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Scheduling is updated on web site www.trailsclub.org

TRIP FEES: Members \$1; Guests \$2

Events

Aug 1 (Mon) – Bike ride from Silverton – Class C

Our loop passes through the communities of Scotts Mills, Marquam, and Mt. Angel on relatively lightly-traveled rural roads. Distance: 42+ miles. Elevation gain: 2089'. Rest room & water at start, 8.8 miles, and 17.5 miles.

Depart: Coolidge & McClaine Park in Silverton. Contact leader for start time.

Leader: Rich Fuhs; 503-690-5077; Rich.Fuhs@gmail.com

Aug 3 (Wed) Wednesday AM Hike - Class A/B

We will do the 4 T's hike. Meet at the MAX elevator across the street from the World Forestry center in Washington Park at 9:30 AM. This is a pay-to-park area, so do take public transportation if you can. Blue- or red-line Max to stop in tunnel, then the elevator at the west end of the platform. Or the 63 bus up from Providence Park.

Leader: Nancy Overpeck, 360-836-5464, overpeck@wa-net.com

Aug 3 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094 chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Lotte Schmitz, lotteschmitz@msn.com

Aug 5 (Fri) - Blue Lake Park Bike Ride - Class B

This ride starts at Gateway and soon gets onto bike paths - I205 path, Springwater Corridor, and Gresham-Fairview Trail before using city streets to go to Blue Lake Park, where we stop for lunch. We then continue along Marine Drive (road and path) to NE 33rd, from which we return through city streets to the start. The ride is 35 miles with 850 ft of ascent. For those wishing a shorter ride, there is

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the option to just come back from I205 and Marine Drive along the I205 bike path to the start, which cuts 10 miles and 350 ft ascent off the route.

Depart: 10 a.m. from in front of the Gateway Park and Ride on NE 99th

Leader: Terry Lawson 503-819-9250
lawson.terry@gmail.com

Aug 10 (Wed) Wednesday AM Hike - Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Leader: TBD. Watch the web site for updates..

Aug 10 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A, B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Gerda Eck, 503-804-4214
gerdaeck@comcast.net

Class B Leader: Gini Bateman, 503-475-8712
ginibateman@comcast.net

Aug 11 (Thu) Springwater Trail to Boring - Class A

We will ride the eastern part of the Springwater Corridor, the part we never do! The ride is slightly uphill on the way out and downhill on the way back, all on bike path. Total distance is 20 miles. We will ride from SE 145th out to Boring, have lunch at the Not So Boring Bar and Grill and then ride back. Call or email with questions. I don't ride in the rain or the excessive heat, so if weather is iffy, call my cell to check if ride is a go.

Meet: On SE 145th between the Springwater Corridor and SE Ellis St., ready to depart at 10 am. This is just on the west side of Powell Butte Nature Park. Only way in is on SE Ellis St. Make sure you are NORTH of the Springwater Corridor. Google map the intersection of SE Ellis and SE 145th and you should find it. Make a RIGHT on 145th from Ellis and drive down to the bottom of the hill. Look for us right next to the entrance of the Springwater Corridor.

Leader: Audrey Perino 503-246-6462, 503-522-9911 (cell) or email audrey53@comcast.net

Aug 14 (Sun) Puget Island and White Tailed Deer Sanctuary bike ride - Class B

This is an "B" ride of 37.2 flat miles. We will meet on Puget Island near the ferry terminal and be ready to depart at approximately 10:30 am.

The Oscar B Ferry departs from the Westport (OR) end every hour on the hour. So you would want to be there before the 10 AM departure. Allow time for parking and getting your bikes on to the ferry. Cost is \$2 per bike.

<http://www.co.wahkiakum.wa.us/depts/pw/index.htm>

Distance from Portland City Center to Westport is 72 miles. 1hr 20 mins driving time. Pack a lunch, snacks and plenty of water.

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

Puget Island Ride with GPS :
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/14894959>

Aug 17 (Wed) Wednesday AM Hike - Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Leader: TBD. Watch the web site for updates.

Aug 17 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A/B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094
 chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Cathrine Schiedler
 catherineschied@gmail.com

Aug 18 (Thu) Out&Back from Burnt Bridge Creek - Class A

The ride will be 16 miles out and back along the Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway, Vancouver, WA .

Depart: 10 am from Burnt Bridge Ck Trailhead just past the intersection NW Bernie on NW Lakeshore Dr. You can park on Bernie. Travel I-5, take exit 4 to west 78 St. , then south onto Lakeshore.

Leader: Nancy Overpeck 360-836-5464.

Aug. 19th-21st (Fri-Sun) Nesika Work Trip

We have some emergency repairs to do on cupola of main lodge. The siding up there will be replaced due to damage by ravens and we have some water leakage to repair. We will continue to work on the front porch. Preparing to pour the new porch in September. We will need help moving materials into the lodge. We will be back on road clearing and filling pot holes and moving wood. There is always work to be done. Please come and enjoy our camaraderie and spirit of unity at Nesika. We also have a great history display we are working on including Fern Anderson stories from her youth.

To register call Linda Conrad at: 360-837-3787, email at lcgrconrad@aol.com or sign up on the TCO Meetup. Your help is always appreciated. Bring a friend to enjoy our great lodge.

August 20 (Sat) Sandy River Exploration Bike- Class C

Join me for a ride that follows the Sandy River from its mouth to Dodge Park, and crosses it twice. We will start at Lewis & Clark State Park near Troutdale, head south on the Historic Columbia River Highway for a few miles before crossing the river on the Stark Street Bridge, ride up and down the hills and dales and across the farmland above the river, then cross the river once more at Dodge Park, where we turn around. Total distance is approximately 30 miles, with cumulative elevation gain about 1,800 feet. Be prepared for some short but steep hills. Optional lunch in Troutdale after the ride.

Meet: 9 AM at Lewis & Clark State Park near Troutdale,

Exit 18 from I-84. Go south after exiting freeway; the parking lot is just past the railroad underpass on the left. No parking fee.

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

Contact leader for more information.

Aug 20 (Sat) Wildwood Rec. Area Hike, Class A

I will lead a slow, leisurely hike at BLM's Wildwood Recreation Area near Hoodland. We will hike the Wetland Boardwalk, Cascade Streamwatch Trail, and the Old Mill Trail taking in the art and signboards offering information. Check out BLM web site and look over the park brochure for more information. Hike about 4 miles. This is a wonderful park, so if you have never been here, it is worth a visit. We will meet at 11:45 a.m. by day use restrooms inside the park. Parking fee \$5, per car, or use federal senior pass. Other passes may qualify. Bring a sack lunch, and we will enjoy a picnic by the river, and then hike. This hike is part of the Hike and Dine event at Tyee. Hope to see you there!
 Hike fees \$1 member, \$2 non-member.

If you sign up with leader, I will try to arrange car pooling to Tyee or back to town. Hike Leader, Barb Jones, email barbjones50@hotmail.com or call 503-829-6424 by Friday Aug 19. Sat cell phone is 503-819-8983.

Aug 20 (Sat) Tyee Dine:

Enjoy a Saturday dinner of tacos: warm tortillas with all the fixings including guajillo chile ground beef, fish, or vegetarian. Moderately spiced Spanish rice, refritos, and corn on the cob. Dessert: triple orange Mexican wedding cookies. Breakfast: leftovers from dinner and scrambled eggs and fruit.

Cost: \$13 for dinner. If spending the night, \$26.

Cooked and hosted by Kathy Pollock and Nancy Overpeck.

Register with: Kathy Pollock 503-341-9441
 pollockkathy@ymail.com

or Nancy Overpeck, 360-836-5464
 overpeck@gwa-net.com

Please register by Aug. 16

Aug 24 (Wed) Wednesday AM Hike - Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe. Leader: Wayne Schweinfest, 503-253-3073,

lwschweinfest@msn.com

Meeting place: Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th.

Aug 24 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A, B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094

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chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Rebecca Knudeson
rknudeson@gmail.com

Aug 31 (Wed) Wednesday AM Hike - Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 AM and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe.
Leader: Kathy Pollock, 503-341-9441, pollock-kathy@ymail.com. Meet at Friendly House at NW Thurman and 26th. We will hike up to Pittock Mansion by way of Balch Creek and the Audubon Society.

Aug 31 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A, B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:
Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot elevation gain.
Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).
Meet: at Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh. We leave at 6 pm sharp!

Class A Leader: Chaz Shaw 503-702-3094,
chaznw@gmail.com

Class B Leader: Bruce Seymour,
bruceseymour65@gmail.com

Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 (Wed) Morning Hike – Class A/B

We begin our hike at 9:30 am and hike 4 to 6 miles, for 2 to 4 hours, somewhere in the Portland metropolitan area, often in Forest Park. We then have lunch at a nearby cafe.

For the starting location of this week's hike, watch here or call or email the leader.

Leader: TBD

Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 (Wed) Evening Hike – Class A, B

We will hike from 6 pm until 8 PM-ish in Forest Park and the West Hills in two groups:

Class A: Approximately 4-5 miles with less than 500 foot

elevation gain.

Class B: Approximately 6 miles with 500 - 800 foot elevation gain (not cumulative).

Depart: 6 PM sharp! from Wallace Park between NW 25th and 26th on Raleigh.

Leaders TBD

Sep 9-10 (Fri-Sat) Jefferson Park Exploratory Backpack Class B

We'll access Jefferson Park from the Whitewater Trail on the west side of Mount Jefferson. Our hike in will be approximately 6 miles or so one way with approximately 2000 feet of elevation gain. Jefferson Park is well known for its scenery. Once we get to Jefferson Park, we'll explore the area for the best campsites (Scout or Russel Lake?), and set up camp and explore some more if we wish.

To register: Contact leader by Wednesday Sept 7th at 8:00 PM.

Leader: Bill Yandon, 503-538-3643, Cell 503-887-2932,
yandon@earthlink.net

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Aug 5	(Fri)	Blue Lake Park.....	Terry Lawson	Y
Aug 11	(Fri)	Springwater to Boring	Audrey Perino	Added
Aug 14	(Sun)	Puget Island	Chaz Shaw	
Aug 18	(Thu)	Burnt Bridge	Nancy Overpeck	
Aug 25	(Thu)	Cascade Locks to Multnomah Falls	Allen Burrell	
Aug 28	(Sun)	Mosier Tunnel	Gerda Eck	
Sep 6	(Tue)	Buena Vista.....	Allen Burrell	
Sep 8	(Thu)	Willamette Park to Zoo.....	Audrey Perino	
Sep 12	(Mon)	Scio Bridges	Rich Fuhs	
Sep 15	(Thu)	Oktoberfest	Lou Sowa	

Bicycle trip Ratings

To help you in choosing the difficulty of the ride, the following is suggested:

A for up to 20/25 miles without hills;

B for 20-40 miles with little hills;

C for longer and hillier rides.

Meeting Places

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

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

From I-84: take I-205 and follow the above exit and instruction.

Mazamas Mountaineering Center (MMC) is 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.

Rose Villa, 13505 SE River Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222, is a common place for club meetings.

Adventures and Travels meets in the Rec Hall, Fireside Room. Parking on Shroeder Lane, off of Courtney Rd by River Rd. Park before end of road, walk to multiple garage buildings on right, turn right, walk down ramp to your right. It is a yellow building, with a central arch on top, visible from River Rd.

Follow Treasure House signs. Map of Rose Villa, follow route C or B to the Recreation Hall (Treasure House signs)

<http://trailsclub.org/events/Images/2014RoseVillaMap.pdf>

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

Tryon Creek State Park is 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 split to Boone's Ferry Rd, right at second roundabout exit, staying on Terwilliger. Park entrance is on the right about one mile past the roundabout.

Parking is near the Nature Center.

Trails Club Picnic !! - August 14

The Trails Club 2016 Picnic will be held at Sellwood Park, above Sellwood Riverfront Park (see map), near SE 7th Ave. and Miller St. in SE Portland. This is a potluck event, although punch, hamburgers, hot dogs, etc., will also be provided. Parking is at the north end of park and on-street, and easy drop-off and pick-up is available.

A number of trails are within easy access. Oaks Bottom is a wildlife refuge and facilities for group viewing are just off the trail that goes around the lake, which is bounded on the northwest side by the Springwater Corridor.

The picnic starts at 11:30 AM Bring a potluck dish. Please contact Arleta Miller at [360-607-2864](tel:360-607-2864) or email: leadadann@hotmail.com for further information.



Let's Talk About

Dear Trails Club of Oregon members,

I just wanted to write a quick note in gratitude for the wonderful experience I had visiting Nesika lodge over the work-trip weekend, June 25-26. After quite quickly becoming enamored with the lodge and its surroundings, I had so many questions about the building and club history!! In addition to the wonderful people, the fabulous food and the camaraderie of working together throughout the weekend, I really enjoyed taking some time to peruse the photos on the wall, the books in the bookcase, and especially the registers of visitors from before.

There was also a book on display titled "Between the Golden Suns". I am under the impression that the author was perhaps a member. The poems and stories in this book were such a delight to read, and I was impressed at the thoughtfulness (and wisdom!) of providing gloves, and having these things available for newbies like me to peruse. Thank you so much for sharing all of this - it really helped make my visit especially memorable, and I'm eager to return.

In gratitude,
Catherine Cline

Editor's note:

"Between the Golden Suns", Henry R. Hayek, can be downloaded from:

104.131.42.209/title/between-the-golden-suns.pdf

Google "Between the Golden Suns" (with quotes) to find dealers

Henry R. Hayek was the second Trails Club president in 1917. See:

<http://www.trailsclub.org/members/presidents.html>

Nesika Goings-on

Doug Atterbury and sons Derek and Justin have been coming to Nesika after 10 year absence to help on work trip. Will be back next work trip for some emergency repairs on the main lodge cupola caused by raven attacks.

July work trip was very prosperous. We finished replacing the roof on the women's dorm with the help of Bob Horn, Bill Rude, Jeffrey Andrews, Ron Kinder, Glen Conrad, Doug May, Abel ___, Jeff Lawton and Tim Kutsha. Looks beautiful. Merrill Hugo was able to fill the front porch of main lodge with rock with the help of Randy Dietrich, Kira, Kathrine, Caroline Van Orden, Glen Conrad and Mike Harrison. Next step is to pour cement. Road work, trail work, Waespe Point was made ready for Susan Taylor's wedding; beautified and benches painted and repaired. We signed 7 new membership applications.

Linda Conrad - NesikaChair@trailsclub.org

Editor's Note:

Back in February, Jeff Lawton took on the task of photographing, page by page, the old register that was originally up at Nesika. To minimize handling of this document, Jeff photographed the odd-numbered pages first, and then the even-numbered ones. putting them up on the club's Dropbox account.

I took on the task of renumbering the filenames so that pages would then sort in order. In the process, I came across the following typewritten entry in the old Nesika Logbook from 1926 (page 009). It reads:

With appropriate ceremonies the grand installation and dedication of the new range was held at Nesika Lodge on Sunday May 16th.

The skirmish line was personally conducted by Mr. George Bickle, who after a bit of preliminary trail building, led his gang over to Arington's clearing.

At this point Mr. Edwin Arington and his horse "Babe", and a bird called a lizard (???) came into prominence and in two successful sorties laded the range at the cabin door.

With Mr. Bickle acting as coach and referee, the range was next conducted into the Lodge and with the corroboration (sic.) of all hands successfully put in place.

H. F. Morden now took charge as Chef in Chief, with the assistance of Tom Griffin as Second Cook. The Second Cook made the dedicatory remarks, several, rather forceful but I think slightly inappropriate.

The Menu Lead (sic.) off as Follows:

	Ripe Olives	
Fried Potatoes	Steak	Boiled Rice
	Sliced Tomatoes	
	Cake	
Nervous Pudding a la Lee)		Plain or
Nervous Pudding a la Stokes)		Mixed
Milk		Coffee
	Cheese	Crackers

The party consisted of H. F. Morden, George Bickle, Fred Steeble, Henry MacCloud, Lawrence Lee and his young(illegible), Jerry Stokes, Art Kindorf, Chuck Burnett, and Tom Griffin.

Note: Nervous pudding is a term used by waitpersons that refers to Jello.

It is also the name of a rock band from St. Louis, but I doubt they were much of a force in 1926.

Also "Arington" was misspelled. It should have been "Arrington".

Future Outings Planning Meeting !!!!!

Trails Club members interested in participating in Club Outings in 2017 are invited to attend an Outings planning meeting on Sunday, September 18, at 7 PM at the home of Susan Green and Gregg Baker at 2909 NE 20th Avenue (20th & NE Stanton) Portland, OR. Bring your ideas and suggestions for all types of outings: a) traditional packin Alpine Outings b) carcamp outings c) destination camp outings. You should research Alpine areas you want to pack into and packers we can hire, car camping areas where a cook tent and camp can be set up to day hike from and areas like Big Creek Camp or NatureBridge where housing and meals are provided. Destination camps and packers get reserved early so it's really important to get moving on your outing ideas.

Those interested need to participate in the planning and organization of outings or they ain't gonna happen!

100 Year Celebration of Eagle Creek Recreational Area - Debbie Ralls

I learned about a new club history connection Friday, July 16, 2016.

Trails Club of Oregon was invited by the US Forest Service, along with a small gathering of USFS employees and community partners, to attend the Centennial Rededication of the Eagle Creek Camp Ground. TCO Historian Sylvia Milne volunteered to represent our club. She asked Jane Olsen and me to attend with her. We all enjoyed serving as Trails Club ambassadors and the event proved to be a delightful lesson in Oregon and TCO history. It connected us to the first campground in the United States designed for automobiles, with amenities to preserve a pristine area for future visitors and to serve as a model for similar car-camping parks around the country.

Founding members of the Trails Club of Oregon, Sam Lancaster and Jacob Kanzler were among several visionaries instrumental in urging the US Forest Service to set aside and protect the beautiful landscape along the Columbia River for future public recreational use. Led by Jacob Kanzler, the Progressive Business Men's Club brought about public awareness and gained their support in raising the funds needed to withdraw 13, 873 acres from The Homestead Act.

This US Forest Service land became the Columbia River Park. Preserved as a result of club member efforts, those acres are now part of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, which came about in part from our conservation committee involvement with the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. I feel privileged to be a member of a club rooted in such rich history and one owning the last homestead acres, with a member built stone lodge, located in Oregon's national scenic area.

Besides the work of those former TCO members, who made Eagle Creek Campground possible, these are historical facts I learned at the dedication of interest to me:

The spring of 1916, Eagle Creek Campground, with 100 camp sites, opened and premiered the first flushing toilet, aka Big John, along with other environmentally conscious innovations. These included piped water spigots, concrete fire/cook stoves, picnic tables with benches, and designated parking areas to limit the impact of automobiles on the landscape.

Another advance, Albert Wiesendanger served as the first US Forest Ranger of Eagle Creek Campground. He and his wife resided at the park through the summer season. During the winter months he visited schools and taught students about camp safety and wildlife preservation. He managed Eagle Creek for 24 years.

In December 1916, six months after opening, the Oregonian reported that 15,000 people had visited Eagle Creek Campground. Visitors came from Alaska, Canada, Japan, China, New Zealand, England, and beyond. The model was a success.

Following the field trip, our Historian researched club files and discovered yet another fact of interest, recorded by the Oregonian on September 17, 1916 in an article:

Trails Club to Picnic Outing at Eagle Creek Will be Held next Sunday Special Car Will Take Excursionists to Bonneville Scenic Trails to Be Inspected.

Eagle Creek trail now under construction near Bonneville and other forest trails in that vicinity will be the objective of a special excursion from Portland which is to be held next Sunday under the auspices of the Trails Club. The club, which has been greatly instrumental in securing the opening of the trails there, has arranged for a special car to accommodate those who care to inspect the trails and every accommodation will be provided by the O.-W. R. & N. Co. for the convenience of those going... Those participating in the excursion will take their lunches and enjoy a picnic in the open air. There are ample camping places along the creek so that this is readily feasible. The Eagle Creek trail itself has no heavy grades and is an easy ascent and may be readily explored by the women and children as well as more experienced hikers.

The Trails Club has as its object the building of trails in Oregon.

Thank you Sylvia for inviting me to hear about our historical connection and relationship to something created 100 years ago. It pleased me to know firsthand about the Trails Club connection with Eagle Creek Campground. I believe learning about an historical event connecting my life with TCO past and present is a priceless jewel, one our club should treasure. I appreciate that Sylvia Milne is continuing to maintain our relationship with the US Forest Service and other organizations with historical significance to Trails Club of Oregon. We all will enjoy a better future when we protect and appreciate our history. (Photo overleaf)

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Pictured at the Eagle Creek Rededication, from left to right: TCO Members Jane Olsen and Debbie Ralls, along with Marge Dryden, Archaeologist, and Stan Hinatsu, Recreation Program Manager, Forest Service Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (NSA), one of the first congressionally designated NSA's in the country.

Single-Track Bikes

There has a great deal of concern relating to the tension between those who want to use narrow trails to hike on versus those who want to ride their mountain bikes with knobby tires over the same trails, especially when going downhill.

Currently discussions are going on in the Portland area concerning the pros and cons of this issue. Plans have been proposed, but not always in clear public view. Dealers of special-purpose bicycles and related sporting equipment, of course, have a vested interest in this relatively new activity. More is to be gained from the sale of a custom bicycle than from the sale of a pair of hiking poles.

A listing of some single-track sites in Oregon is at: http://www.singletracks.com/Oregon-bike-trails_36.html

That site currently lists 245 trails.

Several months ago our Wednesday AM group hiked through Riverview Natural Area, a place that I heard had been used by single-trackers until about three years ago. On 11 July, I took another hike through the area, finding much of it had been closed for habitat restoration. Of course, there were scofflaws, as the photos below attest.

The section that we went through last spring was a lot worse, but it is undergoing habitat restoration and is now off-limits. Note that in the upper left photo "Pedestrian trails only" has been pasted over the sign.

The Off-road Cycling Master Plan can be seen at:

<https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/offroadcycling/>

At that site you can pan and zoom in and out.

And at:

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/68157>

The soil on the West Hills has a lot of clay and can get pretty mucky (and mobile) in rainy weather.

Bicycle tracks can result in rapid erosion, as can be seen in the two photos to the left..

If you have, as they say, a dog in this hunt, get in touch, get involved or get used to feeling left out in the cold.

The Editor

Thanks to Dr. Catherine Thompson, member, Friends for Forest Park, for the links - Ed.



On a Lighter Note - Photos from the Outing



Glacier Lily



Amanita Muscaria — Also known as the “Berserker Mushroom”



At Hurricane Ridge



The 2016 Trails Club Not-so-Alpine Outing was attended by over 20 people, most of whom were TCO members. Ken Kane has posted the photos on this page, plus 81 others on Facebook.

The participants were housed in cabins around Crescent Lake, just north of Olympic National Park. The full set of photos can be viewed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.10153575448807181&type=1>

More outing photos overleaf -->



Hosting opportunity

Do you love spending time at Tyee? How would you like to get paid for your time at Tyee? Occasionally, the Mazama lodge overbooks and asks us to host some of their members. They pay the standard member fees and a separate \$100/night stipend to the host. You must be a Tyee lodge key holder.

Contact Mya Dunn White to put your name on a list of Mazama hosts. integritydoc@aol.com

Wildwood Recreation Site Management Plan Open House

The BLM will host an open house on August 11, 2016 at Wildwood Recreation Site to highlight possible projects and seek public input for recreation development under new management plans being developed for the site.

The BLM is in the early planning process and wants to hear from visitors and local community members. The meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Shelter in the Wildwood Recreation Site, located at 65670 E. Highway 26, Welches, Oregon, approximately 15 miles east of Sandy, Oregon.

At this meeting, BLM recreation staff will offer a 30-minute presentation at 5:45 p.m., followed by a walking tour that will include 15 minutes at each potential development location (RV, yurt, cabin, tent, etc.). Proposed projects will provide additional recreation opportunities and enhance recreation experiences within the larger Mount Hood-Sandy River Corridor. The meeting will include ample time for discussion on ideas and questions.

This meeting will also begin a formal 30-day scoping comment period. The public is encouraged to send comments to the BLM via the following address:

BLM – Salem District
Attn: Wildwood Recreation Site Management Plan
1717 Fabry Rd. SE
Salem, OR 97306

For additional information contact
Traci Meredith – Outdoor Recreation Planner
tmeredit@blm.gov (503) 315-5991

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Trails Club Of Oregon Board Of Trustees Meeting Minutes July 11, 2016

Pamela Moore, Randy Dietrich, Joel Reitz, and Merrill Hugo convened at 7 P.M. There was no quorum so no action was taken on the June minutes and there was no Treasurer's report.

A brief discussion followed concerning what material was appropriate for the Blazer. Randy called our attention to the club bylaw on "Club Opinion: No political or sectarian Demonstration shall be tolerated on club property or at any Club meetings or events." Joel asked if this precludes stands on land use questions of general concern to the club. His question went unanswered.

Joel said we need a better process to get volunteers to open Tyee. We need to create a list of Tyee key holders who can host. Joel will put a piece in the Blazer soliciting volunteers. Eric Berg arrived providing a quorum. He has followed up on meeting places including private homes.

Membership Trustee:

Bonnie Cormier, Ahmed Saleem Amad, Aaron Bech, Susan Stratton, Sharon Buchler were read for the first time, Celeste Gagliano, Aaron Ashenfelter, Susanne Holmes, Linda Hopkins, Megan Glor, and Ace Koch were elected to membership.

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(Board Meeting Minutes continued) <u>Tyee Oil Storage:</u> George presented plans for a storage structure under the eaves of Tyee. There would be a below grade masonry structure with fiberglass tanks with a frame structure and a metal roof above grade. The board liked the plan. He also said the gate to Tyee would be modified to place the lock at a more convenient height. <u>Membership Increase:</u> Pam gave a brief presentation on the membership trends for this year. We had no new members during the spring followed by a pick up as the year progressed. We need to average five new members a month for the rest of the year to hold our own. A couple of measures which should help would be timely distribution of our rack cards and more events at Tyee. <u>Other:</u> There was a diffuse conversation about general improvements for the club including a tiered dues	structure, family rooms at Tyee, semi permanent tents at Tyee and tent platforms at Nesika. <u>History Office Foundation:</u> Will be considered later. George indicated the office is needed to pay for the History office. He believes a foundation is needed to increase donations since they would be tax deductible and a foundation would allow for grants. <u>New Business:</u> Regarding TCO Social Media Policy, Randy presented a detailed policy proposal on the use of social media. The draft for this is available on the club's website. We anticipate working on the policy at subsequent meetings. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M. Respectfully submitted Merrill Hugo
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Membership Notes - July 2016

If you have any feedback, positive or negative, about the following individuals who have received their first readings, PLEASE contact one of the board members before the next board meeting (2nd Monday 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.

First Readings: Ahmed Amad 8420 SW Barbur Blvd, Apt 42. Portland, OR 97239 ahawad82@gmail.com 832-398-3714 Sponsors: Mindy Deavers, Candace Bonner Aaron Bech 3733 SW Idaho Terrace Portland, OR, 97221 aaronbech@yahoo.com 971-227-3771 Sponsors: Linda Conrad, Pamela Moore Sharin Buechler PO Box 65, Canby, OR 97013-0065 hikingsharin@gmail.com Sponsors: Susan Taylor and Katriona Butler Catherine Cline 1021 NE 33rd Ave. Portland, OR 97232 206-412-5433 Sponsored by Linda Conrad and Jeff Lawton	Bonnie Cormier 10210 SW 130th Ave. Beaverton, OR 97008 bkcormier@comcast.net Sponsors: Hank Ernstrom, Pamela Moore David Gaddie 2397 Hillside Lane Lake Oswego, OR 97034 dlgadd@gmail.com 503-481-8876 Sponsored by Pam Moore and Glen Conrad Sam Gaddie 2397 Hillside Lane Lake Oswego, OR 97034 (junior member) Sponsored by Pam Moore and Jeff Lawton Doug Gay 6900 SW 195th Ave. #224, Aloha, OR 97007 douggay76@yahoo.com 360-773-0945 Sponsored by Bill Rude and Bob Horn	Carol Odomski 11700 SW Botner Road. Portland, OR 97225 Carol298409@gmail.com 850-591-5090 Sponsored by Linda Conrad and Jeff Lawton Susan Stratton 311 NW 12th Ave. Portland, OR 97209-2991 strattongilmoregroup@yahoo.com 608-249-2800 Sponsors: Pam Moore and Hank Ernstrom Second Readings: Aaron Ashenfelter Celeste Gagliano Megan Glor Susanne Holmes Linda H. Hopkins Ace R, Koch Changes: None
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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 snowshoe 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 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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