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DESCHUTES LAND TRUST NEIGHBOR NEWS {FALL 2016}

NEIGHBOR NEWS: CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE

HINDMAN SPRINGS: YOUR ACCESS POINT

The Deschutes Land Trust protected the 152 acre Camp Polk Meadow Preserve in 2000. The Preserve contains two miles of Whychus Creek with wetlands, meadows, aspen groves, and ponderosa pine stands. The Preserve is broken into two parts. The Hindman Springs Area is open to the public during daylight hours year-round, and the rest of the meadow is closed unless on an approved Land Trust visit.

Visiting Hindman Springs: Hindman Springs is the only public access point at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. It is accessed via a short driveway off of Camp Polk Road that leads to an interpretive kiosk and parking area. From the kiosk visitors can walk a short 0.4 mile trail to explore some key features of Camp Polk Meadow:

Birds: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve is one of Central Oregon's birding hot spots. More than 160 species of birds have been observed in the meadow. At Hindman Springs, you can find woodpeckers in pine groves, hummingbirds atop willows, and rails and soras in the wetlands.

History: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve has a long and illustrious history as a crossroads for Native Americans, explorers, soldiers, and settlers. The Hindman barn on the Preserve is Deschutes County's oldest structure.

Fall colors: Camp Polk Meadow Preserve comes alive each fall with a riot of brilliant colors. From the Hindman Springs Area you can enjoy outstanding views of aspen and cottonwood stands changing from green to gold.

Visiting the lower meadow: The lower portion of Camp Polk Meadow Preserve is a closed wildlife refuge. Volunteers who sign up for our bird survey program or scheduled work parties can visit the closed portion of the meadow to help monitor bird populations and restore habitat. The general public can visit this part of the meadow on guided Land Trust walks or hikes. **Details:** deschuteslandtrust.org/hikes

*Please note, dogs are **not** allowed at Camp Polk Meadow Preserve. Thanks for helping keep Camp Polk Meadow Preserve a sanctuary for wildlife. —*



STEVE REBERSEN

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMP POLK MEADOW PRESERVE?

Join the Land Trust on a guided nature walk! Each year volunteers lead free walks and hikes at Land Trust Preserves including Camp Polk Meadow.

Whether it's a bird walk, history talk, or fall colors hike, you are guaranteed to learn a little more about your backyard!

Land Trust Walks + Hikes are offered April-October. Details: deschuteslandtrust.org/hikes



CARY MILLER



NEIGHBOR NEWS: INDIAN FORD MEADOW PRESERVE

The Deschutes Land Trust protected the 63 acre Indian Ford Meadow Preserve in 1996.

The Preserve contains a unique diversity of habitats ranging from wetlands to pine forest and serves as a migratory corridor for deer and a breeding ground for songbirds. Though small, the meadow is important for wildlife and it needs your help. If you love Indian Ford Meadow, help the Land Trust keep it wild: visit responsibly and minimize your impacts.

Visiting Indian Ford Meadow Preserve: The Preserve is open to the public during daylight hours year-round. Access is from Indian Ford Road where you'll find the signed Preserve entrance gate. From there visitors can explore the meadow via the mostly flat 0.2 mile Founders Trail. Indian Ford Meadow Preserve is best for:

Watching wildlife: With songbirds nesting along Indian Ford Creek and local raptors using the ponderosa pines as hunting perches, bird watching is always interesting. More than 100 species of birds have been observed at the Preserve! Deer, bear, and coyotes have also been seen.

Enjoying scenic views: Walk the Founder's Trail to a scenic overlook with panoramic views of Central Oregon's iconic snow-capped peaks. From our viewing platform you can see from Broken Top to Mt. Jefferson, all evidence of the region's fiery volcanic history.

Remember if you visit Indian Ford Meadow Preserve, dogs must remain on leash and we ask visitors to stay on the trail. This helps the Land Trust protect this fragile meadow.

Why do I see some groups walking off-trail at Indian Ford Meadow? The Land Trust offers a series of guided walks to explore Indian Ford Meadow Preserve (details at right on how to get involved). These walks are managed by the Land Trust to limit impact on the Preserve. Private, non-Land Trust use is not permitted.

Thanks for helping the Deschutes Land Trust keep Indian Ford Meadow Preserve a sanctuary for wildlife. —

YOU'RE INVITED . . .

Join us for Deschutes Land Trust's annual Open House:

October 27th, 2016
5-7pm, FivePine Lodge in Sisters

To register: deschuteslandtrust.org/events



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