
JUNE 2022

“I have only to break into the tightness of a strawberry, and I see summer - its dust and lowering skies.” - Toni Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*

Thursday, June 2 Hike to Kentucky Falls with Chandra



Join Willamette Valley Broadband co-leader and Oregon Wild’s Western field coordinator, Chandra LeGue, for this really special hiking day. Kentucky Falls is an incredible 100 foot twin falls at the confluence of Kentucky Creek and Smith River in the coast range near Mapleton. This is a strenuous hike of more than 6 miles for sturdy hikers only. Experiencing this beautiful place will be worth the effort!

The trailhead is an hour and a half drive from Eugene and two hours from Corvallis so expect to be out all day. At this late date, to join call Chandra (541-915-2363) or Maya (541-231-4386) for details.

Monday, June 13
6:00 pm
Advocacy Night in person is BACK!
Join us at 4 Spirits Distillery
3405 SW Deschutes St
Corvallis



Saving Old Forests: The Climate-Forests Campaign AGAIN!

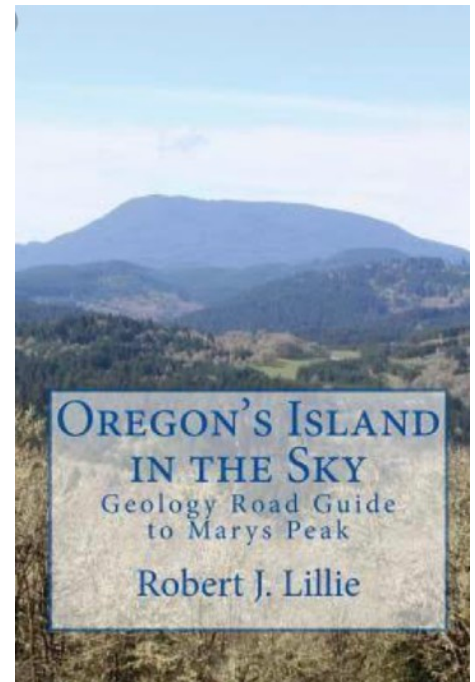
This time in person with postcards ready for writing our important message to send to the Biden administration. Learn more about the newly-launched, nation-wide effort to end mature and old-growth logging on public lands. Yes, we all know how important these forests are to combat climate change, protect biodiversity, and provide habitat, recreation, and clean water. Now we just need to get our government on board to protect them! We'll talk about the campaign's strategy and go over concrete ways GOB - from the National level to our local Broadband - can get involved. Get more information from Oregon Wild about the campaign [HERE](#).

Come ready to eat, drink and write. No need to sign up. Just SHOW up!

Tuesday, June 14
Marys Peak Geology Tour
9:00 - 1:00

At 4,097 feet Marys Peak towers over other mountains in the Oregon Coast Range. Join Dr. Bob Lillie for a geological tour of this iconic landform and learn how its Noble fir forests and subalpine meadows are remnants of the last Ice Age. From volcanic eruptions on an ancient seafloor; to powerful forces between tectonic plates; to the durability of hard intrusive rock, a journey up Marys Peak is like visiting an "island-in-the-sky."

Robert J. (Bob) Lillie is an Emeritus Professor of Geosciences at Oregon State University, an Interpretive Trainer through the National Association for Interpretation, and a seasonal park ranger at Crater Lake, Yellowstone and other units of the National Park Service. The trip will include a complementary copy of Bob's book "Oregon's Island in the Sky: Geology Road Guide to Marys Peak."



Trip will include five stops on a drive up Marys Peak, followed by hiking of 1 to 3 miles and 400 to 800 feet of elevation gain. Bring lunch, water and light-to-medium weight hiking boots. Participation is limited so sign up today [HERE](#).

Monday, June 20
Red Tree Vole Hike
10:15 - 3:00

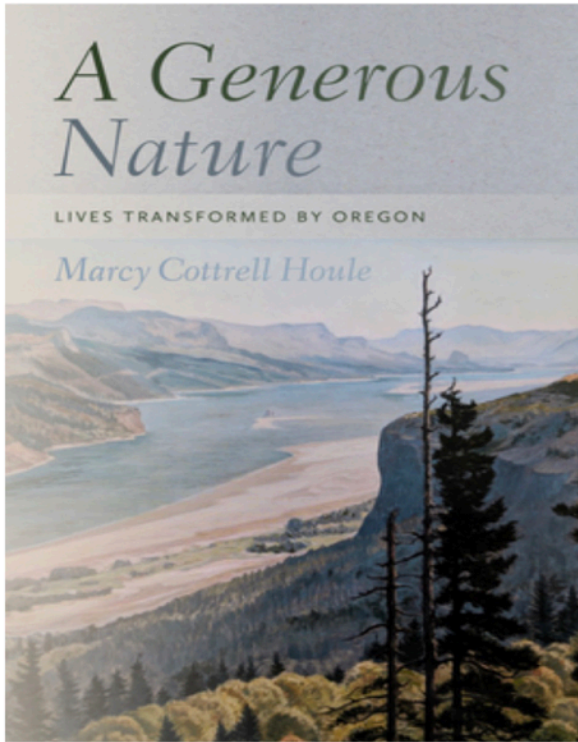
Join us on a special trip with Reed Wilson to learn about red tree voles. He will teach us how to recognize habitat to enhance our field checking skills. The hike will be approximately 3 miles on rough terrain and may be overgrown with vegetation. Bring gloves, loppers or pruners to clear the trail. On the return, Sunia Yang will help us identify plants on the forest floor. Meet behind the Super 8 Hotel in Corvallis at 10:15 to carpool to meet Reed in Alpine at 11:00.

Sign up and receive more information [HERE](#).



Solitude and recreation site monitoring this summer with the Broads!

During late July, the month of August, and early September, we'll be doing day hikes and short, one to two night backpacking trips into the Mt Washington Wilderness. The purpose of these short forays is to do recreation site and solitude monitoring for the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests. The work will be clustered around a small number of lakes and the Pacific Crest Trail. If we receive a grant that leadership team members, Lynn Humphrey and Maya Abels, applied for from the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, then the trips will include gas money, a Broad's T-shirt and a meal after your shift. The training session at Marion Lakes on July 13 and 14 is full but to be put on a waiting list email Maya - mayaabels@gmail.com. Also contact Maya if you'd like to day hike or backpack into the Mt Washington Wilderness with someone that attended the training.



Save the date and get your book!
Summer Book Broads with Carol
Friday, September 9
4:00 pm
Location TBD

Carol has selected “A Generous Nature: Lives transformed by Oregon” by Marcy Cottrell Houle, for our summer read. It’s about conservationists, most unknown to us, who have made enduring contributions to the preservation of Oregon’s wild places.

Hike Leaders STILL 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.

Advocacy Action to Take NOW

We have an opportunity to support the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt a moratorium on the hunting and trapping of beavers on federally managed public. The Commission has the power to make this decision, but they need to hear from the public that we support this. They will meet June 17 to discuss this. Please submit your comments by June 10. The addresses for comments are listed at the end of this email.

WHY ARE BEAVERS IMPORTANT?

- Beavers help combat climate change- they create ponds, wetlands and wet meadows that store water and carbon.*
- Beavers help native fish- Beavers create habitats that improve the function and diversity of the biological and physical systems native fish need to survive and thrive.*
- Beavers help with wildfire - their dams create and maintain wetlands, wet meadows, and ponds that are natural fire breaks. The areas provide refuge for livestock and wildlife during fires and habitat post-fire.*
- Beavers help farmers and ranchers, and all of us - we all need clean and plentiful water and beaver activity creates habitat to store water and clean it.*

As the Beaver Management Work Group report states, "Beaver modified floodplain landscapes can provide benefits for the climate crisis, biodiversity crisis, water supply resilience, and sensitive species conservation and recovery."

Send Comments to stop trapping and hunting beavers to:

OFWC Chair Mary Wahl and Commissioners at odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov.

Please cc Governor Brown's Natural Resource Advisor, Jason Miner (Jason.miner@oregon.gov), Director Curt Melcher (curt.melcher@state.or.us), Dr. Jane Lubchenco (lubchenco@oregonstate.edu), and your state senator and state representative.

You can learn much more by reviewing the Beaver Management Workgroup report at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/22/05_May/Beaver%20Management%20Work%20Group%20Recommendations%20-%20Final%204-29-22.pdf

Wildlife Protection

If you would like to join the mailing list to focus on **wildlife issues** contact Su Libby at 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 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.

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