

# FEBRUARY 2022

**“I knew then that I was one with everything, the worms in the soil, clouds in the sky; I was part of it all, within everything, and everything was within my child’s head. The wild was never something to fear or hide from.**

**It was my safe place, the thing I ran to.”**

Raynor Winn from *The Salt Path*

**Friday, February 4  
4:00 pm  
Winter Book Broads  
with Carol**

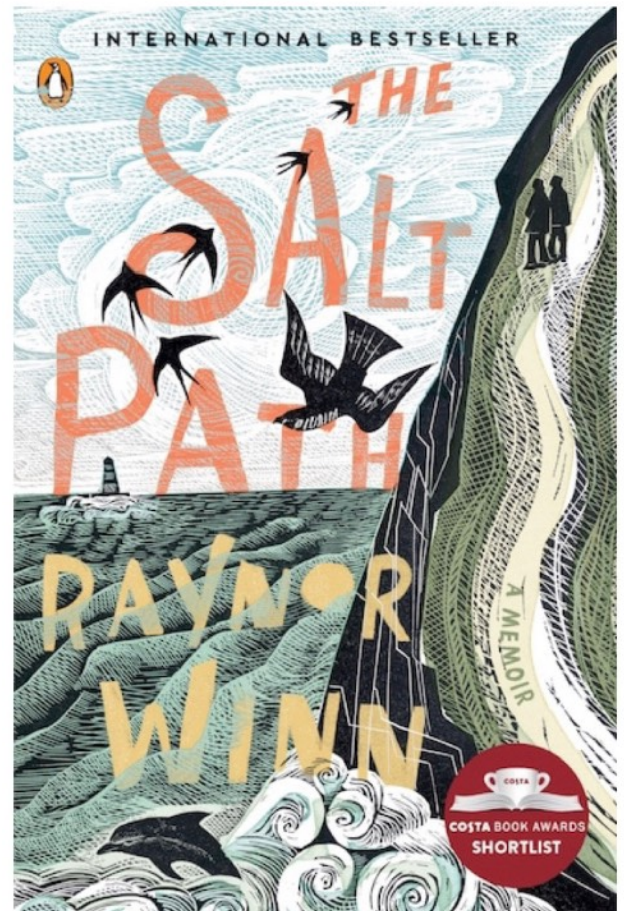
We’ll be discussing, “The Salt Path” by Raynor Winn. It’s a book about loss and finding redemption through walking and nature, a perfect read to snuggle up with on a cold winter’s night in front of the fire.

“An unputdownable tale of love and inspiration. It will change you.”

- The Wall Street Journal

Please order from your favorite independent book seller. Feel free to attend whether you’ve read the book or not.

RSVP and get Zoom link [HERE](#).



## Saturday, February 5

11:00

### Field Trip to Monitor Potential Egregious Activity in Old Growth Forest

Meet at the Ray's in the town of Drain, 308 N 1st St, to caravan to the BLM area where Roseburg Forest Products plans to put a road and log old growth in spotted owl habitat. Call Madeline Cowen, Grassroots Organizer for Cascadia Wildlands, for more information 206-653-4959

## Tuesday, February 8 and Tuesday, February 24 Hiking with Maya

### February 8

Join us for a beautiful hike on the Mulkey Creek to Fitton Green Trail from the Bald Hill Natural Area. These trails are managed for both recreation and habitat values. We will see many new vistas because of restoration actions to remove invasives and enhance the Oak Savannas within this designated Natural Area. This route is about 7.5 miles with less than 1000 feet of elevation change. There are many options to make it shorter for those who prefer less distance. We will be looking for early signs of trillium and expect to see lots of *Veronica regina-nivalis* commonly known as snow queen. Who knows what the weather will be? The hike could take place in rain or snow but hopefully sunshine. Sign up [HERE](#).

### February 22

In Silver Falls State Park we'll hike the Trail of Ten Falls. This beautiful hike will take us through forested canyons to visit 10 spectacular waterfalls, five more than 100 feet high. The full loop to see all 10 waterfalls (from South Falls to North Falls) is a moderate hike of 7.2 miles, gaining 800 feet of elevation. For those wishing a shorter hike and a shorter day, there are other loops that are either 5.1 or 2.8 miles. At this time of the year, we should experience the falls in all their glory because of the rainfall. This hike could be muddy and slippery so bring poles and sturdy shoes and a good sense of adventure. Hopefully we can easily arrange carpools from Corvallis, Albany, Brownsville and Eugene. Sign up [HERE](#).



This was the beginning of an 11 mile birthday hike in January. Can you pick out the two Broads celebrating 81 trips around the sun?

### 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](mailto:maya.abels@gmail.com).

### Wednesday, February 9 6:00 pm

Join Oregon Wild's Webcast SHORT SESSION, BIG ISSUES  
An Overview of the 2022 Oregon State Legislature

<https://oregonwild.org/events/webcast-overview-oregons-2022-legislative-session>



**Tuesday, February 15  
4:00 - 5:30**

Letter to the Editor Comment Writing for the Elliott State Forest and Beyond  
Hosted by Cascadia Wildland's Writing Team

Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIdOCppzwjGtZALwHgzzRkQ0FC3qFEYvP5>

**Advocacy Actions to Take NOW**

**Our Oregon legislature started their short 35 day session today. Here are some bills to encourage your state senators and representatives to vote for (SB 1501) or against (HB 4080).**

**Senate Bill 1501  
Private Forest Accord**

SB1501 would be the most substantial revision to the Oregon Forest Practices Act since it was passed in 1971. The bill enshrines agreements in the Governor's Private Forest Accord that were negotiated during 2021 by representatives of the conservation community, the timber industry, and small woodland owners. These agreements include provisions for no-harvest stream buffers, assisting family woodland owners, ensuring road culverts pass fish, prohibiting commercial beaver trapping on timber industry lands, and strengthening monitoring and enforcement. SB1501 greatly increases protections for Oregon's rivers and provides greater regulatory certainty for the forest sector. What's not to like, but the bill needs our help! A public hearing is scheduled before the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 1:00pm and a vote is expected by Feb. 10th. So, write your State Senator or sign up to give public testimony.

To submit written testimony find the link [HERE](#).

Find the link to the Governor's press release for background [HERE](#).

Call your State Senator today. Find their phone number [HERE](#).

## House Bill 4080

Wildlife Advocates Oppose House Bill 4080

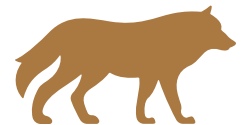
HB 4080 would authorize unaccountable government districts to raise money for killing wildlife deemed a threat to private property, without any requirement that they use, or even consider using, non lethal alternatives. The Oregon Wildlife Coalition strongly opposes this bill, and the Oregon Conservation Network has named it a Major Threat to a Healthy Oregon. What Oregon needs instead is a broad conversation on how public money should be used to help us coexist with wildlife. See the opposition statement that Great Old Broads for Wilderness signed onto [HERE](#).

CALL your Oregon State Representative today! Find their phone number [HERE](#).

## 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](mailto:bigwiscon@gmail.com)

Save the date for [March Advocacy Night](#) on Monday, March 14 at 6:00. Topic? Might be all about wolves. Stay tuned.



### Looking forward to June for a date yet to be determined:

Dr. Robert (Bob) Lillie who wrote Oregon's Island In The Sky: Geology Road Guide to Marys Peak will lead a Marys Peak experience for us. We'll drive, walk and talk with Bob from a stop-off along Hwy. 34 to the top of Marys Peak. He'll explain the geological forces that created Marys Peak from 250 miles off the coast to 80 miles under the volcanoes that form the backbone of the Cascades. By the end of the walk you'll see why the National Park Service awarded Bob for his "outstanding contributions" for engaging the National Parks staff and visitors in geosciences.

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

**Great Old Broads for Wilderness (Broads)  
is a national grassroots organization,  
led by women, 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 \$30 per year visit the website [greatoldbroads.org](http://greatoldbroads.org).



Amy Rossman, Becky Garrett, Mary Darling, Cyrel Gable, Winnie Barron, Beth Brown and Kathy Newman enjoying some January sunshine on a hike in the McDonald-Dunn Forest.

