

DESCHUTES LAND TRUST WALKS + HIKES

APRIL-NOVEMBER 2014

From birds, to wildflowers, to water bugs for kids, there are endless ways to get outside and explore your Land Trust protected lands! Join us today . . .



WALKS + HIKES

GET TO KNOW YOUR PROTECTED LANDS

Registration: All walks and hikes are free. Group size is small to limit impact on our Preserves and give you the best experience possible. **Registration for each outing opens 1 month prior** to the outing and can be done online any time of day or night. Once you register, detailed directions for the outing will be provided.

Wait lists: Each outing offers a wait list in case of cancellations. We highly recommend that you add yourself to wait lists as we regularly fill hikes from these lists.

Join the Deschutes Land Trust for a naturalist-led walk or hike! From birds to butterflies, volunteer leaders help you explore the nature of your Land Trust protected lands. Browse our walks and hikes by topic here. Then, go online for full descriptions, difficulty ratings, registration, and outings listed by date:
deschuteslandtrust.org



Full hike descriptions + online registration: deschuteslandtrust.org/events

BIKE RIDES

Discover the local's secret: mountain bike rides on new, uncrowded trails in Skyline Forest. Or, join us for hybrid road rides to tour Land Trust protected lands in Sisters and Camp Sherman.

Camp Polk Meadow

Hybrid Road Ride: June 1. *NEW*

Metolius Preserve

Hybrid Road Ride: May 4. *NEW*

Skyline Forest

Mountain Bike Rides:

May 7, May 21, May 28, June 7, July 9, September 17, October 15.

Leaders: Katie Sheldon, Kirin Stryker, Bob Woodward, Jen Zalewski.



BIRD WALKS + HIKES

Bird walks explore meadows, creeks, and forests at a slower pace to watch songbirds and raptors alike. Our beginning birding walk is a great way to get into the world of birding.

BEGINNING BIRD WALK

CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE

May 16, 8-11am

Join Carol Wall to learn the basics of birding, including identifying birds by size, shape, color, behavior and habitat.

Camp Polk Meadow:

April 7, April 21, April 26, May 16, May 30, June 6, June 16.

Indian Ford Meadow:

April 14, May 19.

Metolius Preserve:

May 17, June 14.

Rimrock Ranch:

May 9.

Skyline Forest:

June 9.

Spring Creek:

June 7, September 7.

Leaders: Bill Mitchell, Jan Rising, Carol Wall, Jen Zalewski.



ART IN THE FIELD

Tap into your creative side with these artistic pursuits. From painting, to photography, to writing, find your creative outlet while you take inspiration from Land Trust protected lands.

Indian Ford Meadow

Plein Aire Painting: June 14.

Field Notes: August 23.

Photography: October 4.

Metolius Preserve

Field Sketching: June 28 + 29.

Field Notes: August 9.

Skyline Forest

Photography: June 24.

Leaders: Rebecca Brown-Thompson, Katie Eberhart, Norma Holmes, Jay Mather, Bob Woodward.



BUTTERFLY WALKS

Join local butterfly experts for a meandering, warm summer walk to explore the delicate world of butterflies who puddle and swirl, and need a variety of plants for hosts and nectars.

Metolius Preserve

Kids' Walks: July 18, July 26, August 2.

Adult walks: June 20, July 11.

Leaders: Sue Anderson, Amanda Egertson.

BUTTERFLY WALK, METOLIUS PRESERVE
June 20, 10:30am-12:30pm

Join Amanda Egertson at the Metolius Preserve to watch butterflies and learn about their ecology and identification.



CAROL BISHOP

FALL COLOR WALKS + HIKES

Revel in the yellows of aspen and the reds of maple and willow on these fall hikes at colorful Land Trust protected lands.

Camp Polk Meadow: October 11.

Metolius Preserve: October 18.

Rimrock Ranch: October 25.

Skyline Forest: October 15.

Whychus Canyon: October 10.

Leaders: Mary Crow, Martha Lussenhop, Jane Meissner.



JAY MATHER

GEOLOGY WALKS + HIKES

Hike canyons and creeks in search of the basalts, grabens, and pyroclastic features that make Central Oregon unique.

Alder Springs:

April 24, May 2, October 24.

Metolius Preserve: July 2.

Rimrock Ranch:

June 21, October 5.

Smith Rock State Park:

March 22, May 29, November 2.

Skyline Forest:

June 22, July 3, August 14.

Whychus Canyon:

April 4, May 22, September 21.

Leaders: Derek Loeb and Daniele McKay.



JOHN SCHUBERT

EXPLORATORY HIKES

Interested in digging into a new place on a longer hike? Explore the canyons, creeks, and forests of these scenic lands.



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Alder Springs: May 17.

Boyer Hike: April 25. *NEW*

Metolius Preserve: May 23, June 21, June 27, July 2, September 6.

Skyline Forest

Bull + Snag Springs: July 11.

Juniper Point: July 9.

Three Creek Butte: July 5.

Summit Loop Hike:

October 23, November 14.

Whychus Canyon: March 16.

Leaders: Mary Crow, Eva Eagle, Ashley Lowrey, Daniele McKay, Jane Meissner, David Miller, Carol Wall.

SUMMIT LOOP HIKE

SMITH ROCK STATE PARK
November 14, 9am-4pm

Join Mary Crow for this gorgeous loop which follows the Burma Road up to a ridge overlooking famed peaks like Monkey Face. On the descent, the trail crosses a private property protected by the Land Trust before joining the Park's river trail.

Full hike descriptions + online registration:
deschuteslandtrust.org/events



JOHN WILLIAMS

HISTORY WALKS + HIKES

History is alive and well in Central Oregon! Learn stories of long-forgotten places while you walk in the footsteps of those before us.

Camp Polk Meadow:

May 3, September 27, October 31.

Skyline Forest

Bull Springs: July 17, August 28.

Water + Wood: April 26, October 17.

Water + Wildflowers: June 13.

Whychus Canyon:

May 12, September 19.

Leaders: Kelly Madden, Jane Meissner, Leslie Olson, Carol Wall.



JAY MATHER

JUST FOR KIDS + FAMILIES

Round up your kids and join the Land Trust to explore the world of birds, bugs, and butterflies! Hands-on activities and kid-length hikes make these outings perfect for kids with a grown-up in tow.



CARY MILLER

FAIRY HOUSES METOLIUS PRESERVE

September 13, 10am-12pm

Help your little one explore our Preserve with a bit of whimsy! Children will use materials found in nature to create their own fairy abode. Build confidence exploring and enjoying nature.

Camp Polk Meadow

Mama + Baby Birds: May 10.

Solstice for the Birds: June 21.

Water Wonders: June 27.

Metolius Preserve

Butterfly Walks: July 18, July 26, August 2.

Water Wonders: July 9, August 16.

Where are the Birds? August 23.

Animal Signs: August 30.

Fairy Houses: September 13.

Leaders: Sue Anderson, Ashley Lowrey, Kelly Madden, Mary Yanalcanlin.

ODDS + ENDS

Some Land Trust outings defy categorization! Come paddle with us, find your inner peace with tree yoga, or dig deeper into the ecology of a place.

MA WILLIAMS

Camp Polk Meadow

Ecology of a Place: May 24.

Restoration Walk: June 13.

Indian Ford Meadow

Tree Yoga: July 16, August 13. *NEW*

Thomas Preserve Paddle:

September 11, September 26.

Whychus Canyon Preserve

Restoration Hike: May 28.

Leaders: Ashley Lowrey, Martha Lussenhop, Jane Meissner, Maret Pajutee.



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WANDERS

A new way to explore Land Trust Preserves: the Wander. Short rambles with easy walking to experience Land Trust Preserves without breaking a sweat.

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NIGHT ADVENTURES

Enjoy warm summer evenings in nature! From full moons to stars, get outside and soak in the darkness.



JOHN WILLIAMS

Rimrock Ranch

Star Parties: July 26, August 23, September 20.

Super Moon Hike: August 10. *NEW*

Leaders: Mary Crow, Jim Hammond.

Camp Polk Meadow: April 11, June 19.

Indian Ford Meadow: October 23.

Metolius Preserve: June 4, July 24.

Whychus Canyon: May 1.

Leaders: Derek Loeb, Kelly Madden, Carol Wall.

WHYCHUS CANYON PRESERVE WANDER

May 1, 10am-12pm

Join Derek Loeb for a short stroll to learn about one of our flagship Preserves, Whychus Canyon Preserve. Explore the Preserve's old-growth juniper forests while you learn about the geology of its rimrock canyon.



JAY MATHER

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WILDFLOWER WALKS + HIKES

From early spring bitterroot to mid-summer lilies, hike your way through wildflower season and see the diverse array of native plants that Central Oregon has to offer.

CHIP BELDEN

Alder Springs: April 18, May 10.

Camp Polk Meadow: June 8.

Coffer Ranch: May 29.

Metolius Preserve: June 25.

Rimrock Ranch: May 18.

Spring Creek: July 6.

Whychus Canyon: April 25, May 23, May 31, June 6, June 20.

WILDFLOWER HIKE

WHYCHUS CANYON PRESERVE
June 20, 9am-1pm

Join Jane Meissner for an early summer hike down the wildflower-studded slopes of Whychus Canyon Preserve. Take in panoramic mountain views while enjoying colorful yellow balsamroot and pale blue flax blooms.

Leaders: Mary Crow, Jane Meissner, David Miller, Carol Moorehead.

MA WILLSON

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Come hike with us!



FOR FULL DESCRIPTIONS, DIFFICULTY RATINGS, AND ONLINE REGISTRATION, VISIT: DESCHUTESLANDTRUST.ORG

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