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photo: Allan King

Get ready to explore the Wallowa Mountains at the Annual Chemeketan Outing.

We are looking for a volunteer co-editor. You would share editing duties with 2 other editors, and be the Editor-in-Chief, on a rotating basis, every 3 months. You can do it, let's hear from you! Contact current editors or Council Member.

OUTING TRUCK LOADING: 6 PM THURSDAY, JULY 28TH

The *Chemeketans* are a group united in a common interest in outdoor activities. Application for membership may be made after completion of two qualifying trips with the club. For information and forms, contact chemeketans.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Trip Participation

It is your responsibility to determine from the description of distance, altitude, terrain, trail and possible weather conditions, whether you, your children, and your guests can fully participate. The leader may refuse to take anyone not properly equipped or who is judged incapable of making the specific trip. All valuables should be left at home or carried with you - not left in a vehicle at the trailhead. Dogs/pets are not permitted.

Trip Essentials

Participants should wear appropriate foot gear and clothing (no jeans), carry lunch, water, rain gear, warm sweater/jacket, and the following "essentials":
EXTRA food/clothing/water
flashlight & extra battery
lighter/matches in waterproof container
solar blanket and/or ground insulation in winter
Insect repellent
first aid materials sunglasses
pocket knife toilet paper
candle sunscreen
whistle small shovel

Trip Meeting Points

IKE = Ike Box, 299 Cottage St. NE- SW corner of Cottage and Chemeketa
RAS = Rite Aid South, south Commercial, behind bus stop
CCC = WEEKENDS ONLY – Green Parking Lot (lot off Cooley Dr off Lancaster Side)
RLC = Redeemer Lutheran Church at 4665 Lancaster Dr (corner of Hayesville Dr – but never on Sunday)
SKM = Big K Lot, 2470 Mission St., Mission St. side, just west of Jack-in-the-Box
RPR = Roth's Portland Road, 4746 Portland Road NE (park in northwest corner on Portland Road)
PAR = State Motor Pool Park and Ride lot on Airport Road
FMN = Fred Meyer North west side of lot (River Road side)
SAF = Safeway West Salem, use Capital Manor exit from 22. Park on Edgewater -- southwest corner
MBI = Minto Brown Island Park (1st parking lot on right as you enter island)

Mileage Reimbursement for Drivers

To reimburse drivers for vehicle operation costs, the suggested donation is 9¢ per mile per person to drivers.

Guests (non-members)

A guest under 18 years of age must provide a signed Release From Liability And Assumption Of Risk to the trip leader if he/she is not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Coordinators for:

July Hiking: Mary Coleman 503-873-5605
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Hiking Trip Ratings

- **DAWDLER:** Pace slow, group makes frequent stops for viewing, photography, etc.
- **EASY:** Max. 5 miles round trip, elevation gain less than 1000 feet.
- **MEDIUM:** 6 - 10 miles round trip, 1000 - 2000 feet elevation gain.
- **HARD:** Long, strenuous, and difficult.

Backpacking and Climbing

Information for current backpacks/climbs is included in this bulletin. For full schedules and detail...

- **Backpacking** - see March bulletin for all backpacks.
- **Climbing** - the [Climbers page](#) for information on the Climbing Program and links to detailed information on all climb activities. The use of an asterisk* on climb-related activities indicates that the activity is available to first-year climbers.

Membership and Bulletins

The best way for prospective members to request club information and guest bulletins is to complete the online "MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION REQUEST FORM", available on our website www.chemeketans.org under "Membership" or "Contact Us". You may mail requests to Chemeketans, Membership Secretary, PO Box 864, Salem OR 97308 or email chememb@chemeketans.org and use an unambiguous subject line and include a snail mail address and phone number. If you mail in names of prospective members on sign-up sheets, instead of directing people to the website, it is very helpful to include email addresses.

New and Renewing Member Dues: Adults \$20 and Juniors (under age 18) \$3. Annual subscription to print bulletin \$20. The membership year starts January 1st.

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To submit an Activity or We Were There report, use the online forms at www.chemeketans.org. Look under "Who We Are." If you do not have internet access, ask a friend or the hiking coordinator to do this for you. You may also call, email, or send your write-ups directly to the editors at their home addresses.

The Chemeketan Trip Leader Guide is available at http://www.chemeketans.org/Leader_Guide.pdf.

Thunderbird Lodge: To reserve the Chemeketan cabin on Whitewater Rd., call or email Kim Hyatt: pkhyatt@msn.com, 503-362-2765.

JULY 2016 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Location & Activity	Leader
Sat-Mon	2-4	Ruth Mtn / Icy Peak or Clark Mtn / Luahna Peak Climb	Bill Saur
Sat	2	Oak Creek to McCulloch Peak Hike	Bill Wylie
Sat	2	Rocky Top and Rock Arch Hike	Mary Coleman
Sun	3	Iron Mountain / Cone Peak Hike	John Savage
Sun	3	Cascade Head Hike	Susan LaTour
Mon	4	Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge Hike	Carol Soderberg
Mon	4	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Wed	6	Goose Lake Dawdler Hike	Janet Templar
Wed	6	Middle Pyramid Hike	Mady Kimmich
Wed	6	Audubon Nature Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Thurs	7	Hanging Valley Hike	Bobbie Snead
Thurs	7	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Fri-Sun	8-10	Jefferson Park Photo Backpack	Joel Zak
Sat	9	Trail Maintenance	Jean Gabriel
Sun	10	Marys Peak North Ridge Hike	Randy Selig
Sun	10	Red Butte Hike	Rick Cooper
Mon-Thurs	11-14	Mt. Baker, Coleman-Deming Climb	Ellen Gradison
Mon	11	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	12	Coffin Mtn / Bachelor Mtn Hike	Roz Shirack
Wed	13	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Wed	13	South Salem to Minto Brown Park Evening Hike	Bill Wylie
Thurs	14	Knobby Rock Hike	Bobbie Snead
Thurs	14	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thurs	14	Second Thursday Pizza Night	Bill Wylie
Fri	15	Peavy Arboretum Hike	Carol Soderberg
Sat-Sun	16-17	Mt. Yoran Climb	Chris Salaz
Sat-Sun	16-17	Trillium and Lost Lakes Paddle	Jay Orand
Sat	16	McDowell Creek Falls Dawdler Hike	Matt Rieke
Sat	16	Little North Fork Santiam Family-Oriented Dawdler	Carl Anderson
Sat	16	Triangulation Peak Hike	Wayne Wallace
Sun	17	Marion Mountain Hike	Blanka Truneckova
Mon-Fri	18-22	Shackleford Creek Loop Backpack	Rick Cooper
Mon	18	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	19	Country Glen Evening Hike	Janet Templar
Wed	20	Beyond Opal Pool Hike	Barb Schram
Wed	20	Fish Lake Historic / Santiam Wagon Road Dawdler Hike	Paula Hyatt
Wed	20	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Thurs-Sun	21-24	Snowfield Peak Climb - FULL	Bryon Snapp
Thurs	21	Jefferson Park Hike	Mary Coleman
Thurs	21	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Sat	23	Fall Creek Trail Hike	Beverly Hassell
Sat	23	Newton Creek Loop Hike	Deanna Davis
Sun	24	Canyon Creek Meadows Hike	John Huff
Mon	25	Koffee Klatch at the Beanery	Bill Anning
Tue	26	Takena Landing Hike	Carol Soderberg
Wed-Sun	27-31	Avalanche Valley on Mt. Adams Backpack	Tim Taylor
Wed	27	Marion Falls Hike	Jim Sellers
Wed	27	Audubon Reserve Restoration	Lee Slattum
Thurs	28	Center 50+ for Lunch	Lee Slattum
Thurs	28	Outing Truck Loading	Wayne Wallace
Fri-Sun	29-31	Sky High Lakes Backpack	Bill Sullivan
Fri	29	Champoeg State Park Hike	Pat Simila
Sat	30	Diamond Peak Climb	Mike Buren
Sat	30	Carl Lake Hike	Barb Schram
Sat-Sat	30-Aug 13	Annual Chemeketan Outing	Ken Ash
Sat-Sun	30-31	Goat Rocks Climb	Bill Saur
Sat	30	Stahlman Point Hike	Eileen Harder
Sun	31	Bugaboo Ridge / Bachelor Mountain Hike	Bobbie Snead
Sun	31	Middle Pyramid Hike	Ralph Nafziger

FUTURE EVENTS

Sat-Sat	Aug 6-13	Mt. Olympus / Bailey Traverse Climb	Chris Salaz / Bill Saur
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Sat	Aug 6	South Sister Climb	Theresa Conley
Sun	Aug 14	Outing Truck Unloading	Wayne Wallace
Mon-Mon	Aug 15-22	Grand Sawtooth Loop Backpack	Rick Cooper
Sat-Sat	Aug 20-27	PCT - Snoqualmie to Stevens Pass Backpack	Ray Drapek
Fri-Sun	Aug 26-28	Indian Heaven Backpack	Larry Davis
Sat-Sun	Aug 27-28	Mt. Thielsen Climb	Chris Salaz
Sun-Wed	Aug 28-31	Colorado 14ers - Windom Group	Garry Stephenson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Council Meeting will be Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ike Box, 299 Cottage St. NE , SW corner of Cottage and Chemeketa

You Can Find Information On....

- [Chemeketan Bulletins](#) from June 2010 to present on the Chemeketan website.
- [Chemeketan Council Meeting Minutes](#) at our website under Who We Are>Club Business>Council Minutes.
- [Annual Meeting Minutes](#) on the website and in the March bulletin .
- [Backpack Schedule](#) on the website and in the March bulletin.
- [Climbing Program and Schedule](#) on the website
- [Annual Outing Registration and Information](#) on the website.

DUE DATES!! Please submit your bulletin articles by the **FIRST** of the preceding month. You snooze, you looze.

PHOTOS: Many recent photo submissions to the editors have been too small in file size and too pixelated. Please submit photos that are either the original size or at least 300-400 KB in size. If photos are too poor in quality, they will be rejected. Editors still reserve the right to publish photos based on their judgment, including reader interest and available space. Some photos may only be put in the ebulletin due to space restrictions in the print version of the bulletin.

DISCOUNT VENDORS The stores listed below will honor your Chemeketan membership sticker with a discount:

- **Salem Summit Co.**, 246 State St., Salem, 503-990-7304 – 10% discount.
- **Oregon Mountain Community**, 2975 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland, 503-227-1038 - 10% discount.
- **The Mountain Shop**, 1510 NE 37th, Portland, 503-288-6768 - Discounts: Members 10%, Climb Leaders 15%, Class Participants in session 15%, 30% on rentals. No discounts on service work or sale items.
- **Next Adventure**, 426 SE Grand, Portland, 503-233-0706 - 10% discount.
- **US Outdoor Store**, 219 SW Broadway, Portland, 503-223-5937 - 10% discount.

- **Peak Sports**, 207 NW 2nd, Corvallis, 541-754-6444 - 10% discount.
- **Redpoint Climber's Supply**, 800-923-6207, 8283 11th St. Terrebonne -10% discount.

BULLETIN ADS

A Chemeketan member may place one small non-commercial ad per year - for example, offering outdoor equipment for sale – in the *Chemeketan* bulletin, free of charge. Ads must be sent via email directly to the editors and must be received by the first of the month preceding the month in which they are to be published.

CHEMEKETAN STORE MERCHANDISE

A variety of Chemeketan merchandise is available from the Chemeketan store. Contact Roz Shirack at rozshirack7@gmail.com to order and for details. The inventory includes:

Chemeketan T-shirts	
Adult navy S, M, L, XL	\$12
Women's navy S, M, L	\$12
Adult charcoal long sleeve S, M, L, XL	\$15
Bandanas, light blue or black	\$6
Bandanas and T-shirts are also available at:	
Salem Summit , 246 State St.	
Thunderbird embroidered patch, 3"	\$2
Thunderbird pin, 1"	\$1

Cap, 75th anniversary, white	\$3
Short-sleeved T-shirt, light blue with thunderbird on front, child sizes 10-16	\$5
T-shirts from prior outings, sizes M,L	\$5-7

Chemeketan red and blue plaid wool fabric	\$5/yd
Mount Adams 2001 embroidered patch, 4"	\$2
Thunderbird red and blue decal, 3"	25 cents

WHERE AND WHEN

Refer to the General Information on Page 2 for trip ratings, meeting locations and other important information. Trips leave promptly at the time stated so be there a few minutes ahead of time. **RT** = Round Trip. The use of an **asterisk*** on Climb related activities indicates that the activity is available to first year climbers.

Saturday-Monday, July 2-July 4, RUTH MTN / ICY PEAK M1* OR CLARK MTN / LUAHNA PEAK R1* CLIMB
BILL SAUR

See the linked write up for descriptions of each climb. If you have a preference to either trip, let me know. [Ruth>Icy or Clark>Luahna](#)

Saturday, July 2, 8:00 a.m., OAK CREEK TO MCCULLOCH PEAK HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL WYLIE 503-378-0315

The hike starts from Oak Creek in southwest Corvallis and goes by gravel road to the highest point in McDonald Forest. The summit has a view out over Corvallis and the Willamette Valley. We return by a different set of roads and trails to Oak Creek. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD. Driving dist RT 90 miles, HIKE dist 9.3 miles, Elev. 1900 feet.

Saturday, July 2, ROCKY TOP AND ROCK ARCH HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY COLEMAN 503-873-5605

This is a beautiful and interesting hike to a former lookout site with wonderful views and flowers. The half mile hike to a natural arch is kinda marvelous, too. This short drive (above the Santiam Canyon) and short hike is perfect for the holiday weekend. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 98 miles, HIKE dist 4.5 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

Sunday, July 3, 7:15 a.m., IRON MOUNTAIN/CONE PEAK HIKE

PRE-REG W/LDR: JOHN SAVAGE 503-399-8615

Starting at the Iron Mountain parking lot, we'll hike a loop that goes past Cone Peak then on to Iron Mountain and back to the parking lot. Many wildflowers should still be in bloom. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 180 miles, HIKE dist 7 miles, Elev. 1400 feet.

Sunday, July 3, 8:00 a.m., CASCADE HEAD HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: SUSAN LATOUR 503-480-9070

We'll hike the lower Nature Conservancy Trail and head up through the sometimes muddy woods to the breathtaking overlook, occasionally complete with grazing elk. There are a number of restrictions on this trail now, including staying off the meadows, a closed upper trailhead until July 16 to protect the silverspot butterflies, and a limit of nine hikers. But the views of the mouth of little Salmon River, the beach below and the gorgeous headlands are unlimited and spectacular. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 112 miles, HIKE dist 4.2 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

Monday, July 4, 8:30 a.m., BASKETT SLOUGH NWR HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: CAROL SODERBERG 503-507-0867

We'll walk up the hill to the observation platform to view the wetlands of the southern part of the refuge and then take the Rich Guadagno Memorial Trail through an oak forest to the top of the butte. We'll come down the other side of the hill and walk beside Moffitti Marsh and then the edge of Morgan Lake. Then we'll climb back up the hill along the tree line, re-enter the forest and continue back over the butte to our cars. Slow pace.

RATED: **DAWDLERS**, Driving dist RT 25 miles, HIKE dist 5.5 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

Monday, July 4, 10:00 a.m. KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

Happy Fourth of July. If the Beanery is closed we will meet across the street at Starbucks.

Wednesday, July 6, 9:00 a.m., AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE RESTORATION
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325

Like many of you, I am both a Chemeketan and a Salem Audubon member. I have volunteered to lead a restoration program at the Audubon Nature Reserve, located in West Salem on Eola Drive, behind Safeway on Edgewater. We work every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 on a variety of projects: removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives, picking up litter, constructing and maintaining trails, mowing grass, and maintaining growing beds. At 11:00, we quit and head to McDonald's on Wallace Road to drink coffee and have a good visit. Into our fifth year, we have accomplished much with our collaborative effort.

Wednesday, July 6, GOOSE LAKE DAWDLER HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: JANET TEMPLAR 503-851-0503

The trail to Goose Lake is a lesser known one in Willamette Mission Park. We will take it to the lake and then connect with a nature trail that loops back to the parking area. Leader will scout this ahead of time to be sure all areas are accessible. Slow pace. RATED: **DAWDLERS**, Elev. 0 feet.

Wednesday, July 6, 8:00 a.m., MIDDLE PYRAMID HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: MADY KIMMICH 503-375-6101

From the Middle Pyramid trailhead, we will switchback steeply up through noble fir and along a beautiful glacial cirque on the way to the summit. Boots and poles are recommended for the rough trail. Flowers promise to be plentiful. Great views from the top. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 170 miles, HIKE dist 4 miles, Elev. 1800 feet.

Thursday, July 7, HANGING VALLEY HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: BOBBIE SNEAD 503-508-5225

This is a new destination off the Whitewater Trail. Leader hopes to scout it before the hike date. Reaching the little valley will involve some off trail hiking. Be prepared for a little cross

country travel. We will have glorious views of Jeff and opportunities to enjoy the summer wildflowers. Boots required. Slow pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 140 miles, HIKE dist 7 miles, Elev. 1200 feet.

**Thursday, July 7, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

Into our seventh year, our Chemeketan and guest lunches continue at the City of Salem's newest Senior Center, the Center 50+, at 2615 Portland Road NE. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 1:00. The cost is \$5.00 if you are 50 or better; \$6.50 if you are younger. Drop in for some good food, conversation, and a chance to do some networking.

**Friday-Sunday, July 8-July 10, 9:00 a.m., SKM,
JEFFERSON PARK - PHOTO BACKPACK
PRE-REG W/LDR: JOEL ZAK 503-559-6826**

zi3002@yahoo.com

This is a photo backpack and is atypical of our usual Chemeketan hikes. Offered by photographer Joel Zak, the objective is to photograph the areas in which we hike by planning our shots based on the light and landscape YES, I know you've been to Jefferson Park (Mt. Jefferson Wilderness) many times. During this photo-hike the challenge will be to see it for its photographic potential perhaps for the first time. We will take the Whitewater Trail in and out and camp in the park both nights. On day two we will day-hike to Park Ridge. Total hiking distance will be about 20 miles and elevation gain will be about 3,000 feet. NOTE: As of this post it is still undetermined if this hike requires camping permits. Also, given the time of this hike, mosquitoes may be an issue. Full details about this trip will be emailed to participants. Trip is limited to eight (8). RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 150 miles, BACKPACK dist 10 miles, HIKE distance 10 miles Elev. 3000 feet.

**Saturday, July 9, 8:00 a.m., SKM, TRAIL MAINTENANCE
JEAN GABRIEL 503-507-9835**

This is the third of five trail maintenance dates planned for 2016. No hikes have been scheduled on this date. Join fellow Chemeketans for this fun activity and make a difference. Tools will be provided, but bring your own gloves. The details of where we will be going and what we will be doing will be sent via the club's email distribution before the trip.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 160 miles.

**Sunday, July 10, 8:00 a.m., SKM, MARYS PEAK NORTH
RIDGE HIKE - RANDY SELIG - See roster for contact info.**

This is the long way up Marys Peak. May do a loop return, will go up Summit Trail also to see if there are any late flowers. A long day, bring lunch, water (lots) and sunscreen. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 100 miles, HIKE dist 10 miles, Elev. 2400 feet.

**Sunday, July 10, RED BUTTE HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719**

This excellent hike takes us past three mountain lakes - Duffy, Mowich, and little Alice. Just past Alice Lake, we go off-trail to climb Red Butte. From the top we have great views of Jefferson, Jack, and the Three Sisters. Wildflowers are likely, and if the day is hot, a dip in a lake is a possibility. On the way home, we will stop for refreshments at an agreeable location. Pre-register with leader at cooperrm50@gmail.com. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 160 miles, HIKE dist 12 miles, Elev. 1800 feet.

**Monday-Thursday, July 11-July 14, MT BAKER,
COLEMAN-DEMING GLACIER S1 CLIMB**

ELLEN GRADISON - See roster for contact info.

The team will drive up on July 11, hike in on July 12, climb on July 13, Hike out and drive home on July 14.

**Monday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE
BEANERY, BILL ANNING**

Come join the fun every Monday to help solve the world's problems.

**Tuesday, July 12, COFFIN AND BACHELOR MTNS HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: ROZ SHIRACK 503-399-8615**

This hike combines two short trails up Coffin and neighboring Bachelor Mountains. Coffin Mt. trail offers both stunning wildflowers and mountain views. Hopefully this will be an "on" year for the extensive beargrass. We will have first lunch near the staffed fire lookout on the summit of Coffin Mountain. Then it is back down the mountain, and a short drive down the road to the Bachelor Mountain trailhead. We will do it all again and have second lunch on the higher summit of Bachelor Mountain. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 156 miles, HIKE dist 7 miles, Elev. 2100 feet.



Lookout, Coffin Mountain



**View of Mt. Jefferson from Coffin Mountain
Photos by Roz Shirack**

Wednesday, July 13, 9:00 a.m., AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE RESTORATION
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325
See July 6 write-up.

Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 p.m., SOUTH SALEM TO MINTO BROWN EVENING HIKE - BILL WYLIE 503-378-0315
Meeting place is the first block of Missouri Street by St. Barbara's Cemetery off Liberty near Roth's Vista Market. Parking is available on both sides. We will hike over the South Salem hills down around Minto Brown Park and back by the same route. Moderate pace. RATED: EASY, HIKE dist 5 miles, Elev. 400 feet.

Thursday, July 14, KNOBBY ROCK HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: BOBBIE SNEAD 503-508-5225
Here's another new destination. It's just off the Triangulation Peak Trail and offers superb views of Jeff and down to Wild Cheat Meadow. Trail is rocky, rough and overgrown in spots. A bit of easy off trail hiking will bring us to a splendid lunch spot. Boots required. Slow pace.
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 130 miles, HIKE dist 7 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

Thursday, July 14, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325
See July 7 write-up.

Thursday, July 14, 6:00 p.m., CHEMEKETAN PIZZA NIGHT
BILL WYLIE 503-378-0315
2nd Thursday pizza night at Padington's on South Commercial across from Walmart. Hope to see you there.

Friday, July 15, 8:30 a.m., PEAVY ARBORETUM HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: CAROL SODERBERG 503-507-0867
This hike takes you through the old growth forest and forestry sections of the arboretum. We'll hike around Cronemiller Lake and then take the Calloway Creek trail. We'll also do at least part of the Intensive Management trail. After the hike we'll have lunch at a small French restaurant called Le Patissier in Corvallis. Please bring money for lunch. Slow pace.
RATED: **DAWDLERS**, Driving dist RT 70 miles, HIKE dist 4.5 miles, Elev. 500 feet

Saturday-Sunday, July 16-July 17, MT YORAN R1* CLIMB
CHRIS SALAZ
Provisional Lead; Vincent Dunn Observing Leader

Saturday-Sunday, July 16-July 17, 11:00 a.m., TRILLIUM AND LOST LAKES PADDLE
JAY ORAND 503-580-1737
This will be a two day event. Plan on paddling Trillium Lake on Saturday. There is a two mile trail around the lake we can hike after the paddle. Those who want to travel to Hood River afterward can contact Jay Orand regarding ideas for accommodations. Sunday morning we will paddle Lost Lake. There is also a trail around this lake. Slow pace.
RATED: EASY, Driving dist RT 250 miles, PADDLE dist 3 miles.

Saturday, July 16, 8:00 a.m., SKM, MCDOWELL CREEK FALLS DAWDLER HIKE
MATT RIEKE 541-928-2767
McDowell Creek is near Sweet Home in a small county park. There are three falls and some ripples along this loop. The trail is well maintained and pretty easy. There are some stairs. As this is a fairly short, the participants may wish to stop by one of the many trails near the South Santiam River in Lebanon. We

should have great weather. Come join me for an easy hike with views of beautiful waterfalls. Slow pace.
RATED: **DAWDLERS**, Driving dist RT 100 miles, HIKE dist 4 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

Saturday, July 16, 9:00 a.m., LITTLE NORTH FORK SANTIAM FAMILY-ORIENTED DAWDLER HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: CARL ANDERSON 503-385-6358
This hike is designed to be suitable for younger children, so bring the whole family- grandparents, parents, kids, and friends! We will start at the west trailhead of the Little North Santiam River trail, walking down through the forest, stopping at the river to skip rocks and marvel at all the shades of green. We'll turn around at the high point overlooking Henline Mountain across the valley. If the group is interested, we'll stop at the Gingerbread House in Mehama for some post-hike fare. Slow pace.
RATED: **DAWDLERS**, Driving dist RT 82 miles, HIKE dist 4 miles, Elev. 500 feet.

Saturday, July 16, TRIANGULATION PEAK HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: WAYNE WALLACE 503-999-2612
A short hike to a beautiful view of Mt Jefferson. Also, a possible "geezer caution" side trip to Boca cave. Pace somewhat less than moderate. Limited to 12 hikers per wilderness regulations. Moderate pace.
RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 120 miles, HIKE dist 5 miles, Elev. 750 feet.

Sunday, July 17, 8:00 a.m., SKM, MARION MOUNTAIN HIKE - BLANKA TRUNECKOVA 503-409-1606
The trailhead is located on Marion Creek Road, 5.4 miles east of Marion Forks (Hwy 22). We will take the trail and climb to Lake Ann and Marion Lake. After crossing the bridge over the lake outlet we will climb steadily to the top of Marion Mountain and the former lookout site. Our hard work will be rewarded with views of Marion Lake and Mt. Jefferson. Do not forget your water, lunch and good boots. Moderate pace.
RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 120 miles, HIKE dist 12 miles, Elev. 2000 feet.

Monday-Friday, July 18-July 22, SHACKLEFORD CREEK LOOP BACKPACK
PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719
We will hike a loop trail in the Marble Mountains as described by Mike White in 'Backpacking California' - Wilderness Press, 2015, Hike #32. The Marble Mountain Wilderness is east and a little south of Yreka California, and our trip is in the northeast part of the wilderness. We will be five days on the trail staying at four scenic mountain lakes varying in elevation from 5,400 to nearly 7,500 feet. Expect shady forests, open meadows filled with wildflowers, and great views. We will begin our trip from Shackleford Campground, spending our first night at Cliff Lake. The next day, we continue clockwise around our loop to Sky High Lakes. Then we head to Deep Lake where we will spend our third night. We begin day four with an optional day hike to visit the ABCD lakes, Aspen, Buckhorn, Chinquapin and Dogwood. Afterwards we hike to Upper Wright Lake for our last night on the trail. On day five, we hike out to the trailhead. This trip is rated medium-hard. Total backpacking distance is 33.3 miles with 9,130 feet of elevation gain. The distance of the optional day hike is 2 miles with 910 feet of gain. Moderate pace. The weather is likely to be good, but be prepared for cold nights and for the possibility of rain or snow. Please contact leader at cooperrm50@gmail.com to sign up or for further information. Moderate pace.
RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 630 miles, BACKPACK dist 33 miles, Elev. 9130 feet.

Monday, July 18, 10:00 a.m. KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

See July 11 write-up.

**Tuesday, July 19, COUNTRY GLEN EVENING HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: JANET TEMPLAR 503-851-0503**

This evening hike includes a part of north Keizer with farm land. We will start by walking through a neighborhood, continuing over a small bridge that enters Country Glen park. From there we will head east and will take what I suspect was an old farm road. When we can't go any further we will climb a short hill and head back seeing another park along the way. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY, HIKE dist 4 miles.

Wednesday, July 20, 8:00 a.m., PAR, BEYOND OPAL POOL HIKE - BARB SCHRAM 503-428-6634

For the first two miles we will hike the gravel road from the Opal Creek Wilderness parking. At two miles we will cross a footbridge and follow the Kopetski trail to Opal Pool. After a snack we will rejoin the gravel road for two miles to a one mile cutoff to Jawbone Flat. This mile will take us past evidence of past mining practices including Ruth Mine. From Jawbone it is three miles on gravel road back to parking. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 98 miles, HIKE dist 9 miles, Elev. 650 feet.

**Wednesday, July 20, 8:00 a.m., FISH LAKE HISTORIC/SANTIAM WAGON ROAD DAWDLER HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: PAULA HYATT 503-362-2765**

Along the 1867 Santiam Wagon Road north of Clear Lake lies the old Fish Lake Remount Station, some other restored buildings and the grave of an early pioneer. We will visit the area, hike a bit more on the gravel road and view Fish Lake/Meadow in its summer condition. Come join me for a leisurely day. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 170 miles, HIKE dist 2 miles.

Wednesday, July 20, 9:00 a.m., AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE RESTORATION

LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325

See July 6 write-up.

**Thursday-Sunday, July 21-July 24, SNOWFIELD PEAK COMPLEX (SNOWFIELD, PYRAMID, PAUL BUNYAN'S STUMP, COLONIAL) M2 CLIMB
BRYON SNAPP**

Climb is FULL. No more alternates will be taken.

**Thursday, July 21, JEFFERSON PARK HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: MARY COLEMAN 503-873-5605**

Jeff Park is a top Oregon destination with alpine lakes and meadows at the foot of Mt. Jefferson. The trail is long, but well graded. One stream crossing can be tricky, so bring your sticks. Call or email at mcolemanj@gmail.com with questions. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 140 miles, HIKE dist 10.2 miles, Elev. 1800 feet.

**Thursday, July 21, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325**

See July 7 write-up.

**Saturday, July 23, 7:30 a.m., FALL CREEK TRAIL HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: BEVERLY HASSELL 503-269-6514**

Great trail along a mountain creek with big trees, gorgeous narrow canyon, a sparkling stream and a sprinkling of footbridges. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 182 miles, HIKE dist 6 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

**Saturday, July 23, RPR, NEWTON CREEK LOOP HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: DEANNA DAVIS 503-856-9838**

We will make the Newton Creek Loop, which has one of the more breathtaking, close-up views of Mount Hood. Depending on the group, we will take in Elk Meadow Loop on the way. There are several creek crossings and a high bank to climb by rope. Trip is limited to 12. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 195 miles, HIKE dist 8.4 miles, Elev. 1450 feet.

**Sunday, July 24, CANYON CREEK MEADOWS HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: JOHN HUFF 503-507-7348**

This is a classic hike to a view point on the flank of Three Fingered Jack. We will start out at Jack Lake and hike through meadows that should have plenty of flowers in July. We will then hike up a steep trail past the cirque lake to the viewpoint. Bring plenty of water and the rest of the usuals. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 200 miles, HIKE dist 7.5 miles, Elev. 1400 feet

Monday, July 25, 10:00 a.m. KOFFEE KLATCH AT THE BEANERY, BILL ANNING

See July 11 write-up.

**Tuesday, July 26, 8:30 a.m., TAKENA LANDING HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: CAROL SODERBERG 503-507-0867**

This out and back route along the Willamette River should be a nice hike for a potentially hot July day. Most of the trail should be in shade. I didn't have a chance to pre-hike this route before the cut-off for the July bulletin but I'll do that well before the actual hike date. My current plan is that towards the end of the hike we'll walk across the bridge to the south side of river to have lunch at Novak's Hungarian restaurant before we end our day. Slow pace.

RATED: DAWDLERS, Driving dist RT 50 miles, HIKE dist 5 miles, Elev. 200 feet.

Wednesday-Sunday, July 27-July 31, AVALANCHE VALLEY ON MT. ADAMS BACKPACK

PRE-REG W/LDR: TIM TAYLOR 541-752-0092

One guidebook claims that "when good little hikers finally check in their boots, this is where they go." We should be seeing glaciers, mountain goats, springs from lava tubes, and wildflowers. This is not a difficult trip but we're giving it four nights and five days because of possible stream issues and slow trail conditions. It's very possible we'll be making it out on day four however, with reasonable trails and group consensus. Day one: Muddy Meadows to Foggy Flats, 4-1/2 mi, +1600 ft. Day two: Foggy Flats to Devils Garden to Avalanche Valley, 7 mi, + 1800 ft., - 1200 ft. Day three: Explore. Day four and five: Out the way we came in. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 330 miles, Backpack dist 23 miles, Elev. 4600 feet.

**Wednesday, July 27, MARION FALLS HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: JIM SELLERS 503-302-7650**

Marion Falls is not only a "top 10" Oregon water feature, but this Mt. Jefferson Wilderness hike also offers much more: ducks on pretty Lake Ann, picturesque Marion Creek, and Three Fingered Jack rising behind Marion Lake. We will take the steep scramble down to the spectacular two-tier waterfall.

Sullivan rates the Marion Lake hike as easy, although the scramble to the falls is DIFFICULT. Lunch at Marion Lake. Limited to 8 people because of little space at the falls viewpoint. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 145 miles, HIKE dist 6.5 miles, Elev. 800 feet.

Wednesday, July 27, 9:00 a.m., AUDUBON NATURE RESERVE RESTORATION
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325

See July 6 write-up

Thursday, July 28, 11:30 a.m., CENTER 50+ LUNCH
LEE SLATTUM 503-364-9325

See July 7 write-up.

Thursday, July 28, 6:00 p.m., TRUCK LOADING
WAYNE WALLACE 503-999-2612

Truck loading for the annual outing will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Saf Store at 350 Glenn Creek Rd NW in West Salem. This is beside the West Salem Courthouse and behind Roth's Grocery. Bring gloves, many hands make light work and besides we talk a lot.

Friday-Sunday, July 29-July 31, SKY HIGH LAKES BACKPACK

PRE-REG W/LDR: BILL SULLIVAN 541-683-6837

Join author Bill Sullivan as he updates a guidebook. In the Marble Mountain Wilderness of Northern California, the trailhead is a 6-hour drive from Salem. We'll meet at noon on Friday at the Lovers Camp trailhead and hike 6 miles to the lakes, where we'll pitch camp for two nights. On Saturday Bill will lead an optional seven-mile exploration. Sunday we return by a different, seven-mile route. This will be a joint trip with the Eugene Obsidians. Limit: 12. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 500 miles, BACKPACK dist 13 miles, Elev. 3000 feet.

Friday, July 29, 9:00 a.m., FMN, CHAMPOEG STATE PARK TO BUTTEVILLE HIKE

PAT SIMILA 503-581-5369

A pleasant walk through the forest and along the Willamette River from Champoeg State Park to historic Butteville and the Butteville Store. The store may or may not be open for food purchase. We can eat our lunch at a table in the backyard of the store. Meet at the west side of FMN parking lot near Les Schwab. Moderate pace.

RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 50 miles, HIKE dist 5 miles.

Saturday, July 30, DIAMOND PEAK, SOUTH RIDGE U* CLIMB - MIKE BUREN

[Diamond Peak Prospectus](#)

Saturday, July 30, 7:30 a.m., PAR, CARL LAKE HIKE
BARB SCHRAM 503-428-6634

Leader has visited Carl Lake twice. Last in September 2015. The yellow jackets were fierce. I assume they won't be a

problem in July. Am not sure about mosquitoes so please prepare. Recall the trail as moderate with a section of switchbacks at the two mile mark. In under five miles we will arrive at the lake. After lunch we will wade, rest and appreciate this beautiful lake before returning via the same route. Contact leader by Thursday, 7/28. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 220 miles, HIKE dist 10 miles, Elev. 1000 feet.

Saturday-Saturday, July 30-August 13, 6:00 p.m., CHEMEKETAN OUTING
KEN ASH 503-884-3160

The annual Chemeketan Outing will be in the Willowa Mountains. We will camp at the Nez Perce Homeland site near the village of Willowa. Come and enjoy good hikes, good food and good times. For details see the Chemeketan website or the prospectus.

Driving dist RT 600 miles.

Saturday-Sunday, July 30-July 31, GOAT ROCKS (R1*) - CURTIS GILBERT / IVES PEAK/OLD SNOWY CLIMB

BILL SAUR - Dates may change to 8/20-21

[Goat Rocks Prospectus](#)

Saturday, July 30, STAHLMAN POINT HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: EILEEN HARDER 503-508-4950

Always a pleasant hike. Gentle forested uphill until we reach the flat spot where the old fire lookout used to be. Wonderful views on a clear day. We'll lunch at the top and come back the way we came. A stop at Frothy Top for ice cream might be called for. Moderate pace.

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 112 miles, HIKE dist 4.6 miles, Elev. 1340 feet.

Sunday, July 31, BUGABOO RIDGE/BACHELOR MTN HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: BOBBIE SNEAD 503-508-5225

This is one of my favorite hikes. Located near Marion Forks, it features far ranging views and flowers. The trail will probably be brushy in spots and have windfall across the trail. There is very little shade on top of Bachelor Mtn. so bring plenty of water and a sun hat. Boots required. Slow pace.

RATED: MEDIUM-HARD, Driving dist RT 140 miles, HIKE dist 7.6 miles, Elev. 1600 feet.

Sunday, July 31, 8:00 a.m., MIDDLE PYRAMID HIKE
PRE-REG W/LDR: RALPH NAFZIGER 541-926-4245

We will begin the hike in an old growth forest and meadows. Switchbacks then will greet us with views of an ancient cirque until we crest a ridge. We follow the west face of Middle Pyramid, a volcanic remnant, to a rocky saddle. After a short scramble, we will summit with superb views. Meet leader at the Stayton-Sublimity park and ride off highway 22 at 8:30 a.m.

Leader's e-mail: nafziger@peak.org

RATED: MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 164 miles, HIKE dist 4.2 miles, Elev. 1800 feet.

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday-Saturday, August 6-August 13, MT. OLYMPUS(M1*)/BAILEY TRAVERSE(M2) CLIMB
CHRIS SALAZ/BILL SAUR

Contact Chris Salaz about Olympus and Bill Saur about the Bailey Traverse

[Mt Olympus Prospectus](#)

Saturday, August 6, SOUTH SISTER, DEVIL'S LAKE U* CLIMB - THERESA CONLEY

Contact Leader for more Information.

<http://www.oregon.com/recreation/hike-south-sister>

RATED: , Driving dist RT miles, CLIMB dist miles, Elev. feet.

**Sunday, August 14, 6:00 p.m., TRUCK UNLOADING
WAYNE WALLACE 503-999-2612**

Truck unloading will be at 6:00 p.m. at the Saf Store at 350 Glen Creek Rd NW in West Salem. which is beside the West Salem Courthouse Athletic Club and behind Roth's Grocery. Bring work gloves.

**Monday-Monday, August 15-August 22, GRAND
SAWTOOTH LOOP BACKPACK
PRE-REG W/LDR: RICK COOPER 503-362-9719**

We will hike the Grand Sawtooth Loop described by Lorain in 'Backpacking Idaho'. The Sawtooth Mountains are in west-central Idaho northeast of Boise. The Sawtooth Mountains are rugged and beautiful, renowned for their craggy granite peaks, alpine meadows, wildflowers, and lovely lakes nestled in high glacial cirques. Lorain describes this trip as the premier backpacking tour in the Sawtooths. We will begin our trip from the trailhead near Grandjean Campground, spending our first night at Trail Creek Lake. We will continue around the loop in a clockwise direction staying on North Fork Baron Creek, Baron Lake, Upper Cramer Lake, Lake Ingeborg, and Elk Lake. This trip is rated hard. Total backpacking distance is 65 miles with 12,200 feet of elevation gain. Moderate pace. The weather is likely to be good, but be prepared for cold nights -- several of our camps are over 8,000 feet -- and for the possibility of rain or snow. We will be seven days on the trail with an additional travel day at each end. We will camp at the Grandjean Campground (at the trailhead) when not on the trail. Please contact leader at cooperrm50@gmail.com to sign up or for further information. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 1160 miles, BACKPACK dist 65 miles, Elev. 12200 feet.

**Saturday-Saturday, August 20-August 27, SKM, PCT:
SNOQUALMIE TO STEVENS PASS BACKPACK
RAY DRAPEK 541-754-7364**

This is one of the most remote stretches of the PCT. There are considerable elevation gains and losses along this trail, but we will probably hike no more than 11 miles in any day. We will traverse the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and will pass by at least a dozen lakes along the way. The PCT generally is a well maintained trail. We will not scout the trail before the hike, but the PCT is also a very well documented trail. Moderate pace.

RATED: HARD, Driving dist RT 670 miles, BACKPACK dist 71 miles, Elev. 19122 feet.

**Friday-Sunday, August 26-August 28, 8:00 a.m., INDIAN
HEAVEN WILDERNESS BACKPACK**

PRE-REG W/LDR: LARRY DAVIS 503-810-2099

Explore Gifford Pinchot National Forest in southern Washington. We will hike and camp among mountain lakes where swimming is an option and huckleberries are often plentiful. We'll move at a relaxed pace, appropriate for fit beginners, with options for day hiking. Please bring entertainment to share: song or story. Slow pace. RATED: EASY-MEDIUM, Driving dist RT 250 miles, BACKPACK dist 7 miles, Elev. 800 feet.

**Saturday-Sunday, August 27-August 28, MT THIELSEN,
WEST RIDGE R1* CLIMB
CHRIS SALAZ**

Provisional Lead; Mason Smith Observing Leader

**Sunday-Wednesday, August 28-August 31, COLORADO
14'ERS - WINDOM GROUP R1 CLIMB
GARRY STEPHENSON**

The Windom Group is located in Colorado's Weminuche Wilderness and includes three ranked and one unranked 14ers. The trip begins in Durango and we will travel by historic narrow gauge railroad to the trailhead and backpack into and camp in the 11,000+ foot Chicago Basin. We'll spend two days climbing with a special primary target of Mt Eolus (completing the list of 14ers for an important Chemeketa leader) but Windom Peak, Sunlight Peak, and North Eolus will also be on our list.

This trip will require traveling to Colorado (arranged independently) and the cost of a round trip railroad ticket on the Durango-Silverton Railroad. The trip will be very strenuous. Participants must be self-sufficient for alpine backpacking and comfortable with climbing at altitude on exposed class 3 and 4 rock. Team size is limited.

The basic itinerary:

August 28—Meet in Durango, take railroad to trailhead, backpack into Chicago Basin

August 29 and 30—Climb

August 31—Hike out, take railroad to Durango

WE WERE THERE

Valley of the Giants Hike, May 4

Although there were some clouds, we did not get wet at the VOG. We hiked the VOG trail through the towering old growth trees, and viewed the cut on Big Guy who is now laying on the forest floor. We enjoyed lunch on the bank of the Siletz River. On our way back to Salem we stopped for a break and quick look at the Falls City Falls. Hikers were Dennis and Pam McKenzie, Barb Schram, Larry Vuylsteke, Trish and Joe Rossito and Bill Caldwell, leader.

Silver Falls Waterfall Loop Hike, May 10

A gorgeous day for a gorgeous hike. At the South Falls Lodge we found a display of about a hundred different wildflowers just gathered in the park; who knew?! Some on the trail too of course. Very enthusiastic guest Charmi Jensen, and members Phyllis Benanti, Robbie Eason, and George Struble, leader.

Chemeketa Cabin Maintenance, May 14 - May 15

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We had a spring cleanup weekend which included restocking firewood, cleanup of the cabin grounds and a thorough vacuuming of the cabin interior. A thanks to Dave and Cindy Green for letting us use their emergency generator for powering the vacuums. Volunteers were Dave and Cindy Green, Lon Johnson, and Lee Slattum and Jean Gabriel who did trail maintenance on Andy's Trail. Submitted by Bill Wylie, Cabin Maintenance Chairman.

Litter Patrol, May 14

Three members collected less litter than usual in a light rain, and Barb Schram and Mary Liepins have my sincere thanks for their help.

Rooster Rock Hike, May 16

A steady foursome tackled Rooster Rock despite the low cloud and mist surrounding us most of the time. Flowers abounded, especially Douglas iris, inside-out flower, vanilla leaf, whipplea,

and rhodies; biggest surprise was a large cluster of Candystick! At the summit, aided by sublime imagination, we viewed the Three Sisters, Belknap Crater, and nearby Iron Mountain (actually seen on the previous week's sunny scouting hike). Enjoying the day were Mary Liepins, Steve Gram, Rob and Mady Kimmich (leader).

Shellburg Falls Hike, May 18

Five Chemeketans, Rosanna Wilson, Joanne Schiedler, Alice Phalan, Jane Kasev, and Ann Hanus hiked the Shellburg Falls loop. It was a gorgeous day with wild iris and foxglove blooming along the trail. We ate lunch above the falls with a glorious view of the creek plunging over the basalt formation.

Fitton Green Hike, May 22

Rain held off for the round trip hike from Bald Hill parking lot in Corvallis to the lunch and viewpoint atop Fitton Green. Clouds limited the views but were made up for with an assortment of wildflowers. Roz made identifications for us and her good eye found a tiger lily. We'd just arrived back at the car when it started to rain. Made a stop for refreshments in Corvallis before returning. Hikers included, Roz Shirack, Kathy Moreland, Vera Langer, Allison Boomer, qualifier Terresa Larrabee and leader, Barb Schram.

West Metolius River Trail Hike, May 24

This was a new trail for most of us and proved to be a delight. We first visited the headwaters of the Metolius to see it "spring" forth from the hillside. We then drove to the West Metolius Trailhead about five miles downriver to start our hike. A quarter mile down the trail the river was enlarged with 10 more springs gushing from the lava slope across the river. These springs are larger and more visible than the headwater springs. The trail follows close to the river with frequent, easy river access. Several times the trail climbs 30-40 feet above the river for good views overlooking the river, which alternates between roaring whitewater and a lazy broad flow. A variety of wildflowers lined the trail, including balsamroot, lupine, columbine, larkspur, false Solomon's seal, honeysuckle, and many others. We stopped for lunch at the Wizard Falls Fish Hatchery, then proceeded another mile downriver (the trail continues for miles) before turning around. Hikers were Rick

Cooper, Nancy Rockwell, Trish Winkler, Phyllis Benanti, Deanna Davis, Bev Hassell, Corriene Thompson, Don Gallagher, Betsy Belshaw, and leader Roz Shirack.

Old Bridge in Table Rock Wilderness Hike, May 28

What a pleasure it was to lead this group! None had hiked the Old Bridge trail and half were new to this leader. I couldn't have had a more able and cheerful bunch on this sunny day in May. The forest was lush and decorated nicely with rhodies and the meadow gleamed green and flush with swathes of flowers. What a lunch spot. We gamely explored off trail to find another small meadow which they dubbed Mary's Meadow...awww. The loop back to the cars showed a banner year for rhodies and iris. Following the hike, toes were soaked in the river and thirsts were quenched at C'est la Vie/Black Bear Grill in Molalla. Becky Engeln, Vicki Kimpton, Jeff Heinz (guest), Lynnette Olesen, Mike Koyama, Blanka Truneczkova, Patricia Winkler, Rick Cooper, Nancy Rockwell, Nancy Chambers, Jan Leland and Mary Coleman, leader.

Niagara and Pheasant Falls Hike, May 31

A wonderful day for driving through the beautiful woodland areas northwest of home for a pleasant hike down to the falls and for a picnic table for our lunch stop just below Niagara Falls. Pheasant had less water over it than I've seen before, but each of the many levels of this drop had a lace-like film of water. A slow amble on the way down, stopping to recognize the many flowers; a similar slow pace on the return, with many rest stops. Thanks to participants for putting up with my dawdler pace. Leader Paula Hyatt was joined by Patsy Smith, Julie Slaughter, Sandy Harris, Robbie Earon, John Eels, Janice Carrier and "tail" (for a change) Matt Rieke.

Willamette River Hike, June 1

Six of us enjoyed ourselves walking along the river. We went through neighborhoods and three parks before reaching our destination of the fourth park, Keizer Rapids. We explored some of the trails there before beginning the return trip to our cars. Enjoying the day were: Sylvia Dawson, Wiexiun Baker, Marcia Kenagy, Rosanna Wilson, Greda Van Veen and leader Janet Templar.