

SATURDAY TRIPS (June 3, 8:30 am - 4 pm)

| | # people (excl. leader) | SITE/TRIP | DESCRIPTION | Leader |
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| COAST | | | | |
| 3-1 | 9 | A Day at the Coast: Darlingtonia State Natural Site, Cook's Ridge Trail and if time the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve. | A stop by the only Oregon State Park dedicated to the preservation of a single plant species. A gentle two-and-a-half-mile round trip hike in the Coast Range out to rocky balds, and if time permits a short visit to a zonal denial garden with a variety of exotic and native plants. https://www.yachatsoregon.org/292/Gerdemann-Botanic-Preserve-Public-Footpa | Bruce Waugh |
| 3-2 | 12 | Honeyman State Park hike | Explore the many trails of Honeyman State Park with Molly Widmer, Chris Melotti and Jessica Celis. Plants, fungi and birds all will be a part of this fun day. | Molly Widmer, Chris Melotti, and Jessica Celis |
| COAST RANGE | | | | |
| 3-3 | 12 | Richardson Upriver Road and Old Growth Ridge | Richardson Upriver Rd (south facing rocky area) and the Old Growth Ridge trail. | Ed Alverson |
| 3-4 | 10 | Sweet Cr. Falls | All 3 sections. We'll be on the lookout for: <i>Corydalis scouleri</i> , <i>Erythronium revolutum</i> (probably past flowering), <i>Ribes laxiflorum</i> (uncommon in Lane County) and <i>Scolopos hallii</i> ; the waterfalls are ... sweet! Part of the trail is built hanging onto a rock wall, putting the <i>Micranthes</i> (etc.) at eye level. | Armand Rebisckhe |
| WILLAMETTE VALLEY | | | | |
| 3-5 | 15 | Coyote Prairie and Coyote-Spencer Wetlands | Coyote Prairie is City of Eugene wetland mitigation bank and restoration site burned last fall, so a wildflower explosion is predicted. Coyote-Spencer Wetlands (owned by McKenzie River Trust) is about to be restored (part) and undergoing restoration (part). It has the annual meeting "theme flower" (Columbia Lily) blooming next to Oregon Larkspur – both peaking at trip time! Also Thinleaf Peavine, Bradshaw's Lomatium and Suncups (only location in Will. Valley). Abby Colheur from Long Tom Watershed Council may talk about cultural fire and plants, and restoration. Off trail; ground is generally flat, but uneven and there isn't a mowed path, so may not be suitable for someone who is unsteady on their feet. | Paul Gordon and Diane Steeck (CP) and Bruce Newhouse (CSW) |
| 3-6 | 12 | Fern Ridge RNAs | Fern Ridge Fisher Butte RNA and Royal Amazon RNA for wet prairie flora, rare plants, Fender's blue butterfly, with review of ecological history and management methods. We will spend time at each site to pick up Bradshaw's lomatium, Willamette daisy, Kincaid's lupine and (weather permitting) Fender's Blue Butterfly. | Wes Messinger |
| 3-7 | 15 | Howard Buford Recr. Area (Mt. Pisgah): Friends of Buford Park native nursery & hike | Our morning will be spent at the nursery among beds of about 50 blooming wildflowers and about 40 others in bud or going to fruit. We'll learn about the nursery's important role in restoration, conservation and research. Highlighted plants will be <i>Mimulus cardinalis</i> (Scarlet Monkeyflower), <i>Wyethia angustifolia</i> (Narrowleaf Mule-Ears), <i>Lilium columbianum</i> (Columbia Lily), <i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> (Oregon sunshine) and many more. After a break for a picnic lunch at the nursery we'll hike in the prairie and oak woodlands of Howard Buford Park. There is a bathroom at the nursery. | Gail Baker, Mieko Aoki, Jeff Deiz |
| WESTERN CASCADES | | | | |
| 3-8 | 15 | Bryophytes: field and screen | Note: plant lists and more information for the trips below available at Tanya Harvey's Western Cascades Website (https://westerncascades.com/) Morning: Easy hike along a section of the McKenzie River trail just upriver from Frissell Boat Launch. This part of the trail is along an abandoned trail, so there's room to gather around to listen to talks about the bryophytes at that spot and pass around samples. Only about 1/2 mile walk. Be prepared to get on hands and knees. Bring handlens. Afternoon: workshop in Venue 252. The focus of this session will be an introduction to Wagner's Guide to Liverworts of Oregon, an eBook written in HTML so it is navigated like an ordinary website. The interactive structure will be explained so that anybody can add to a personal copy or create similar guides. Bring a computer for a free download of the document to follow along with the presentation and easily explore all known liverworts from Oregon, illustrated with about 1,000 color photomicrographs. | David Wagner |
| 3-9 | 15 | Castle Rock | Although it is at a relatively low elevation, it feels like you are much higher in the mountains because of the serious cliffs below the summit and the wonderful view. The trip ascends through the forest to some openings with many annuals, lomatiums, and lovely phlox. A little forest of chinquapin and oak sits at the top. It's an excellent place to look for rock ferns including the uncommon <i>Woodsia scopulina</i> . And we'll hope to rediscover Timwort (<i>Cicendia quadrangularis</i>). | Krista Farris (Assistant: Willow Elliot) |
| 3-10 | 15 | Grassy Glade | A large meadow and a number of small rocky openings is home to heartleaf milkweed (<i>Asclepias cordifolia</i>) and a number of other unusual species normally found much further south. We'll explore the trailless area, walk down a half mile to the end of a spur road to see the view of the mountains, and climb down to a floriferous rocky ridge to see more milkweed and a number of colorful annuals. When the milkweed is in bloom (hopefully it will have started), the area is a mecca for butterflies. We'll also make a stop at the picturesque Staley Creek gorge to botanize some more and admire the beautiful falls. If the milkweed isn't in bloom yet, we might climb up to the top of Big Pine Opening, a restoration area at lower elevation, where the milkweed blooms a lot earlier. | Tanya Harvey |
| 3-11 | 9 | Horse Rock Ridge RNA | A moderate four-mile round trip leads through second-growth forest to a rocky bald with an interesting flora including species typically found at higher elevations or east of the Cascade crest. As a Research Natural Area, the flora has been well inventoried, and a list of species is available. We'll explore the plants, the pollinators, and the lichen community, and ditch the pollinators for the lichens depending upon the weather. | August Jackson |
| 3-12 | 10 | Patterson Mountain | Patterson Mtn. can be a wonderful early season wildflower hike with a diversity of habitats including towering old growth conifers and a large wet meadow with <i>Kalmia</i> , willows, the lovely <i>Ranunculus populago</i> , skunk cabbage, camas and white bog orchid among other wildflowers. Further along the trail we will pass through a cathedral-like stand of colossal Douglas-fir 4' to 5' thick with storm and snow battered, broken topped Pacific Silver fir adding character to the forest. Scattered vine maple, rhododendron and hemlock comprise the understory along with extensive carpets of oxalis and starry Solomon's seal. Nearer the top we will visit a dry meadow which usually has glacier lilies and Lyall's anemone early in the season followed by scarlet paintbrush, iris and larkspur among other wildflowers as the season progresses. Our trail ends at a rock outcrop with many openings to explore, containing glacier lilies, phlox and saxifrages along with other botanical surprises. The view from here includes Lookout Point reservoir and the Three Sisters as well as other Cascade peaks. | John Koenig |
| 3-13 | 12 | Nevergo Creek & Elk Camp Shelter | We will start with some roadside meadow and wetland viewing, with optional side trips into wetlands for close up flower viewing and photographing. At our second stop, we will have a half mile of easy walking on a beautiful old growth forest trail that brings us to a <i>Kalmia microphylla</i> bog and an elk wallow. In an adjacent meadow, we'll look for signs of emerging <i>Frasera umpquensis</i> , the rare <i>Umpqua swertia</i> . We'll eat lunch at an old Forest Service shelter. Remember your waterproof boots if you want to see everything up close, lunch and water. | Jenny Lippert (Assistant: Nancy Bray) |
| 3-14 | 12 | Tire Mountain | Painterly swaths of pink, yellow, and blue color the sloping meadows of Tire Mountain each June. The relatively easy trail cuts across a number of these meadows before eventually switchbacking up to the viewless summit (most people who come for the flowers skip this part as will we). Since most of the trail lies a little below 4000', there is an interesting mix of subalpine plants and low elevations annuals. After a wet spring, it is these annuals that put on a spectacular show and make this one of the best wildflower hikes in the Western Cascades. | Molly Juillerat |
| 3-15 | 12 | Youngs Rock | Far better known as a mountain biking trail, this is actually one of the most botanically interesting trails in the Western Cascades. Plants from both the California floristic zone and the northern flora mix here, and subalpine species mix with those found normally in the Valley. Many unusual species can be found along this trail as it climbs a ridge through old growth Ponderosa pine forest through a series of small meadows before arriving at the base of the statuesque pillar rock that gives the trail its name. | Sarah Uebel |