vancouver, WA.
Leader: Terry Lawson 971-998-5810 or lawson.terry@gmail.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

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

Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, ID Bike Loop—Class C August 15-21 (Mon-Sun)

Plans are developing for a 7 day bicycle trip on the rails-to-trails route of the former Hiawatha-Milwaukee-Coeur d'Alene railroad lines. Shared cooking with a sag wagon following us and camping at RV parks and campgrounds will enhance our experience of the beautiful Coeur d'Alene, Wallace, St Maries areas of Idaho. Highlights will be the lake, of course, Lookout Pass, historic towns and the 1.6 mile long tunnel. Railroad grades keep the climbs mostly gentle and much of the roads are paved, however fatter-tired bikes are recommended. Total length of the loop will be 185 miles. Limit of 12 riders. Reserve your spot for this grand adventure by contacting me no later than June 10, 2011. Contact Allen Burrell at burrell@teleport.com or 503-654-1353

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

We will start our journey from Chambers Lake TH. Hike to Snowgrass Flats and set our first camp. Explore Cispus Basin areas for couple of days. Move camp to Goat Lake area for our next leg of journey. Explore Hawkeye Point and climb Old Snowy. Then move camp to either Heart Lake or another location TBD. Depart through Packwood Lake TH. Swimming in Packwood Lake optional on the last day. Dog friendly, but notify leaders ahead of time if you plan to bring dog. Roger & Karen Anderson, 360-450-9199 or p74852@gmail.com

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) (Trip full, Alternates Only)

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

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)

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

Cooks still needed for August and October. Contact Stephen to volunteer: 360-687-6169 or ryanbrowns4@spiritone.com.

Nesika Work Weekends:(Sat-Sun)

Jul 09-10	Sep 10-11
Aug 13-14	Oct 08-09

Tyee Hike and Dines
All on third weekend of the month.

Jul 16-17 Nancy Overpeck
Aug 20-21 Steve Wilson
Sep 17-18 Roger & Karen Anderson
Oct 15-16 Gerda Eck & Cathy Schiedler

Trails Club Bike Schedule-2011

Jul 09	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
Aug 08	Mon	Milwaukie-Gladstone Loop	Gerda Eck
Aug 11	Thu	Willamette Park to Zoo	Audrey Perino
Aug 15-21	Mon-Sun	Trail of Hiawathas, ID	Allen Burrell
Aug 27	Sat	"Smell the Roses"	Lisa Brice
Aug 29	Mon	Last Fri SE Bike Ramble	
		Oaks Pioneer Church	

Let's Talk About

Quick Note

Hikes and other activities that enter Wilderness Areas are limited to 12 people including the leader.

Summary of Board Minutes

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May10, 2011

Call to Order—Randy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.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—(msc) Vicki/Callista.

Administrative Assistant's Report—Virginia Larson's work is up-to-date.

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

Cash balance at April 30, 2011: \$14,576.52
Beginning balance 04-01-11 15,139.87
April Deposits 2,315.00
April Checks -2,878.35
Ending balance 04-30-11 \$14,576.52

Committees

Membership—Vicki Wood reported first reading: Veda A. Wilson. Second reading: Noreen M. O'Connor, Carlene M. St.Thomas, William L Sullivan. Vote unanimous. Reinstatements: Stephen Wilson, Wayne Scardigli. Vote unanimous. Resignations: Debbie Maymi, Rafael Maymi.

Several members worked at a TCO table for the Clackamas County Employees Health Fair. Fifty people signed their email addresses and 200 flyers were given out. Trail Host Program volunteers are needed for June, July and August for Columbia Gorge Trails. Meet at Multnomah Falls Ranger Station. We can give out our brochures as well as give information about the trails.

Trips--Carolyn Jenkins reported 15 members have signed up for CPR on May 14 at Rose Villa. Backpacking web site will be reviewed. Short backpacking with day hikes has been suggested. On May 21st, join the trail maintenance in Forest Park.

Publications—Phillip Jackson reported that the Blazer was not received until May 3.

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Social—Callista Snively reported Adventures and Travel had 40 plus people for Ken and Audrey's excellent presentation on "Chicago." Next year's banquet speaker will be a presentation by our members. We may have another book author in 2013. First picnic will be June 16 at Gabriel Park, followed by a hike.

Lodges and Properties—George Milne reported that the status for building the new bridge for Multnomah Creek is still on hold until he can meet with the Forest Service engineers. Temporary footbridge worked well for the Nesika work weekend. Some strong young men helped our club cut wood and worked toward clearing brush 50 feet around buildings. Linda Conrad was the cook. Next work weekend for Nesika will be June 11th. The temporary bridge needs two more feet of lumber and the screws. George is getting bids. Randy and George attended the National Forest meeting with all parties that recreate on Mt. Hood in winter. Mazama's will use Tyee for overflow for attendees of FWOC convention August 25 and 26. (msc) George/Audrey..

History—needs new chair.

Investments—Committee will have goals and full report soon.

Conservation—George Milne, standing in for Leonard Murphy, met with the Mazama planning committee for the FWOC meeting in here in August. He was able to contact Allan Bauer for keynote speaker for the event.

Legal Counsel Report.—Art Stangell no report.

Unfinished Business—Proposed change in By-Laws for Budget Advisory Committee. Section 17 a:

Current By-Laws: The Budget Advisory Committee shall consist of five members; a chairperson appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Trustees, the current President, the current Treasurer, and two members at large appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Trustees.

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. A chairperson will be appointed by the board from the members of the committee.

Motion: Present this change to the membership this year. (msc) George/Bill. Randy will send text to board and write Blazer Article.

New Business

Re-sign on by TCO to Volcano Country Wild River Campaign (msc) George/Bill.

Motion to form a Property Advisory Committee for the Multnomah creek repair project. Committee will consist of Fern Anderson, Chairperson, Merrill Hugo, Richard Gaunt, Glen Conrad, Lynn Cochran and non-voting member George Milne. (msc) Audrey/ Callista.

Good of the order—Virginia stated the need to budget for a new printer in the 2012 TCO Budget.

Action item—Audit Committee may be needed before next board meeting. Committee will be approved electronically by Trustees if needed.

Adjourn—8:32 p.m. Next meeting June 14th.

Respectfully submitted—Nancy Overpeck, Secretary





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.

1st Readings

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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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