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### Dates to Remember

May 17	ExploraTalk
May 24	Bus Trip
May 26	Potluck Party
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June 1	Board Meeting

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## BUS TRIPS RESUME MAY 24

**WE'RE BACK! AFTER A TWO-YEAR HIATUS DUE TO COVID-19, BUS TRIPS ARE RESUMING.** The Bus Trips Committee is offering a limited number of one-day trips in 2022 as we ease back into our schedule.

The first trip will occur on Tuesday, May 24, with a visit to Thompson's Mills, Mt. Angel, and the Oregon Garden. We will load our luxurious 55-passenger motor coach at 8:00 AM at a new location, the Valley River Center Park and Ride (southwest of Regal Cinemas).

We will drive back roads to Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site in Shedd. Park rangers and volunteer docents will give us an hour-long tour of the last water-powered mill in Oregon. The mill chronicles 160 years of rural life and honors the owners who continually adapted the mill to the changing world around it. After the tour we will take our coffee break at a covered picnic shelter located on the grounds.

Soon we're off to Mt. Angel Abbey, perched on a hilltop outside the town of Mt. Angel. The 1882 Benedictine Abbey offers an ornate church, an Alvar Aalto designed library, and a small museum with an eclectic collection of North American mammals, Native American artifacts, porcelain figurines, art glass, clerical vestments, and artwork. There is also a brewpub where the monks brew beer from hops grown on monastery land, as well as a visitor center/gift shop. The hilltop location provides an iconic view of Mt. Hood on a clear day.



*2008 Bus Trip to Oktoberfest at Mt. Angel. Photo by John Jacobsen.*

Then it is time for lunch (your cost). We will drive to the Mt. Angel Sausage Company, featuring German cuisine. You may also choose to enjoy lunch at another nearby restaurant or cafe, or bring your own sack lunch.

After lunch we head to the Oregon Garden in Silverton for a guided tram tour and free time to enjoy the many gardens and the gift shop. We will arrive back in Eugene around 5:30 PM.

The cost is \$60 for members and \$62 for guests. You may register on the Obsidian website or by mail. Please make checks payable to *Obsidians Bus Trips* and mail to Judy Garwood, 4145 East Amazon Drive, Eugene, Oregon 97405. Judy can be reached at 683-5539. You will need to fill out an emergency contact/medical information form. A link to the form is found under the *Bus Trips* icon on the website. You can register right up to the day of the trip.

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## Welcome New Members!

Steve Adams  
Eugene, OR 97405

Natalie Deehan-Clark  
Eugene, OR 97405

Mitch Temple  
Eugene, OR 97404

# Member Task Group

*Diane Schechter, Membership Chair*

**M**ANY OF YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE OBSIDIANS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN A STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. The Strategic Planning committee was established to take a comprehensive look at the club, address a decline in membership, and prioritize goals. The committee has been focused on looking to our future, and developing ways to create an active and vibrant membership. We have made significant progress! We are updating our webpage, expanding the number of leaders, offering different kinds of activities, and reaching out to the community.

The Member Task Group was set up as part of the Strategic Planning process to look at a range of membership related issues. These included: how can we increase our membership, what are the barriers to joining, how can we increase member retention, and what are the benefits to joining. We also looked at making it easier for our members by exploring online options for a range of member-related functions.

The June *Bulletin* will have additional information on the Member Task Group and its final recommendations.

Many thanks to the following members of the task group who did a great job of evaluating, discussing, and sharing their perspectives on a wide range of member related topics: Russ Davies, Sheridan Gates, Jean Harris, Laura Osinga, and Lyndell Wilken.

### *(Bus Trips Resume May 24, continued from page 1)*

We ask that riders be vaccinated for COVID-19. Currently masks are not required on public transportation, but that might change. We will not be checking your vaccination card. If you feel ill, please stay home. We will refund the trip fee.

Bring a mask, water bottle, and umbrella. (It never rains on an Obsidian bus trip, but just in case). If you choose to bring your lunch, we recommend a small cooler.

For further information call the trip leader, Jim Northrop, at 343-3426. Call Jim should you need transportation to the Valley River Center Park and Ride. We will attempt to find you a ride to the meeting location. Invite a friend or two. It should be a great trip.

The Bus Trips Committee is also planning a fall color trip in early October to the Odell Lake Lodge for lunch, with stops at the Lowell Covered Bridge, the Willamette Fish Hatchery, and Salt Creek Falls. Other bus trips may be scheduled. Watch the *Bulletin* and the website for additional trips.

Please join us! It is always an adventure!

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Summer Camp ..... Lana Lindstrom  
Summer Trips ..... Dave Cooper  
Winter Trips ..... Dave Cooper

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# OUTDOOR NAVIGATION

*John Hegg  
Obsidian Safety Committee*

**I**N ADDITION TO USING MAP AND COMPASS, MODERN GPS (GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM) RECEIVERS CAN BE USED to track your location while hiking. This article attempts to briefly introduce outdoor navigation devices available today starting with the most recent.

## Smartphones

A number of apps (applications) that make outdoor navigation with mobile phone devices possible have recently appeared. They are basically map viewers with a large source of maps to choose from. These apps are free to install and use. Most modern cellular phones have a full GPS receiver built in that can work without any cellular connection at all. With this advent developers have introduced apps to navigate the backcountry using your smartphone. The three most popular apps at this time for GPS navigation are:

- **GaiaGPS** ([www.gaiagps.com](http://www.gaiagps.com)): a great app that only recently merged with Outside+ for a host of additional features.
- **AvenzaMaps** ([www.avenzamaps.com](http://www.avenzamaps.com)): an older app adopted by the USFS (United States Forest Service) for their field mapping needs.
- **AllTrails** ([www.alltrails.com](http://www.alltrails.com)): a very popular app with over 200,000 detailed trail maps. Note: unlike the other apps, AllTrails relies on all its trail data to come from user submissions, some of which may have incomplete information or unofficial trails.
- As with most apps these days, there may be a free version and a paid version having additional features. For most first time users, the free version should be adequate.

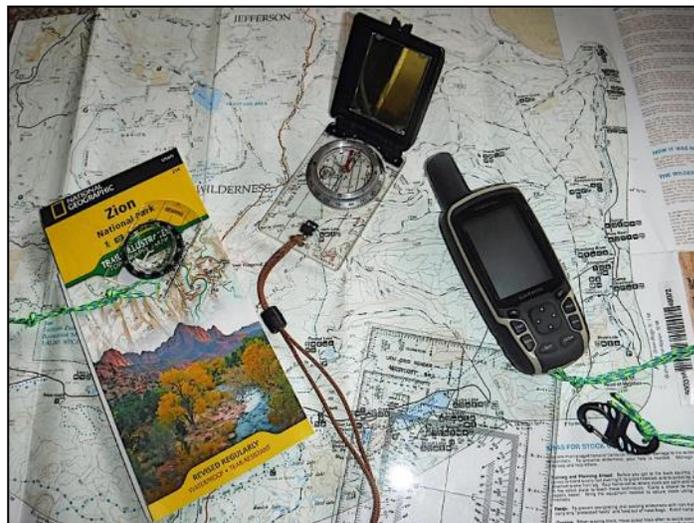
## Handheld GPS units

While smartphones seem to be taking over, if you need something that will survive the elements, a handheld GPS device is your best bet. These units in general are more rugged and water resistant, have field-replaceable batteries, and stronger satellite reception than smartphones. To accommodate the demand, newer handheld GPS devices, such as the Garmin InReach series, now are available with satellite messaging for areas without cell coverage and SOS features. This allows you to connect in areas without cell service, including sending and receiving texts, sharing your location, and communicating between GPS devices (requires monthly subscription service).

More discussion on the subject of satellite messaging and locator beacon units will be covered in a future article.

### Some highly rated handheld GPS units:

- Garmin GPSMAP 66st: Button control for adverse weather.
- Garmin Oregon 750t: Touch screen control like smartphone.
- Garmin eTrex32: Basic entry level touchscreen model.
- Garmin InReach series: Relatively new series from Garmin, incorporating the InReach satellite messaging system.



*An assortment of navigation tools.*

## Map and compass

A good hand compass is a reliable navigation instrument that will never be obsolete.

A good refresher on map and compass use is available from REI:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cF0ovA3FtY&ab\\_channel=REI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cF0ovA3FtY&ab_channel=REI)

Popular paper maps can be purchased at most local sporting goods stores or online from:

- National Geographic Maps: [www.natgeomaps.com/trail-maps/trails-illustrated-maps](http://www.natgeomaps.com/trail-maps/trails-illustrated-maps)
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- Or you can print free topographic maps online: [www.topozone.com](http://www.topozone.com)

## Discussion

Should you use a traditional, handheld GPS or convert to the modern smartphone applications?

Today's smartphones are evolving rapidly, with a good array of navigation apps, so for someone just getting into using a navigation device for hiking, a modern smartphone with a good app should serve well to begin. Go ahead and load up one of the mobile apps and give it a spin.

It is important to note that portable GPS technology can fail—it is always a good idea to take along a physical map with compass and the knowledge to use them.

# APRIL BOARD NOTES

## From Minutes by Denise Rubenstein

April 6, 2022

President Maryanne Reiter called the meeting to order. Board members present: Denise Bean, Marci Hansen, Dave Hawkins, Laura Osinga, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, and Lyndell Wilken. Others present: Dave Cooper, Carla Cooper, Steve Johnson, Jim Northrop, Kay Coots, Stewart Hoeg, and Diane Schechter.

The Board approved the minutes for March 2022.

**Treasurer's Report (Stewart Hoeg):** Stewart reviewed the year-to-date income and expenses as well as the balance sheet. The Board approved the bills. Stewart noted that the Club is technically not a 501c3 yet as paperwork still needs to be completed and IRS approval will still take time.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Bus Trips (Jim Northrop):** The Bus Trips Committee met on March 17. The committee plans to resume bus trips this year, but not overnight trips. Our bus vendor has increased the cost of a daily bus trip from \$1,135 in 2020 to \$1,862 in 2022. The committee is exploring alternatives for some trips, such as using 15-passenger vans.

**Climbs (Maryanne Reiter):** The Climbs Committee has been busy preparing for the 2022 Climb School after two years of no classes. We have 24 students, most of whom were signed up to take it in 2020. We're also working on developing the Climbs calendar for 2022. Finally in collaboration with the Crux Rock Gym, we have a skills board to work on anchor building and other technical rock skills. This is a board we will mount upstairs in the Lodge but also be able to detach and take to other places to teach skills.

**Concessions (Carla Cooper):** Many thanks go to Joella Ewing, Chris Shuraleff, and Nancy Whitfield for their help at the Summer Camp Rally. We were able to sell \$129 worth of merchandise.

**Conservation/SciEd (Kay Coots and Angie Ruzicka):** An ExploraTalk at the Lodge is planned for May 17. McKenzie River Trust will present an update on their project at Finn Rock Reach and talk about their work with the McKenzie River Community on recovery from the Holiday Farm Fire. An additional ExploraTalk at the Lodge is in the works for June 14. A third UO Sustainability walking tour with UO Sustainability Director Steve Mital will be June 14.

**Lodge Building (Dave Cooper):** A multi-day rental is scheduled for April 29 through May 1. We have received \$420 for this rental. There were some lights out in the main hall, one of which required the services of a vendor to troubleshoot and repair. During that call we got a quote for changing all the fluorescent lights to LEDs (\$3,038.30) and one for replacing the antiquated main panel. (\$4,713.20). Doug Nelson and Dave Cooper worked on the gas stove in the entry area to no avail. A representative from Midgleys came out and did a full service. Doug questioned if the stove had been set up correctly, and the service rep found that there was a piece that should have been changed at installation. The stove is now working better than ever.

**Lodge Grounds (Jim Northrop):** Thirteen sword ferns were planted in the beds above the handicapped parking area. Thank you to Jennifer Baer for donating the ferns. Lane Forest Products delivered 15 cubic yards of Walk-On Bark. A

combined Grounds Committee and Building Committee work party will be held on the morning of Monday, April 25, to spruce up the grounds and Lodge prior to a rental.

**Membership (Diane Schechter):** Active members 385, Life 15, Honorary 5, Junior 8, Total membership 413.

**Safety (Lyndell Wilken):** The First Aid supply giveaway event is ready to go. The AED batteries were replaced. Changes were made to the Safety Committee documents and submitted to Maryanne Reiter.

**Stewardship (Jorry Rolfe & Darko Sojak):** There was one trail maintenance outing to improve the neighborhood connector trail west of the Lodge. We did tread work, improved drainage, and spread mulch. In April there are two scheduled activities: a beach cleanup and trail maintenance.

**Summer Camp (Lana Lindstrom):** The Rally on March 25 was attended by about 75 participants. And we set a new record at registration: 35 minutes to reach 90 participants! The previous record was 3.5 hours. About 1/4 of the registrants are first timers which is average. John Jacobsen was instrumental in addressing the few blips that occurred. Joel Greer did a fantastic job editing the camp booklet. He also created a very useful color-coded chart which lists all the hikes and the notable features of each one. Both can be downloaded from our website. Sue Wolling continues to write interesting, funny, and informative articles for each *Bulletin*.

**Summer Trips (Dave Cooper):** Summer trips are now underway. We are off to a good start with 56 trips on the schedule. A look at what's online will show a number of car camps and backpacks. After a couple years of COVID limitations and uncertainty, there's a pent-up desire to get out and go farther afield. It's good to see trips ranging from the Olympics to Eastern Oregon to the Rogue River. A special thanks to the leaders that put in the time to plan these outings. Closer to home we are encouraged with the regular Get Acquainted hikes and the number of people that are willing to step forward as assistant leaders. On the horizon, we will try to offer trips that cover all the Eugene to Crest Trail from Skinner Butte to the Pacific Crest Trail.

**Winter Trips (Dave Cooper):** Winter trips has concluded. A full summary report will be given at next month's Board meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Website updates: Theo Glick and Marci have met with Revolution Design twice and continue to work on the wireframe. Fifty Obsidian experience photos were sent, and deadlines are being met.
- Tax update: Maryanne continues to send requested paperwork and progress is on track.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Report from Leader Task Group, Lana Lindstrom: The Leader Task Group met on March 24 to continue discussing how to inspire new leaders. The goal set for us last year was to increase the number of leaders by 10% each year. In 2021, the Club more than doubled the goal with 11 new leaders, bringing the total number of leaders to 51. We know that the best way to find new leaders is the 1:1 *ask*. To encourage Obsidians to try a leadership role for the first time, the renewal form asked if folks would be interested in being an Assistant Leader; 29 persons said that they would be. We sent a follow-up email to that group encouraging them to

volunteer. We also sent an email to 40 experienced leaders encouraging them to mentor potential leaders by inviting them to be their assistant leader or volunteering to be an assistant leader for them. In addition, for the past 8 months, Brenda Kameenui has been writing monthly articles in the *Bulletin* encouraging folks to volunteer and suggesting possible trips. We also discussed hikes with a theme; Dave Cooper plans to resurrect the Eugene to Crest hikes. At the Summer Camp Rally, we encouraged new leaders; all hikes are exploratory so there's no expectation that the coordinator will know a lot about the trail. The bottom line: we need more leaders in order to have a viable club which offers lots of activities at different levels. If you want more trips, please volunteer. Feel free to contact any of us for additional information: Diane Schechter, Lisa Van Liefde, Jonathan Jost, Karen Yoerger, Dave Cooper, or Lana Lindstrom.

- New member approval: Jan Beckwith, Lynn Corbett, Lorraine Cuevas, Sandy Gill, Stephanie Midkiff, Toni Muller, Melanie Weir, and Patricia Wilson.
- The Nominating Committee will be headed by Lana Lindstrom. There are three Board members whose terms are up at the end of the year: Marci Hansen, Denise Rubenstein, and Lyndell Wilken.
- Summer Camp questions: Steve Johnson asked about the

vaccination policy for camp regarding exemptions. It was determined that the original policy of full vaccination will be the standard.

- Budget priorities: There was a lengthy discussion of budget priorities as Lodge and Ground Committees will be exceeding their budgets and online improvements add new costs to the Club. It was determined that Marci, Jim, and Dave will get together to form a mini-strategic plan for a 3–5 year budget for a clearer financial path for the Club. Safety and maintenance issues will be prioritized, and they will bring an infrastructure plan with funding priorities to the next Board meeting.
- The Membership SPC has been working on a variety of items suggesting changes in barriers to membership, benefits of membership, fee requirements, and more. The changes will impact the Club's bylaws, so a timeline was made for advising recommendations and informing the general membership. Diane will write a general article for the May *Bulletin* and a more specific article for the June issue. The SPC will meet at 4:30 on May 4 before the Board meeting to finalize ideas to be presented at the 6:00 Board meeting. The goal is to have Bylaw changes done by October 1.

#### ADJOURNMENT

## GAS PRICES

*Angie Ruzicka*

**W**ITH SPRING ARRIVING (FINALLY) AND SUMMER JUST AROUND THE CORNER, the number of out-of-town adventures increases. Unfortunately, gas prices are predicted to remain high through the summer. At the April meeting the Board discussed whether to increase the suggested mileage donation, but decided to encourage other actions to address the higher cost of gas and vehicle maintenance, and ensure we have sufficient volunteer drivers:

- Organize carpools at the meeting site to minimize the number of vehicles. (This also helps with trailhead parking.)
- Continue suggested donation rate of 10 cents/mile to the driver.

In addition, consider adjusting your donation depending on efficiency of the vehicle and the number of passengers. Looking forward to seeing Obsidians on the trail!

## A History of Car Pooling Costs

REPRINTED FROM THE JUNE 2008 OBSIDIAN BULLETIN

**I**N LIGHT OF THE RECENT INCREASE in the car-pooling rate to 9 cents per mile by the Obsidian Board of Directors it is interesting to look back at past increases. A quick leafing through old *Bulletins* turned up interesting data about Obsidian carpooling rates.

The May 1948 Bulletin stated that "Due to higher costs of auto operation, repair, etc. plus the difficulty for affected committees in getting sufficient transportation for trips, the Executive Board has recommended that car drivers be given 1 1/2 cents per mile for



reimbursement." (The cost of gas was \$.25 a gallon in May 1948).

We were unable to locate when the club raised the fee to three cents. In February 2000 it was raised to five cents when gas was around \$1.60 a gallon. In June of 2005, it was raised to 7 cents when gas was around \$2.40 a gallon.

As of June 1<sup>st</sup> this year, when the fee was raised to 9 cents a gallon, gas was around \$4.00 a gallon. One wonders what future Obsidians will say when they look back at this article.

*Editor's note: for a quick lesson in milage math, see the front page article in the February 2009 Bulletin: [www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2009 Bulletin/2009 02 Bulletin.pdf](http://www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2009%20Bulletins/2009%2002%20Bulletin.pdf)*

## TRIP REPORTS



### Bike Trips

#### Easter Bunny Rides Again: Coburg

April 17, 2022

Leader: Richard Hughes

Photographer: Dale Schaper

Bike: 23 miles, 126 ft. (Moderate)

**T**HE RIDERS GREETED THE MORNING GRATEFULLY AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF BEING WET-SEQUESTERED. It felt freeing to ride out the kinks and catch up with one another. Members: Patricia Esch, Peter Graham, Richard Hughes, Jonathan Jost, Dale Schaper, Darko Sojak, Lynn Stearney. Nonmembers: Tim Vignos.



*'Pat Hare' and 'Richard Rabbit' ready to roll eggs.*

their rain gear worked before going out into the mountains. Members: Eamon Happy, Hollye Holbrook, Josiah Martens, Michael Myers, Jodi Wiktorowski, Dalen Willhite. Nonmembers: David Schwartz, Joanna Merson, Sylvie Eskridge, Jed Kaul, Natalie Deehan-Clark, Jeff Mccarter, Dewayde Perry, Alyssa Buhl, Carly Schmidt, Diane Baird, Jane Happy, Jeremy Sontag, Kyle Fahrenkrug, Erika Everson, Michael Gibbens, Dana Rosen.

#### Snow Skills Field Day

April 17, 2022

Leader: Danneille Harris

Class

**ONCE AGAIN, THE BRAVE CLASS OF 2022 PERSEVERED THROUGH FULL-ON MOUNTAIN WEATHER CONDITIONS** with deep snow, high winds, and moderate avalanche danger. When we got on site, we moved the skills stations down into the trees out of an abundance of caution for the high wind and elevated avalanche conditions. Members: Tami Darden, Eamon Happy, Danneille Harris, Hollye Holbrook, Josiah Martens, Michael Myers, Jodi Wiktorowski. Nonmembers: David Schwartz, Joanna Merson, Sylvie Eskridge, Jed Kaul, Natalie Deehan-Clark, Jeff Mccarter, Dewayde Perry, Alyssa Buhl, Carly Schmidt, Diane Baird, Jane Happy, Jeremy Sontag, Kyle Fahrenkrug, Erika Everson, Michael Gibbens, Dana Rosen.



### Hikes

#### East Wild Iris Ridge Loop

March 29, 2022

Leader: Nikki Frank

Hike: 2.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

**T**HIS TRAILHEAD ON SUMMIT SKY BOULEVARD IS MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND THAN THE USUAL TRAILHEADS, so we met at Bailey Hill Shopping Center to caravan. The parking area is at the Summit Sky Blvd. Trailhead sign, a half-block west of Tiburon Lane. We started out taking the main trail to the right and proceeded counterclockwise past the Bailey View Trailhead, then looped down and southeast to the less developed east valley. We took our time to enjoy the views of the west side of Spencer Butte and to identify some of the trees and shrubs—madrone, a few incense cedars, and Willamette Valley ponderosa pines amid the Oregon white oak savanna. It is early for the wild iris to be blooming but a few were out. In the lower SW portion of the park we explored what may have been an old homesite. There was a pond, an old pump, and some daffodils (definitely non-native). This site contains significant amounts of prairie, savanna, and oak woodland—all habitat types that have declined in the Willamette Valley over the past 150 years—and thus is particularly valuable. Since the arrival of Euro-American settlers, the area has become a more closed-canopied forest colonized by a number of exotic and invasive plant species such as Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*),



### Climbs Classes

#### Rock Climbing Field Day

April 10, 2022

Leader: Dalen Willhite

Class

**I**T WAS A RAINY, COLD DAY AT THE COLUMNS, but the class of 2022 persevered through the conditions to learn several rock climbing skills, including traveling on a fixed line, rappelling, climbing, anchor-building, and more. They also had the important mountaineering experience of seeing how well

Armenian blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), and Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), along with a host of non-native grasses and forbs. Over the past decade, the city has been sending crews out to restore the site's historic open prairie and oak savanna. Some of the hikers expressed appreciation that this was not an early morning hike. It was a very congenial group. For more history, see the Wild Iris Ridge October 2008 Management Plan at: [nebula.wsimg.com](http://nebula.wsimg.com). Members: Joanna Alexander, Clara Emlen, Nikki Frank, Sandra Larsen, Barbara Orsi, Jerry Pergamit, Robin Risque. Nonmembers: Jane Allen.

## Eugene Book Loop Walk

April 1, 2022

Leader: Mark Hougardy

Hike: 5 miles, 30 ft. (Easy)

WE WALKED THROUGH EUGENE TO VISIT FOUR INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES: Black Sun, J. Michaels, Smith Family, and Tsunami. The final counts were 1 hour spent browsing, 13,882 individual steps, 5 miles walking; 6 books and 1 postcard purchased. Members: Patricia Cleall, Sharon Duncan, Mark Hougardy, Sandra Larsen, Vicki Levine, Robin Risque. Nonmembers: Blair Irwin, Allen Bollschweiler.

## North Bank Habitat Area

April 2, 2022

Leader: Janet Jacobsen

Photographer: Darko Sojak

Hike: 8 miles, 1,800 ft. (Moderate)

(PERHAPS IT WILL BE OBVIOUS, BUT SEVERAL OF US RECENTLY ATTENDED THE MUSICAL *SOUTH PACIFIC* AT THE HULT). You may see a hiker hurrying on the trail and somehow you



Robert at Madrone Alley.



Happy group.

know that they belong with you. Thanks to texting, George—who lives in Roseburg—caught up with us near the Thistle Ridge Trail. Olya—who moved off of the wait list at 3:45 AM—and her husband found us while we were eating lunch. *And somehow you know you will see them again* on another Obsidians trip! It was *some enchanted hiking* with incredible views, wildflowers, poison oak, and the hills alive *with the sound of laughter* and song. Several of us saw two deer that I am sure were the elusive Columbian white-tailed deer. Members: George Ambrosini, Kathie Carpenter, Marguerite Cooney, Carla Cooper, Robert Eriksen, Janet Jacobsen, Steven Johnson, Lynn Meacham, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield. Nonmembers: Olya Tsyrcun, Glenn Munro.

## Brice Creek

April 3, 2022

Leader: Lynda Christiansen

Hike: 8.0 miles, 1,100 ft. (Moderate)

THIRTEEN NEW AND LONGTIME OBSIDIANS GATHERED IN AMAZON PARK on a cloudy but pleasant day, with rain unlikely. Our hike began at Cedar Creek campground with ample parking and an outhouse (in need of attention but useable). From



Along the cliff face. Photo by Holger Krentz.

there we crossed a 150-ft. bridge over Brice Creek into the mossy, old-growth forest with Douglas firs, red cedar, ferns, huckleberries, and more. Walking beside the lovely boulder-lined creek, wildflowers were plentiful: trilliums, fawn lilies, snow queen, anemone, and others. On a warm day, a swim in the creek could be pleasant. We paused at Lund Park, which had been a wayside inn for those headed to the Bohemia gold mining district many years ago. Not planned, but with confusing re-signage, we continued to Champion Creek bridge, which was a fine lunch spot. Large boulders in the creek were popular seats. We elected not to attempt the trail to Trestle



*Dave Predeek enjoying Brice Creek. Photo by Darko Sojak.*

Falls due to potential slippery conditions from recent rain. A strong group of hikers enjoyed a lovely hike. Members: Kathie Carpenter, Lynda Christiansen, Lorraine Cuevas, Sandy Gill, Holger Krentz, Toni Muller, Barbara Orsi, Dave Predeek, Karla Rusow, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak. Non-members: Arjen Hoekstra, Mitch Temple.

### **Mt. Pisgah Winter Ferns**

**April 4, 2022**

**Leader: Karen Yoerger**

**Photographer: Carla Cooper**

**Hike: 2.5 miles, 200 ft. (Easy)**

**A PERFECT DAY FOR THE FERNS, BUT FOR A FERN HIKE?** Not so much. Still, we had relatively dry conditions for most of the trip. We identified five, and possibly six, of the ferns



*Licorice fern.*

visible at Mt. Pisgah during the winter and early spring. Our eagle-eyed group found two additional patches of goldback/silverback ferns in the quarry. Camas, fawn lily, buttercup and calypso orchid were all in bloom along our trail. Thanks to everyone for an enjoyable, albeit rainy, hike! Members: Carla Cooper, Holger Krentz, Barbara Orsi, Robin Risque, Martha Welches, Karen Yoerger. Nonmembers: Blair Irwin, Debra Mikkelsen.

### **Rooster Rock**

**April 8, 2022**

**Leader: Paul Winther**

**Assistant Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen**

**Hike: 6.6 miles, 2,300 ft. (Moderate)**

**THE THREE HIKERS FROM EUGENE MET ME AT FOSTER LAKE VIEWPOINT** at 9:00 AM where we were greeted by wind and drizzle. At the Menagerie Trailhead conditions were much improved and lasted the rest of the day. The trail starts out gradually and gets steeper the farther you go. We kept a moderate but steady pace which put us at the summit before noon. Our plan to visit the Hen and Chicken rock formations was abandoned due to wet conditions, though we could see them



*Rooster Rock—all of us excited to see it after the steep hike.*



*Frank, Barbara, and Paul ready to enter the Menagerie Wilderness at the Trout Creek Trailhead to see rock formations named for a rooster, a hen, and an egg. Rain gear quickly removed and stored in packs.*

from the trail. We stopped for a close look at Rooster Rock as two of the group had not been there before. Lunch at the summit area was nice and we even saw some blue sky. The calypso orchids stole the trailside flower show from the trillium, spring beauty, wood violet, and snow queen. We met no one else on the trail. After such an unexpectedly lovely day, we made it back to our meet-up place by 2:30. Look for this hike again in a couple of months. Members: Janet Jacobsen, Barbara Orsi, Paul Winther. Nonmembers: Frank Keim.

### Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail

April 9, 2022

Leader: Dorothy van Winkle

Assistant Leader: Jim Northrop

Hike: 3.5 miles, 300 ft. (Easy)

SEVEN GUESTS WERE INTRODUCED TO THE CLUB by eight members during this flower-filled hike. The group had enough stamina that we went into and through Hendricks Park with Jim Northrop as our guide. Guests learned of the Obsidians from friends or by doing a web search. We may well see most or all of these guests again. Thanks to all the members who came to learn the ropes of what is involved to lead or assist with the Get Acquainted hikes. Please consider picking a month to lead or assist. This is a very pleasant outing. Members: Pam Caples, Lynda Christiansen, Marguerite Cooney, Jonathan Jost, Lynn Meacham, Jim Northrop, Diane Schechter, Dorothy van Winkle. Nonmembers: Debra Messinger, Annette Pfautz, Mitch Temple, Steve Adams, Natalie Deehan-Clark, Chris Lantz, Janell Cottam.

### Hendricks Park Spring Heyday

April 12, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Janet Jacobsen

Hike: 3 miles, 100 ft. (Easy)

OGDEN NASH'S POEM, *Lines in Praise of a Date Made Praiseworthy Solely by Something Very Nice That Happened to It*, asks one to pause and rejoice in April twelve. It is amusing to hear his words that rhyme with April: chapparal,



Pausing at Pre's Rock to see the new improvements.

apparal, Pepperell, Epperell, Gabriel, and Abriel. Robin was inspired to write two lines for us: *Rhodie's brilliant-hued revel, Is underway on 12 Avril!* Sharon brought the April poem from Maurice Sendak's book, *Chicken Soup With Rice*. Fortified with words and no rain, we enjoyed our walk with many pauses on the park's trail to Oak Knoll, the Rhododendron Garden, and Pre's Rock—thanks to Martha. Spring was cer-

tainly in its heyday with flowers blooming *on the twelfth of Epperell*. Members: Sharon Duncan, Bea Fontana, Kathy Hoeg, Janet Jacobsen, Barbara Orsi, Jerry Pergamit, Robin Risque, Martha Welches. Nonmembers: Blair Irwin.

### Waterfall Hike

April 16, 2022

Leader: Kathie Carpenter

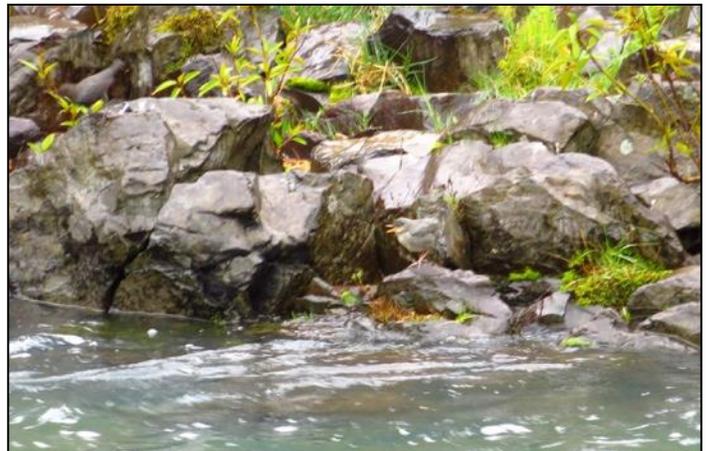
Photographer: Holger Krentz

Hike: 4.6 miles, 800 ft. (Moderate)

WHAT A WILD AND WONDERFUL DAY! The trip description promised we'd hike rain or shine, but it didn't say anything about blizzards, graupel or hail. Our caravan of three little



Wildwood Falls.



Can you spot the two ouzels?

Priuses started out a bit after 9:00 from Amazon Park, after we were joined by the contingent of five that had been waiting at South Eugene High School. (Read your emails, people!) We began with a stop to admire the very beautiful—and deadly—Wildwood Falls along Lower Brice Creek Road. This was meant to be our restroom stop because the website said there was a public restroom. Nope. But luckily there are a lot of trees in this pretty little county park. After leaving Wildwood Falls we drove steadily upwards on Forest Road 17. The raindrops seemed to grow bigger and heavier the higher we climbed, until suddenly we realized we were out in the middle of nowhere in a raging snowstorm. Undaunted, we pressed on past the point where the snow started to stick to the road, but with the elevation still gaining and the temperature still dropping, we all agreed that it was time to turn our little Priuses around while we could still do so safely. We journeyed back down Forest Road 17 and made a quick stop for a photo op of Sasquatch at a fabulous outdoor chainsaw



*A sapsucker's treasure trove.*

art gallery. Then we pulled up at Rujada Campground where we hiked the two-mile Swordfern Loop and ate our lunches on the banks of Layng Creek. It was not the day we had planned but it was an adventure nonetheless. As leader, I felt lucky to have such an intrepid group of hikers, all with great attitudes and a willingness to adapt and explore. Obsidians rock! Members: Kathie Carpenter, Lynda Christiansen, Sariantra Kali, Holger Krentz, Barbara Orsi, Jorry Rolfe. Nonmembers: Victoria Koch, Toni Muller, Sara Wasserman, Suzanne Fullar.

### **Mountaineering Conditioning April 19, 2022**

**Leader: Jennifer Marlow**

**Hike: 6 miles, 2,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**IT WAS A GREAT EVENING FOR A TRAINING HIKE!** Very minimal rain, and we completed two laps up to the summit of Mt. Pisgah and back in just over two hours. We all carried weighted packs and kept at a good clip while we chatted about plans for spring/summer climbing. A successful outing indeed! Members: Danneille Harris, Jennifer Marlow, Patrick Mucker. Nonmembers: Megan Kaetterhenry.

### **Mountaineering Conditioning April 21, 2022**

**Leader: Juli McGlinsky**

**Hike: 5.6 miles, 2,100 ft. (Moderate)**

**FIVE ASPIRING MOUNTAINERS BRAVED A DISMAL FORECAST** and were rewarded with glorious views and a rainbow. We completed two summits in a little over two hours and barely got wet. One of the participants must be a good luck charm! I hope we get as lucky next time! Members: Michael Dunne, Bill Lowder, Jennifer Marlow, Juli McGlinsky. Nonmembers: Kyle Fahrenkrug.

### **Trestle Creek Falls**

**April 26, 2022**

**Leader: Jean Harris**

**Photographer: David Cooper**

**Hike: 5.5 miles, 1,000 ft. (Moderate)**

**FIVE HAPPY HIKERS ENJOYED AN OUTING TO BRICE CREEK AND THE TRESTLE FALLS LOOP.** A light drizzle greeted us at Lund Park Trailhead. We hiked east along Brice Creek for a mile and had glorious views of Brice Creek plus wildflowers, moss, and trees. The climb to Upper Trestle is steep at times. Hearing the crash of water, then stepping around the ledge to view it, was a source of joy. The falls were roaring! We continued behind the falls, around the headwall, and down the trail to the east. We had lunch where Trestle Creek flows into Brice Creek. A short out and back trail took us to the Lower Trestle Falls, also roaring! The final stretch took us west along Brice Creek to the earlier junction, then back to our



*Good flow at Upper Trestle Creek Falls.*

vehicles. This area is beautiful in every season. Members: David Cooper, Jean Harris, David Hawkins. Nonmembers: Frank Keim, Allen Bollschweiler.

### **E2C Skinners Butte / Island Park April 29, 2022**

**Leader: David Cooper**

**Hike: 8 miles, 50 ft. (Moderate)**

**WHAT A PLEASANT DAY FOR A WALK ALONG THE RIVER.** The Eugene to Crest project (E2C) is under way. Only another 100 miles to go! Some of us were testing iffy joints today and walking with friends keeps those little aches from becoming a focus point. Being outside with friends—it's the Obsidian way. Members: Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Janet Jacobsen, Ane McKee, Robin Risque, Karla Rusow. Nonmembers: Blair Irwin.

## Amazon Headwaters / Ridgeline Trail / Spencer Butte Hikes

Hikes: 2.7–6.2 miles, 394–1,530 ft. (Moderate)  
Various Leaders

**Gwyneth Iredale:** 3/27 12 Members, 3 Nonmembers  
**Darian Morray:** 3/30 14 Members, 4/13 6 Members  
**Janet Jacobsen, Nancy Hoecker:** 4/6 15 Members  
**Lisa Van Liefde:** 4/6 4 Members  
**Denise Rubenstein, Darko Sojak:** 4/16 2 Members, 1 Nonmember  
**Mike Smith:** 4/20 6 Members  
**Lisa Van Liefde, Sue Zeni:** 4/20 4 Members  
**Ane McKee, Denise Rubenstein:** 4/27 10 Members, 2 Nonmembers

## Blanton Ridge Hikes

Hike: 8.5 miles, 1,740 ft. (Moderate)  
Various Leaders

**Jorry Rolfe:** 4/5 4 Members, 4/12 6 Members  
**Tommy Young:** 4/19 5 Members, 4/26 7 Members, 1 Nonmember

## Mt. Pisgah Hikes

Hike: 2.5–9.5 miles, 200–2,000 ft. (Moderate)  
Various Leaders

**Lynn Meacham:** 4/10 8 Members  
**Jorry Rolfe:** 4/15 2 Members, 3 Nonmembers



## Stewardship

## Spring Beach Clean Up With SOLVE

April 23, 2022

Leader & Photographer: Darko Sojak

Work Party: 4 miles, 30 ft. (Easy)

**I**T WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY, JUST RIGHT FOR A WAKONDA BEACH WALK. We picked up 44 lbs. of mixed debris and caught up with friends. Thank you, all. Members:



*Sunny day at Wakonda Beach.*

Linda Anson, Patricia Cleall, Wayne Cleall, Marguerite Cooney, Sheridan Gates, Sandy Gill, Holger Krentz, Linda Parks, Beth Roy, Angie Ruzicka, Joan Skarda, John Skarda, Darko Sojak, Nancy Whitfield.

## Lodge & Grounds Clean-up

April 25, 2022

Leader: David Cooper

Assistant Leader: Jim Northrop

Work Party

**MOST OF TODAY'S WORK WAS OF THE OUTSIDE TYPE.** One person worked inside cleaning and replacing burned out lights. The outside group was busy mowing, weeding, and hauling off old, wet, firewood pieces. Despite the wet conditions, the crew worked hard and the grounds look a lot better. Members: Donna Bloomfield, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Clara Emlen, Vicky Hanson, Brenda Kameenui, Doug Nelson, Jim Northrop, Angie Ruzicka, Sam Tracer.

## At the Lodge

## Free Safety Resupply for Leaders

April 9, 2022

Leader: Lyndell Wilken

Assistant Leader: David Cooper

Photographer: Darko Sojak

**A** GOOD TURNOUT. More people than showed on the sign-up sheet attended the safety resupply because they were at the Lodge to get the Summer Camp booklets. Concessions did a brisk business in sit-upon pads and SAM splints.



*Concessions (Nancy) selling SAM splints and sit-upon pads to Jorry.*



*First aid resupply table. Karen, Carla, Dave, and Jim.*

Members: Denise Bean, Brad Bennett, Kathie Carpenter, Carla Cooper, David Cooper, Kay Coots, Paul Flashenberg, Nikki Frank, Janet Jacobsen, Jonathan Jost, Evelyn Nagy, Jorry Rolfe, Denise Rubenstein, Angie Ruzicka, Darko Sojak, Sue Wolling, Karen Yoerger, Tommy Young.



# Birds, Bog, and Dogwood

Brenda Kame'enui

**H**A VE YOU EVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A SIMPLE LITTLE HIKE RIGHT HERE IN EUGENE? I've lived here three decades and had never walked this particular path until now. It's Eugene at its best—a verdant valley, abundant in blossoms and birds.

There are various routes to the city golf course and the Ribbon Trail but this one starts at Amazon Community Center with a steep walk up 28<sup>th</sup> (it really is up) to Emerald Street. Turn right toward the dead end, where you meet the city park that adjoins Laurelwood, the city golf course. Go right on the path that meanders up and around the far reaches of the golf course. It's quite beautiful, and if you're lucky, it's Saturday or Sunday, or you're early enough or late enough to escape the gas-powered leaf blowers blowing a few leaves off the green. That is the stuff of another article, but if you think it would be grand for the City of Eugene, consistent with its Climate Action Goals, to be a model and equip their little electric utility carts with electric blowers or a rake for that errant leaf, write the mayor and city council today.

Back to the beauty of the back end of the park. You can find your way on a side trip off the paved path here and there, including through a new housing development above the Obsidians Lodge. Once back on the golf course pass the clubhouse, then turn downhill on 27<sup>th</sup> and left on Agate. You're in for a treat at the end of this section of Agate. Follow the chip trail down to the Bog and naturalized plant garden. The owner began restoring it and adjacent land, and has a formal Adopt-a-Park agreement with the City of Eugene because the area is jointly owned. He has planted and fostered a wealth of native plant species and protected a small meadow. It's a lovely oasis with over ninety plant species.

To return, follow 27<sup>th</sup> down again, past houses along a narrow roadway that takes you to 25<sup>th</sup> and back to Emerald.



*Heading down the path to the Bog.*

One variety or another of dogwood will be in bloom on Emerald through the month of May. You will need to scout the route but you're sure to attract old and new travelers if you list this urban delight on the website.

*Editor's Note: If you are interested in leading this trip, or some variation of it, the best way to familiarize yourself with the possibilities is to first do the hike with an experienced leader. Janet Jacobsen will be leading her usual May 30 Memorial Day hike from the Masonic Cemetery up to the golf course, Ribbon Trail, and the Lodge. She will make a quick detour to the Bog if there's time. Janet also can email you [The Bog Story](mailto:The Bog Story by the owner, Hugh Pritchard) by the owner, Hugh Pritchard.*



## Love Your Lake

**C**ASCADE VOLUNTEERS AND THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE KICKOFF OF OUR LOVE YOUR LAKE PROGRAM!

The Love Your Lake program is designed for volunteers who are dedicated to maintaining a specific lake in the forest. The care and maintenance of these lakes will consist of picking up litter, burying human waste, scattering ash, and dismantling illegal fire rings. Volunteers will be asked to maintain their adopted lake at least twice a year. Don't have a specific lake in mind? We'd love to help match you with a lake in need! Interested in participating? You'll need to be signed up as a Willamette National Forest Volunteer, and we strongly encourage attending our June 11 Love your Lake training event as part of the West Cascade Skills College. Volunteer and training signups are available on CV's Better Impact site:

[MyImpactPage - Willamette National Forest Volunteer Application \(betterimpact.com\)](https://www.betterimpact.com)

Questions or want more information? Fiona Mokler, CV Volunteer Coordinator is here to help! Contact her at [Fiona.Mokler@cascadevol.org](mailto:Fiona.Mokler@cascadevol.org).



# What's Goat Rocks?

*Sue Wolling*

**W**HILE EVERYBODY KNOWS ABOUT MOUNT RAINIER, THE STAR OF THE SUMMER CAMP SHOW, many Oregonians have never even heard of the other hiking area we'll be camping near: Goat Rocks Wilderness Area.

But Washingtonians have known about Goat Rocks for a long time. In fact, Goat Rocks was first protected as a Primitive Area back in 1931, and was among the original wilderness areas recognized under the 1964 Wilderness Act. (Obsidian Trivia Question: what were the nine wilderness areas in Oregon that were included in the Original Wilderness Act? Answer is at the end of this article.)

Goat Rocks was once a volcanic peak roughly the size of Mount Hood—but the volcano went extinct about a half-million years ago, and time and erosion have left it considerably shorter than it once was. (I have the same issue myself.) In place of its snowy summit, it now has extensive valleys carpeted with wildflowers, yet still retains four major glaciers—fed by about 25 feet of annual snowfall.

You might actually see some goats at the Goat Rocks—but my guess is that the name actually refers to the numerous whitish boulders high up on the hillsides that hikers stare at endlessly, trying to convince themselves that they are seeing goats. (Hint: goats move around more than rocks do.)

While goats can be hard to find, you are almost certain to see marmots on your hikes. Much like Obsidians, marmots love to lie around on sunny rocks and nibble on vegetables. They'll make great companions as you explore the Goat Rocks—so don't miss this lesser-known destination at Summer Camp!



*Cispus Pass in Goat Rocks Wilderness. Photo by Lana Lindstrom.*

*Answer to the trivia question: The nine Oregon wilderness areas recognized in 1964 were Diamond Peak, Eagle Cap, Gearhart Mountain, Kalmiopsis, Mount Hood, Mount Washington, Mountain Lakes, Strawberry Mountain, and Three Sisters.*

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## Eugene to Crest, Again

*Dave Cooper, Summer Trips Chair*

**T**HE EUGENE TO CREST TRAIL WAS MEANT TO BE A CONTINUOUS TRAIL FROM EUGENE TO THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL. Begun in the 1970s and officially opened in 1994, the trail was never actually fully completed. This did not deter enthusiastic Obsidians last year, however. Many members took up a challenge to hike, bike, or kayak the entire Eugene to Crest Trail. Initially we were successful, but then the fires above Oakridge brought that endeavor to a halt, and we ended up completing what might be called Eugene to Approaching Westfir. The challenge is being renewed this season.

Obsidians have a long connection with the Eugene to Crest Trail. A *Bulletin* article from March, 2009 ([http://www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2009 Bulletin/2009 03 Bulletin.pdf](http://www.obsidians.org/bulletin/Issues/2009%20Bulletins/2009%2003%20Bulletin.pdf)) mentions Obsidian Jerold Williams as the Project Coordinator, and in our history there are trip reports from Obsidian work parties that helped to construct this trail. The connection between the trail and Obsidians continues today. Rob Castleberry recently got in touch with Jerold's son Bob, and we now have over a hundred metal Eugene to Crest Trail markers. Dave Cooper has been in touch with Kevin Rowell, the trails manager for the Middle Fork Ranger District, about putting up some of these markers on our hikes. This past year several Obsidians as part of the Scorpions crew worked on part of the trail.

If you want to take up the challenge and cover parts or all of this trail, watch the schedule for activities that start with E2C. We hope to see you out there!



*Eugene to Pacific Crest Trail  
—vintage metal marker.*



# ExploraTalk

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7 PM

## Please join us as In-person ExploraTalks Resume at the Obsidian Lodge!

**C**HRISTER LABRECQUE AND BRANDI FERGUSON WITH MCKENZIE RIVER TRUST will provide us with an update on the Finn Rock Reach floodplain restoration project as well as tell us about MRT's role assisting with the Holiday Farm Fire recovery efforts



*Photo above:  
Aerial view prior to floodplain restoration work  
and Holiday Farm Fire.*



*Photo at left:  
Shows fire changes, and floodplain restoration.*

*Photos courtesy of McKenzie River Trust.*



# POTLUCK

Thursday, May 26 5:30-7:00 PM

## Potluck Party at the Lodge

**I**t has been over two years since we last had a potluck at the Lodge. This potluck party will be a chance to reconnect with people who you may not have seen over the duration. There will be no formal program, just a chance to enjoy good food with good company. Weather permitting, we can be outside for a more open, party-like atmosphere. As with previous potlucks, bring your own table setting and be prepared to take your dirty dishes home to wash.

If you want to bring card games or other games, please do. The party will end at 7:00 PM.

**Potluck**  
Thursday, May 26, 2022  
Obsidian Lodge  
Potluck Party 5:30-7:00  
*Bring your favorite potluck dish to share...along  
with your own plates, utensils and cups...*

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!** ExploraTalk  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
7 PM at the Obsidian Lodge  
**W**ATCH FOR DETAILS  
in the June *Bulletin*.

# OBSIDIAN CALENDAR

<b>May</b>		9 Thu Mountaineering Conditioning Hike M.... McGlinsky 232-0421
9 Mon	Pisgah Native Plant Nursery Hike E .....	Predeek 345-5531
10 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young	941-780-4156
10 Tue	Mountaineering Conditioning Hike M . Marlow	925-899-6399
11 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M .....	Rubenstein 248-514-5092
12 Thu	Mountaineering Conditioning Hike M ...	McGlinsky 232-0421
12 Thu	Marys Peak North Trail Hike M .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
14 Sat	Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail Hike E .....	TBA
14 Sat	Kentucky Falls / Smith River Hike M .....	Carpenter 505-2370
14 Sat	Diamond Peak Climb D .....	Reiter 521-8472
15 Sun	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
15 Sun	Ankeny Wildlife Refuge ride Bike M .....	Jost 520-4841
16 Mon	Shale Ridge Hike M .....	Sayre 515-9450
17 Tue	Mountaineering Conditioning Hike M . Marlow	925-899-6399
17 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young	941-780-4156
17 Tue	Mt Hood Climb D .....	Willhite 406-570-4514
17 Tue	Holiday Farm Fire Aftermath–McKenzie R Trust ..	<b>ExploraTalk</b>
18 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M .....	McKee 554-1364
19 Thu	Pacific Source hike Hike M .....	Cooper 868-5427
20 Fri	Rogue River Trail BkPk D .....	Davies 525-3719
21 Sat	Amanda Trail Hike M .....	Carpenter 505-2370
21 Sat	Middle Sister Climb D .....	Kanewa 525-1709
23 Mon	Pisgah Native Plant Nursery Hike E .....	Predeek 345-5531
24 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young	941-780-4156
24 Tue	Thompson’s Mills, Mt. Angel, OR Garden Bus	Northrop 343-3426
25 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M .....	Bell 503-884-8829
25 Wed	Amazon Headwaters Hike M .....	Smith 520-488-9569
26 Thu	Mountaineering Conditioning Hike M ...	McGlinsky 232-0421
26 Thu	Fort Rock Hike E .....	Blumm 228-0217
26 Thu	May Potluck Party at the Lodge.....	<b>Potluck</b>
30 Mon	Masonic Cemetery/Obsidian Lodge Hike M	Jacobsen 206-1251
31 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young	941-780-4156
<b>June</b>		9 Thu Mountaineering Conditioning Hike M.... McGlinsky 232-0421
2 Thu	Mt Adams Climb D .....	Reiter 521-8472
4 Sat	National Trails Day TrlMnt M .....	Bell 503-884-8829
7 Tue	Yachats Beach House Weekend CarCmp M ..	Hovis 731-3412
7 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young	941-780-4156
<b>July</b>		10 Fri Hager Mountain Hike D .....
10 Fri	Hager Mountain Hike D .....	Blumm 228-0217
11 Sat	Get Acquainted / Ribbon Trail Hike E .....	TBA
12 Sun	Mt June Hike M .....	Jost 520-4841
12 Sun	Todd Lake to Bend Glacier Hike D .....	Sojak 799-9199
13 Mon	Mt Pisgah Sunset/Moonrise Hike M .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
14 Tue	Blanton Ridge to Spencer Butte Hike M Young	941-780-4156
14 Tue	McDermitt Creek Caldera & Lithium Mine .....	<b>ExploraTalk</b>
16 Thu	Low Tide Wanders CarCmp E .....	Hougardy 206-9532
21 Tue	Mt Pisgah Summer Solstice Hike M .....	Jacobsen 206-1251
28 Tue	Macduff Mountain Hike D .....	Johnson 520-2470
28 Tue	Mt. St. Helens Area South CarCmp M ...	Hougardy 206-9532
29 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M .....	Bell 503-884-8829
<b>July</b>		1 Fri Grizzly Peak Hike D .....
1 Fri	Grizzly Peak Hike D .....	Johnson 520-2470
3 Sun	Martin Lake Hike D .....	Johnson 520-2470
4 Mon	Obsidians Butte to Butte Hike E .....	Sojak 799-9199
6 Wed	Red Cone Hike D .....	Johnson 520-2470
9 Sat	Maxwell Butte Hike D .....	Johnson 520-2470
9 Sat	Mt Thielsen Climb D .....	McGlinsky 232-0421
12 Tue	Paradise Park Hike D .....	Johnson 520-2470
17 Sun	Annual Beach Barefoot Hike Hike E .....	Sojak 799-9199
23 Sat	Three Fingered Jack Climb D .....	Harris 521-5807
27 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M .....	Bell 503-884-8829
27 Wed	Goat Rocks Wilderness BkPk D .....	Lipton 736-7498
31 Sun	Rainier Summer Camp SmCmp .....	Johnson 520-2470
<b>August</b>		1 Fri Grizzly Peak Hike D .....
15 Mon	Exploring Hood 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Camp CarCmp D .	James 683-7488
22 Mon	Hoh Valley to Blue Glacier BkPk D .....	Lipton 736-7498
31 Wed	Trail Maintenance TrlMnt M .....	Bell 503-884-8829
<b>September</b>		11 Sun Six Lakes Loop Hike D .....
11 Sun	Six Lakes Loop Hike D .....	Sojak 799-9199
17 Sat	Beach Clean Up with SOLVE WrkPrty E .....	Sojak 799-9199
24 Sat	National Public Lands Day TrlMnt M .....	Bell 503-884-8829
24 Sat	Upper Alpine trail hike M .....	Sojak 799-9199

**FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION** about our activities, visit the Obsidians website: [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org)  
**If you plan to join Obsidians trips, be prepared to abide by our protocols: [COVID-19 Protocols](#)**



## National Trails Day

Saturday June 4

Trail Maintenance 9 AM–12 PM

**S**INCE 1993 THE AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY HAS HOSTED NATIONAL TRAILS DAY ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF JUNE. The goal is to encourage everyone to get outside and to connect with local outdoor clubs and other groups to experience, appreciate, and improve America’s trail system. Matt Bell is working with Eugene Parks and Open Space to organize an Obsidian work project on the Ridgeline Trails.

The monthly Spencer Butte Trail Maintenance switches to its summer schedule this month: the last Wednesday of the month from 5:30–8:00 PM. Sign up online and check the Obsidian website for updates. For information email [trails@obsidians.org](mailto:trails@obsidians.org)

*Matt Bell*



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*Obsidians on the weekly Wednesday hike up Spencer Butte were treated to snow on April 13! Photo by Darian Morray.*

ENJOY the photos in color! ONLINE *Bulletin* at [www.obsidians.org](http://www.obsidians.org)