
APRIL 2022

**“Flowers are the music of the ground.
From earth’s lips spoken without sound.”**
-Edwin Curran

Corvallis Wildflower Hike Peavey Arboretum Tuesday, April 5

Want to see at least 100 trillium in a hour? Explore wildflowers in Peavy Arboretum with Amy Rossman and Kathy Newman. These two naturalists will share their knowledge and answer your questions while we hike in a beautiful forested setting. The hike will begin at a private home adjacent to the forest so read the email you’ll receive after signing up for directions. For those who wish to hike and breeze by the wildflowers, you can follow a map for a 5,6,7 or 8 mile hike. If you want to spend more time with the flowers, the hike will be about 5 miles. Many options exist to make this day exactly what you want it to be.



Maya’s happy hikers in March at Silver Falls

We will meet near Peavy at 8:30 am. For those wishing to carpool meet at 8:15 am in the Timber Hill Shopping Center parking lot. Questions? Email Maya at maya.abels@gmail.com.

Sign up for the hike [HERE](#).

Eugene Wildflower Hike

Mt Pisgah

Thursday, April 14

Explore the wildflowers, diverse forests, and pastoral views to be found at Mount Pisgah just outside of Eugene. The 2,000 acre Howard Buford Recreation Area (commonly known as Mount Pisgah) is a Lane County Park with miles of trails. We'll start out with a tour through the Mount Pisgah Arboretum - chock full of wildflowers - and then do some climbing (optional!) to either the summit or another loop. Total distance 2 miles (if just the Arboretum part) or 5(ish) miles.

Meet in front of the restrooms in the Mount Pisgah Arboretum - enter over a little bridge, restrooms are just west/downhill from the big pavilion at 9:30am. Feel free to call Chandra if you can't find us: 541-915-2363. Carpool information from Corvallis will be sent after signing up below.



Note: There may be some poison oak along some of the trails, which is usually avoidable, but just FYI.

Sign up for the Mt Pisgah hike [HERE](#).

Field Checking is BACK

Monday April 18

What do Red tree voles and forest floor flora have in common?

For all you intrepid field checkers, please join us for an educational hike with Reed Wilson to learn about Red tree voles and how to interpret the remnants they leave on the ground. Red tree voles live only in tall old-growth Douglas firs and the tree needles are their only source of food. Since our field checking season will be focusing on mature forests within BLM boundaries, we thought this would be a great first hike to kick off our season. Reed knows a mature forest grove that is near Alpine, Oregon that is the home of Red tree voles. This will be a short hike of approximately 3 miles

round trip on a rough trail that could benefit from some light trail maintenance. Bring your gloves and hand clippers and we can help keep this trail open. On the hike back to our cars, our very own Sunia Yang has offered to share her knowledge of forest floor plants.

This trip offers education and stewardship and gets our field checking season off to a great start.



Reed recommends trekking poles just for added safety.

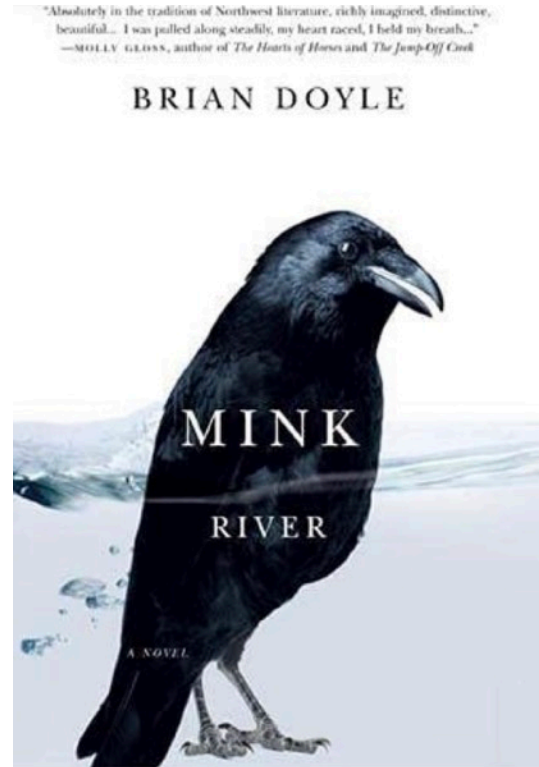
We will carpool from the Super 8 in Corvallis on NW 2nd (back parking lot) at 10:15 am and leave by 10:30 to meet Reed in Alpine about a half hour drive away. We will then drive 10 miles to the trailhead on a paved road. To join this please sign up [HERE](#).

Friday, May 4
4:00 pm
Spring Book Breads
with Carol
Location TBD

We'll be discussing, "Mink River"
by Brian Doyle.

"A real storyteller gets going full speed ahead into an Oregon village filled with extraordinary people, a talking crow, a she-bear who follows instructions, a landscape fragrant with green growing things and a great glowing heart at the center of it all."

-Valerie Ryan from Shelf Talker



We may try meeting in person. Stay tuned!

Hike leaders WANTED

Do you love to hike and explore new trails? Would you consider leading a hike to one of your favorite places? We encourage more people to lead a hike. And we promise to make it easy for you. All you have to do is choose the date, the time, the distance and the starting place. Your leadership team will send out the notice and create the Signup Genius for registration. You can do this once or as often as you want. If this appeals to you, contact

Maya at maya.abels@gmail.com.

Save the date for May's Advocacy Night on 9th. Topic TBD.

Wild for Wilderness Online Auction April 18-27

Register and start browsing [HERE](#). It's also not too late to donate items for one of the biggest fundraisers for Great Old Broad for Wilderness. Books, jewelry, art, outdoor gear, and vacation stays are all popular items to bid on and donate!



2022 Wilderness Defense Webinar Series – Great Old Broads for Wilderness April 21 & May 4

Get more information and register [HERE](#).

Snake River to Salish Sea Totem Pole Journey *May 5-8*

University of Oregon in Eugene

More information to come about this event and possible Broadband participation in it.

Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list for the [Broads Regional Action Team \(BRAT\)](#) to focus on [wildlife issues](#) contact Su Libby at bigwiscon@gmail.com

Advocacy Action to Take SOON

We're planning a climate-forests action for the week of Earth Day, which is April 22. We'll be sending a separate email out for that soon.

***Did you know that the Willamette Valley Broadband
has a FaceBook page? It's right [HERE](#).***

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is a national grassroots organization,
led by women, that engages and inspires activism
to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.**

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