

**10th Annual Natural Areas Celebration Week
May 4th-12th, 2019**

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019

Owens Farm History Walk

Greenbelt Land Trust

Saturday May 4, 2019

9:00AM- 11:00AM

Meet at Owen's Farm off RTE 99

Contact: Blythe Dolores Utz blythe@greenbeltlandtrust.org

Tour Owens Farm and learn about the rich history of the land, farm, farmhouse and school house.

<http://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/owens-farm-history-walk>

Marys Peak Meadow Edge & Summit Trails Hike

Marys Peak Group Sierra Club and the Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA

Saturday May 4, 2019

1:00PM- 5:30PM

Contact: Mike Neeley-Brown snaebs@gmail.com

Marys Peak Meadow Edge & Summit Trails. Approx. 3 miles, 650 ft. elevation gain...Have you ever wondered why Marys Peak is the tallest mountain in the Coast Range? Did you know that flowers found in abundance in the high desert east of the Cascades are also found on only a few acres in the Coast Range, near the top of Marys Peak? Take a leisurely hike from the Forest Service Campground along the Meadow Edge & Summit Trails with trained Interpretive Guides from the Marys Peak Alliance who will share geological, ecological and cultural stories of Marys Peak, the sacred mountain of the indigenous Champinefu Kalapuyans of the Corvallis area. The weather can be unpredictable and not necessarily the same as in Corvallis. Bring water & snacks & dress in layers for possible rain & wind. Register with MPG hike leader Mike Neeley-Brown prior to the event, (541) 760-3934, snaebs@gmail.com. Meeting place provided upon registration. Co-sponsored by the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club and the Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA.

<https://oregon2.sierraclub.org/marys-peak/events>

SUNDAY MAY 5, 2019

Marys Peak Five Trails Hike

Marys Peak Group Sierra Club and the Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA

Sunday May 5, 2019

9:00AM- 4:00PM

Contact: Mike Neeley-Brown snaebs@gmail.com

Moderate, 6.4 miles, 1525 ft. elevation gain. Interpretive Guides trained by the Marys Peak Alliance will accompany us on this trip to answer questions and point out highlights. The top of Marys Peak (4,097 ft.) is the only place in the Coast Range where you can see the Cascade Mountains and the Pacific Ocean from one location. The hike passes through Douglas-fir and Noble Fir forests, stands of Western Hemlock, Red Alder and Western Red Cedar and open meadows. The understory is comprised of sword ferns, vine maple, oxalis, vanilla leaf and much, much more. We will pass through a Noble Fir blow-down area and by the headwaters of Parker Creek. The start of the hike will be from the upper parking lot on Marys Peak. Restrooms are available there. There are five trails on Marys Peak. The hike will be on part of the North Ridge Trail (0.66 mi) and the East Ridge Trail (1.3 mi.), and all of the Tie Trail (1.2 mi.), the Summit Trail loop (1.4 mi.), and the Meadow Edge Trail loop (1.8 mi.). Meet at 8:50 AM for a 9:00 AM departure. Meeting place will be given upon registration. We should return by 4:00 PM. Bring plenty of water, snacks, lunch, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, appropriate clothing for possible wind, rain and cool temperatures. More information will be given out a couple of days before the hike. To register, please contact hike leader Mike Neeley-Brown (541-760-3934), snaebs@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club and the Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA.

<https://oregon2.sierraclub.org/marys-peak/events>

Spring Garden Festival

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

Sunday May 5, 2019

10:00AM- 4:00PM

Madison Ave. and Arts Center Plaza

Contact: Serena K Serenakapuler@gmail.com

The Spring Garden festival is an annual Corvallis event that centers around gardening. It is held on the Arts Center Plaza and Madison Ave.

<https://sustainablecorvallis.org/news-events/listing-of-upcoming-events/>

Spring Wildflowers and Birds at Willamette Park

Neighborhood Naturalist

Sunday May 5, 2019

3:00PM- 5:00PM

Meet at the Crystal Lake Sports Fields & boat ramp parking area at the end of SE Fischer Ln.

Contact: Don Boucher donaboucher@gmail.com

A slow-paced walk in the cottonwood forest near river. Will explore every wildflower we see and identify the birds we encounter.

<http://neighborhood-naturalist.com/field-trips>

MONDAY MAY 6, 2019

Early morning Birdsong Walk

Neighborhood Naturalist

Monday May 6, 2019

8:00AM- 10:00AM

Meet at Avery Park in Corvallis (Park at the Rose Garden on Avery Park Dr., just west of SW 15th St.

Contact: Don Boucher donaboucher@gmail.com

We'll spend time quietly listening and identifying forest birds by sound. Avery Park is an excellent place to be for migrating forest birds like colorful (and vocal) warblers as well as vocal resident birds.

<http://neighborhood-naturalist.com/field-trips>

Native Trees and Shrubs at Avery Park

Neighborhood Naturalist

Monday May 6, 2019

11:00AM- 12:00PM

Meet at the Avery Park rose garden at 15th St. and Avery Park Drive

Contact: Don Boucher donaboucher@gmail.com

For a park near the city center, Avery Park has a sizable natural area that hosts a large variety native trees and shrubs.

<http://neighborhood-naturalist.com/field-trips>

Jackson-Frazier Wetland Sundown Spotting

Benton County Natural Areas & Parks

Monday May 6, 2019

7:00PM- 8:30PM

Meet at the Jackson Frazier Wetland parking lot at the end of Lancaster Dr.

Contact: Adam Stebbins Adam.Stebbins@co.benton.or.us

Watch the wetlands come alive! Jackson-Frazier has over 140 acres of high quality habitat for all types of birds, bats, owls, and other wildlife that start to come out in the evening. Enjoy a nice walk around the handicap accessible boardwalk and special access to the rare wet prairie habitat, as you see all the animals and their habitat. Learn about the long term habitat restoration project that started in 2018 and be sure to bring binoculars if you have them!

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/parks>

TUESDAY MAY 7, 2019

Franklin School Neighborhood & Tree Walking Tour

Jobs Addition Neighborhood Association (JANA)

Tuesday May 7, 2019

2:00PM- 3:00PM

Meet at Franklin School (east side)

Contact: Lyn Larson 541-752-0425

A walking tour that points out specimen trees and shrubs in this older neighborhood.

Native Plant Garden Tour

Benton SWCD

Tuesday May 7, 2019

5:00PM- 8:00PM

Contact: Heath Keirstead heathk@bentonswcd.org

Visit gardens that incorporate native plants in their design. Move at your own pace and visit the gardens of your choosing.

RSVP for a list of locations: heathk@bentonswcd.org or call 541-753-7208
<https://www.bentonswcd.org/activities/calendar/>

WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2019

Marys Peak - East Ridge/Tie Trail Loop Hike

Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club and the Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA

Wednesday May 8, 2019

9:00AM- 4:30PM

Contact: Mike Neeley-Brown snaebs@gmail.com

Moderate to difficult, 7 miles, 1585 ft. elevation gain. Hike from Conner's Camp along the East Ridge, Summit and Tie Trails with Marys Peak Alliance Interpretive Guides who will share the ecological, geological, and cultural stories of Marys Peak, the sacred mountain of the indigenous Champinefu Kalapuyans of the Corvallis area. The hike passes through Douglas-fir and Noble Fir forests with an understory comprising sword ferns, vine maple, vanilla leaf and much more. We'll walk through a Noble Fir blow-down area. There will be a short break at the upper parking lot to use the restrooms and enjoy the view to the east. From the parking lot, there will be open meadows and a Noble Fir forest on the Summit Trail to the top where we will eat lunch and with luck, see the Cascade Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. We'll return to the parking lot, then walk a half mile on the North Ridge Trail to the Tie Trail. That will lead us to the East Ridge Trail and Conner's Camp. Meet at 8:50 for a 9:00 departure. We should return by 4:30. Bring plenty of water, snacks, lunch, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, appropriate clothes for possibly windy 4097 ft. elevation at the top. To register, please contact hike leader Mike Neeley-Brown (541-760-3934), snaebs@gmail.com. Meeting place given upon registration. Sponsored by the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club and The Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA.

<https://oregon2.sierraclub.org/marys-peak/events>

OSU Native Plant Farm with IAE's Ian Silvernail

Institute for Applied Ecology

Wednesday May 8, 2019

5:00PM- 6:30PM

Contact: Ian Silvernail ian@appliedeco.org

Meet promptly at 5 at the NE corner of Hwy 34 and Electric Road just east of the Willamette River. The farm field is located about 2 minutes from that intersection, and we will caravan together to our destination.

Tour our new ground for growing native plants for seed production at OSU's Vegetable Research Farm, and discuss how this fits into conservation efforts in Oregon. We will discuss horticultural challenges associated with growing native prairie species for seed and see the plants we have currently in production. This tour will be oriented toward anyone with an interest in growing native species.

<https://appliedeco.org/calendar/>

Sunset, Stars & Lights Gazing at Fitton Green

Benton County Natural Areas & Parks

Wednesday May 8, 2019

7:45PM- 9:30PM

Meet at Fitton Green Natural Area, 980 NW Panorama Dr

Contact: Adam Stebbins adam.stebbins@co.benton.or.us

Come see one of the most breathtaking sunsets in Benton County, as the sun sinks down behind Marys Peak. Then stay for the twinkling light show from the City of Philomath and beyond. Stay a little longer to gaze at the stars and use a telescope for some starter star gazing. Bring your own telescopes, binoculars, and cameras if you have them!

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/parks>

THURSDAY MAY 9, 2019

Prairie Plant ID Walk

Benton SWCD and US Fish and Wildlife Service

Thursday May 9, 2019

6:00PM- 7:30PM

Meet at the Prairie Overlook, William L Finley National Wildlife Refuge

Contact: Heath Keirstead heathk@bentonswcd.org

Walk the prairie at Finley Refuge with experts and identify native prairie plants that pollinators love.

<https://www.bentonswcd.org/activities/calendar/>

FRIDAY MAY 10, 2019

Mill Race Tour

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, City of Corvallis Public Works, Marys River Watershed Council, Marys Peak Group Sierra Club

Friday May 10, 2019

3:00PM- 6:00PM

Meet at Avery Park - Thompson Shelter

Contact: Dave Eckert deckert@willamettewatershed.com

This is the 12th annual Corvallis Urban Stream Tour. Participants travel as a group by trolley (pre-registration required - limited seating), personal bicycle or car pool from the creek source to the creek mouth stopping at special creek sites with interpretive guides. This year, we are exploring the historic Mill Race along the Marys River in South Corvallis. Pre-registration is required.

<https://www.mrwc.org/connect/events/>

Tyee Wetland Walk and Bonfire

Tyee Wine Cellars and USFWS

Friday May 10, 2019

5:00- 8:00pm

Meet at Tyee Wine Cellars on Greenberry Rd

Contact Brian Benson (541)753-8754

Come enjoy an evening at Tyee Wine Cellars along Muddy Creek south of Corvallis. This unique landscape is being actively restored to historic wet prairie and marshes by the Buchanan family, along with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Take a tour of the Restoration Loop while you learn about ongoing restoration efforts, identifying native wildflowers and invasive weeds along the way. Bring a picnic, and delight in an evening of wine tasting and storytelling, all around a cozy bonfire. There will also be fun activities for kids including owl pellet dissection, and an up close look at owl feathers. Gates and tasting room will open at 5, the Restoration Tour will commence around 6pm.

<https://www.tyeevine.com/tyee-native-wetland-restoration-tour>

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2019

Audubon Society of Corvallis birding trip

Audubon Society of Corvallis

Saturday May 11, 2019

7:30AM- 12:00PM

Meet at the north end of Benton Center parking lot, 757 NW Polk

Contact: William Proebsting proebstw@gmail.com

Second Saturday ASC field trip. We will bird our way across Finley NWR along Finley Road. Everyone welcome.

http://www.audubon.corvallis.or.us/field_trips.shtml

Public Wildflower Wander

Greenbelt Land Trust

Saturday May 11, 2019

9:00AM- 11:00AM

Kingston Prairie near Stayton

Contact: Blythe Dolores Utz 541-207-4048

Celebrate Natural Areas Celebration Week with Greenbelt Land Trust as we explore Kingston Prairie Preserve, a beautiful 155-acre property protecting some of the best remaining native prairies in the Willamette Valley.

May is the time to see wildflowers in bloom, and Kingston Prairie is the place to see them! This property, located near Stayton and the North Santiam River was protected by Greenbelt Land Trust in 2018, provides an excellent example of native plant diversity and grassland bird habitat. Rare plants such as the federally endangered Bradshaw's lomatium and Willamette daisy are found on the property. Western meadowlarks, while rare in the Willamette Valley, are thriving at Kingston Prairie and will serenade you with their melodic song.

Greenbelt Restoration Manager and resident plant expert, Matt Blakeley-Smith, will help identify native wildflowers while sharing information about Greenbelt's efforts to restore native habitats and species on the property. We will also hear from staff from The Nature Conservancy, who were the prior owners of this remarkable property. This walk is a rare opportunity to walk a conservation area that most folks don't get to see!

<http://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/wildflower-wander>

Art in the Garden Mother's Day Festival

The Thyme Garden
Saturday May 11, 2019
10:00AM- 5:00PM

Thyme Garden is located at 20546 Alsea Hwy
Contact; Emily Stimac emilythyme@gmail.com

Enjoy local artists and music against the backdrop of the coast range mountains. The Thyme Garden grounds include a display garden featuring over 500 varieties of herbs, an aromatic conservatory with tropical plants, and forest trails along a salmon stream restoration project. Food, beer & wine available for purchase, and free herbal appetizers featuring recipes from The Thyme Garden cookbook.

<https://www.thymegarden.com/Events>

Crafting with Nature

Benton SWCD and The Arts Center
Saturday May 11, 2019
1:00PM- 4:00PM

Meet at The Arts Center

Contact: Heath Keirstead heathk@bentonswcd.org

Visit Benton SWCD at the Arts Center Second Saturday free arts and crafts event. We will be using natural materials for arts and crafts. Stop by and stay for as long or short as your creativity prefers!

<https://www.bentonswcd.org/activities/calendar/>

Marys Peak Summit Loop Trail Hike

Marys Peak Group of the Sierra and the Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA
Saturday May 11, 2019
1:00PM- 4:30PM

Contact: Mike Neeley-Brown snaebs@gmail.com, 541-760-3934

Enjoy a leisurely hike on the Summit Loop Trail. We'll leave from the upper parking accompanied by Marys Peak Alliance Interpretive Guides who will share the ecological, geological, and cultural stories of Marys Peak, the sacred mountain of the indigenous Champinefu Kalapuyans of the Corvallis area. Easy to moderate 1.4-mile loop with 385 ft. elevation gain. We'll hike up the gravel road through open meadows to the top where, if the conditions are right, we will see the Pacific Ocean and the Cascade Mountains. After looking at the view and having snacks, we'll hike down a trail that passes through a Nobel Fir forest, an open meadow

and a blow-down area. The weather can be unpredictable and not necessarily the same as the Willamette Valley. Be prepared for possible cool, wet, windy conditions. Bring water and snacks. More information will be given out a couple of days before the hike. Meet at 12:50 for a 1:00 departure. We should return by 4:30. Meeting place given upon registration. To register, please contact hike leader Mike Neeley-Brown (541-760-3934), snaebs@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club and The Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA.
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Conservation and hope for Willamette Valley prairies

Institute for Applied Ecology

Saturday May 11, 2019

6:30PM- 8:00PM

Corvallis Public Library Main Meeting Room

Contact: Michel Wiman michelw@appliedeco.org

Join IAE's Executive Director Tom Kaye to learn about the importance and value of prairies, their losses, and the Institute for Applied Ecology's work to restore them. This slide presentation will be at the Main Meeting Room at the Corvallis Public Library, light refreshments will be served.

<https://appliedeco.org/calendar/>

SUNDAY MAY 12, 2019

Marys Peak North Ridge/Tie Trail Hike

Marys Peak Group, Sierra Club and the Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA

Sunday May 12, 2019

8:30AM- 5:30PM

Contact: Mike Neeley-Brown snaebs@gmail.com, 541-760-3934

Difficult 11.6 miles with 2165 ft. elevation gain. We'll leave from the trailhead at the end of Woods Creek Road accompanied by Marys Peak Alliance Interpretive Guides who will share the ecological, geological, and cultural stories of Marys Peak, the sacred mountain of the indigenous Champinefu Kalapuyans of the Corvallis area. The North Ridge trail is pretty much a steady climb to the upper parking lot where restrooms are available. The steepest part has been mitigated by a series of switchbacks where we'll hike through large Douglas-fir and hemlock with ferns, oxalis, vanilla leaf and vine maple and areas where there

is no undergrowth. The gravel road portion of the Summit Trail Loop will take us to the top where we will have lunch, and if the weather cooperates, enjoy great views of the Pacific Ocean and the Cascade Mountains. We'll come down on parts of three different trails back to the North Ridge Trail. The weather can be unpredictable and not necessarily the same as the Willamette Valley. Be prepared for possible cool, wet, windy conditions. Bring lunch, snacks and water. More information will be given out a couple of days before the hike. Meet at 8:20 for an 8:30 departure. We should return by 5:30. Meeting place given upon registration. To register, please contact hike leader Mike Neeley-Brown (541-760-3934), snaebs@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club and the Marys Peak Alliance of AFRANA.

<https://oregon2.sierraclub.org/marys-peak/events>

Field tour of golden paintbrush

Institute for Applied Ecology

Sunday May 12, 2019

10:00AM- 11:30AM

Meet at Woodpecker Loop, William L Finley National Wildlife Refuge

Contact: Michel Wiman michelw@appliedeco.org

Come see a beautiful golden paintbrush population in bloom (*Castilleja levisecta*), and hear about the successes of native plant reintroductions in general and golden paintbrush in particular. Also hear about the Institute for Applied Ecology's internship program for early-career ecologists.

<https://appliedeco.org/calendar/>

Mother's Day (Baby Shower!) Open House

Chintimini Wildlife Center

Sunday May 12, 2019

10:00AM- 2:00PM

Chintimini Wildlife Center, 311 NW Lewisburg Ave. Corvallis, OR 97330

Contact: Erika Seirup outreach@chintiminiwildlife.org

Join us for our annual Open House as we celebrate 30 years of serving Oregon's native wildlife! Meet our resident Raptor Ambassadors up close, enjoy activities for explorers of all ages, and treat yourself to donuts and hot drinks available for purchase! Suggested donation: \$5/person, \$10/family.

<https://chintiminiwildlife.org/>

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Contact: Emily Stimac emilythyme@gmail.com

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<https://www.thymegarden.com/Events>

Bezell Open House & Mother's Day Nature Walk

Benton County Natural Areas & Parks

May 12, 2019

2:00PM- 4:00PM

Bezell Memorial Forest parking lot, 32783 Kings Valley Hwy., Philomath

Contact: Adam Stebbins adam.stebbins@co.benton.or.us

Come spend mother's day afternoon in the beautiful Bezell forest, prairies, and streamside. Get a guided tour of the education center- a remodeled gorgeous space using the original 1800's homestead barn wood! Then join in the afternoon walk to see and learn about the beautiful wildflowers, butterflies, birds, and other wildlife! Light refreshments will be available.

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/parks>

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May 1-9, 2010

Enjoy our local natural heritage

Events for all ages

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May 2-10, 2015

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- All events are free
- Take a guided nature hike
- See the area's best preservation efforts
- Learn about local wildlife and plants
- Explore local history
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Natural Areas Celebration Week

May 7-15, 2016

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May 6-14, 2017

Enjoy our local natural heritage

(10 Years of amazing artwork by The Neighborhood Naturalists)

Natural Areas Celebration Week

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May 5-13, 2018