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# OCTOBER BROADCAST 2023

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*“Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.”*

-Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**Annual Meeting October 1, 2023**



Willamette Valley Broads and Bros gathered at Pioneer Park in Brownsville to review and celebrate the education, advocacy, stewardship and FUN they’ve shared over the last year. Won’t you join us for more?

**Hiking with Karyn**  
**Thursday, October 19**  
**Bezell Park**  
**37283 Kings Valley Hwy, Philomath**



Broads have worked hard this summer. Reward yourself with an easy hike in a beautiful place. Join Karyn Calloway to wind down and stroll thru the “love story” of Benton County’s Bezell Park. The park is 580 acres of self-sustaining managed conservation forest, occasionally thinned or logged to provide proceeds for park maintenance.

Warm reds, yellows and orange leaves may be falling. Tall fir trees are at the summit, an elevation gain of 885 ft. Bird song, babble of Plunkett Creek (rain?) make for a relaxing morning walk.

To carpool, meet Karyn at Bi Mart; 1555 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Corvallis at 9:30 a.m. To drive to Bezell Park, travel to and thru Philomath. Take Highway 20 West. Turn Right at OR 223N. Travel 5.8 miles. The park is on the right. To join the hike please sign up [HERE](#).

## Hiking With Maya Thursday, October 26 Alesa Falls



An October Alesa Falls hike in 2021

Join us for this fun fall hike where we hope to see mushrooms, fall colors and spawning salmon but we're sure to have fun and see two waterfalls. This is a little over 4 mile out and back fairly easy hike. We'll meet at the trailhead at 10 and plan carpools

through the sign-up process. Bring lunch and rain gear  
To join the hike please sign up [HERE](#).

## Take Action NOW

Please let the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Board Of Forestry know what you think about Oregon forest management. Fill out [this online survey](#) before OCTOBER 9!



## Fall Book Broads with Carol Date & Location TBD

Carol has selected “Walking the High Desert - Encounters with Rural America on the Oregon Desert Trail” by Ellen Waterson.

This from Carol...Some of you may be familiar with Oregon writer Ellen Waterson. A central Oregon essayist and poet, she teaches writing workshops as well. Some of our Broads enjoyed her writing workshop while volunteering to plant beaver habitat on the South Fork of the Crooked River a few years ago. Ellen is no stranger to multiple perspectives, as she once lived the life of a cattle rancher in eastern Oregon.

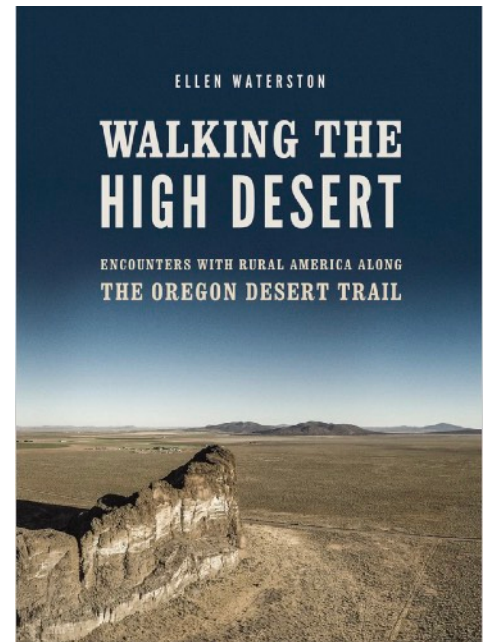
In her 2020 book, “Walking the High Desert”, Waterston follows the recently created 750-mile Oregon Desert Trail, in a creative and inquisitive exploration. She introduces readers to a “trusting, naïve, earnest, stubby, grumpy old man of a desert” that is grappling with issues at the forefront of national, if not global, concern: public land use, grazing rights for livestock, protection of sacred Indigenous ground, water rights, and protection of habitat for endangered species.

In Walking the High Desert, Waterston blends travel writing with memoir and history. She profiles a wide range of people who call the high desert home and offers fresh perspectives on nationally reported regional conflicts such as the Malheur Wildlife Refuge occupation.

"In the end, Walking the High Desert provides prescriptions for opposing sides to come together, to create consensus to propel us forward no matter where in the who or what we are," writes Waterston in the preface. "To me the Oregon Desert Trail, as it zigs and zags...is a powerful metaphor for all the land-use and other issues facing not just southeastern Oregon but all of the ranching West."

The book can be ordered from your favorite bookstore or from the publisher, University of Washington Press <https://uwapress.uw.edu/book/9780295747507/walking-the-high-desert/>.

To learn more about the book, see Oregon Natural Desert Area's review: <https://onda.org/walking-the-high-desert/>



## Broads Rolling Their Sleeves Up

Laura Ouellette organized a fun and productive day in a Linn County park that's not a typical haunt for the Broads. They gathered at 10 am on an

### Paddle and Pick Up on Freeway Lakes



Rhoda Fleischman, Ann Wichmann, Nancy Mauter, Laura Duncan, Joni Nelson with their trash booty

overcast day with 2 inflatables, 3 hard shell kayaks and a paddle board. Laura reported that the first lake was horribly overgrown with the invasive: Ludwigia. However they also found evidence of beaver activity on first lake. They paddled under 3 Lakes Rd and then under I-5. They started picking up trash, discarded beer cans and fishing line. They saw green herons, a great blue heron and a variety of ducks. Nancy retrieved trash at water's edge

from her stand-up-paddleboard while some braved the muck and others barged

trash. Laura is excited to collaborate again with Linn County Parks Dept again in the future.



## And also of interest:

### **CANOPY OF TITANS: A CONVERSATION WITH AUTHORS JESSICA APPLGATE AND PAUL KOBERSTEIN**

Friday, October 6

5:00pm - 7:00pm

The Corvallis Book Bin

215 SW 4th St

Corvallis, OR 97333

“An eloquent plea for saving one of North America's last great forests.”

—Elizabeth Kolbert, author of *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*

For more information about the book and the authors:

<https://bookbin.com/event/2023-10-06>

## Good News Corner

On September 15, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted in new rules that **prohibit contests aimed at killing coyotes — or other unprotected mammals native to Oregon.** Finally!

## Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list to focus on [wildlife issues](#) contact Su Libby at [bigwiscon@gmail.com](mailto:bigwiscon@gmail.com)

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

**Great Old Broads for Wilderness (Broads)  
is a women-led national grassroots organization  
that engages and inspires activism  
to preserve and protect wilderness and wild lands.**

For more information about the Great Old Broads for Wilderness and to join for just \$35 per year, visit the website [greatoldbroads.org](https://www.greatoldbroads.org).

Willamette Valley Broadband page is: <https://www.greatoldbroads.org/chapters/oregon-willamette-valley-broadband/>

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