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News of the Tillamook Forest Center

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Fun on wheels

Lisa Gibson

Do you like to ride all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), motorcycles, or 4-wheel drive vehicles off road? The Tillamook State Forest is a great place to have off-highway vehicle fun with over 250 miles of trails. The Tillamook Forest Center has a free off-highway vehicle (OHV) map to help you find your way. You can also pick up a new ATV permit and an Oregon OHV Guide at the center. ATV permits cost \$10 and are valid for two years. You can also purchase ATV permits at many Oregon State Parks offices and at numerous vendors throughout Oregon. Visit www.oregon.gov/oprd/ATV/pages/permit_vendors.aspx for more information about obtaining an ATV permit are available at:

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) encourages all off-roaders to be safe, responsible, and informed while they are out having fun. Here's a pre-trip checklist:

1. Purchase an ATV permit and obtain a rule book for your vehicle(s).
2. Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained.
3. Consult your map and check out the OHV trail report before you go at: www.oregon.gov/odf/tillamookstateforest/pages/ohvtrailreport.aspx
4. Consider changing trail conditions due to weather. Find the latest forest weather report at: <http://bit.ly/1nkBozG>.
5. In fire season, find information on how OHV use may be restricted at: www.oregon.gov/ODF/tillamookstateforest/Pages/index.aspx.
6. When you ride, honor signage and share the trail. Being respectful of the rules and other riders allows everyone to have fun and be safe.

Are you interested in getting involved with the Tillamook State Forest's OHV trails? Contact one of our OHV specialists to learn how to get involved with a club or volunteer to help maintain OHV trails on the forest.

More information can be found on ODF's website at www.oregon.gov/odf/tillamookstateforest/pages/recreation.aspx or at www.oregonOHV.org.



Many types of OHVs are allowed on our trails and there are even areas for kids to improve their skills.





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with the Tillamook State Forest.*

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To receive this free quarterly newsletter regularly, please contact us. We appreciate your comments or questions on this publication or other forest activities.

From the Director

Return from the Burn

It's time again for the annual Return from the Burn event at the Tillamook Forest Center on August 15-17. More than 80 years ago we experienced the first of four devastating fires that turned this forest into the "Tillamook Burn," a stand of dead trees as far as the eye could see. As we like to say, "it burned to black but we planted it back." Let's celebrate this beautiful sea of green now known as the Tillamook State Forest.

Thanks to the generous support of the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, this year's event will include a number of new activities. On Saturday we are featuring the band Timberbound which will offer two sets of old logger's songs, including their rendition of "Tillamook Burn." Also, we will have a special steam donkey presentation that will showcase how this 1880s machine became the workhorse of the woods. Young visitors may enjoy the firefighter parachute drop from the top of the fire lookout tower. And finally for the wee ones, we will offer a storytime each day along with visits from Smokey Bear.

This year's event is offered in conjunction with Tillamook County's "A Step Back in Time." This event offers visitors an opportunity to visit several other museums and a scenic train ride for an all-inclusive \$15 pass – as always, it is free to visit the Tillamook Forest Center. For more information, please call the Garibaldi Maritime Museum at (503) 322-8411.

We hope you'll join us for the Return from the Burn event this year for some free family fun!



*Don't miss performances by
Timberbound on August 16 as part
of this year's Return from the Burn
event.*



Larry Berrin

ODF internship: a dream come true

Bonnie Gisler

The Tillamook Forest Center hosts two internships within the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). This summer Shawn Bray and I were hired as interns. We are both students at Oregon State University studying in the Natural Resource field. I couldn't be more excited for this opportunity to work for a department so invested in our state's forests. As an intern at the center, I am developing and presenting programs to educate the public about the

Tillamook State Forest and how ODF manages for the environmental, social, and economic wellbeing of our forests. As a student studying Natural Resources and Communication, this position perfectly lined up with my game plan, so I applied. When I was offered the position a month later, it was literally a dream come true. In my elementary years, while other children aspired to become the President of the United States, I dreamed of one day wearing the ODF emblem and driving a white pick-up truck just like my mom. Today I get to see that dream come to life here at the Tillamook Forest Center. Both Shawn and I have held the department in high esteem for years and couldn't be more overjoyed at the prospect of interning for ODF.



Your gift makes forest education possible



If you have enjoyed or been touched by a program, exhibit or special moment at the Tillamook Forest Center and want to make sure the center can continue to provide excellent forest education opportunities, please consider offering your financial support. One hundred percent of all gifts go directly to education programs and activities at the center. Here is a menu of possible donation ideas...every gift counts.

Donor trees: A great gift idea...

The Trust invites you to show your support for the Tillamook Forest Center by "planting your tree" in a unique forest landscape sculpture located in the center's entry plaza. In recognition of your \$75 gift, your name or the name of the person you honor or memorialize will be engraved on a tree medallion which will be set against the forest backdrop created by the sculpture (order forms are available on this page).

Trailside benches available for sponsorship...

Made from Douglas-fir trees grown in the Tillamook State Forest, these benches provide visitors a moment to pause, rest and reflect with views of the Wilson River and the surrounding forest. An attractive brass plaque is inset into the back of the bench and can be used to honor or memorialize individuals or organizations. A limited number of rustic benches are available for a sponsorship gift at the \$2,500 level.



Through support from the Trust, teachers will have fun learning outside at the free Forest Wildfire and Watershed workshop on October 8.

Yes! I want to help support the Tillamook Forest Center

Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ tree(s) @\$75 per tree

Here is my check

Please charge my Visa/Mastercard

Card # _____ Exp _____ CCV _____

Signature _____

In Memory of... In Honor of... Name Only

Name to appear on tree:

Line One:

Line Two:

Line Three:

The Trust is pleased to recognize donations made as gifts, or to honor or memorialize a special person. Send recognition of this donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Donor trees are available on a first-come basis. If requesting more than one tree, please make photocopies of this form.

Consider a planned gift...

A charitable gift may play a part in your overall estate plan. The Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust's experienced team is pleased to work with donors on life income gift plans, such as charitable remainder trusts, or estate gifts and bequests. Our team can also assist with charitable gifts of specialty assets.

Cultural Trust partner means tax credit...

Keep in mind that the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust is a qualified partner in the Oregon Cultural Trust, an innovative and widely-supported program for strengthening and preserving Oregon's arts, heritage and culture. Gifts to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, made in concert with a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust, qualify you for a tax deduction for both gifts and a tax credit, all while supporting important work related to our state's culture and arts.

For more information on making a gift, contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 815-6800.

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Soundscapes

Sara Cahn



It's eighty-three degrees and I've been standing on the bridge looking for signs of birds. So far, a few cedar waxwings have ventured out of the lone western redcedar along the northern bank of the Wilson River to catch some passing insects. A common raven has preened atop the very same redcedar, and a northern flicker just made haste to the southern bank and disappeared.

There isn't much activity on the river this morning, but other mornings are raucous, with so many birdsongs I'm hardly able to decipher them. However, this is not so for the birds. To birds, as well as frogs, insects and other animals, sounds are a landscape, where every audible niche is filled by individual artists.

Somehow these creatures can single out moments when their distinct voices will be heard. In this way, mating may not necessarily be based on who is the loudest, but chosen from a sound gallery of mates each with his own solo performance, even if only for a moment.

Birds and other creatures also use their physical landscape to alter their calls. Alternately choosing dry, hilly areas that purposefully restrict their call's reach to avoid attracting predators, or singing out in the morning's mist and fog to extend their voice across a larger territory where, in essence, they may try to command it.

On this particular day, just the slow amble of the river and an occasional American dipper bouncing on a mid-stream rock lend the day its lazy movement. Apparently the "sleeping niche" is filled during hot days, something I would very much like to do at the end of today.

At about five in the morning, I'll be woken up by a summer chorus of towhees, swallows, sparrows, and hawks. Normally I would groan and roll over, but tomorrow morning I will listen until I can hear the single voices of every bird call out into the dawn, revealing their carefully orchestrated soundscape.



Painting by Sara Cahn

Super volunteers: Randy and Judy Ball, Michigan

Retired special education principal, Judy Ball and her husband Randy, a former automotive design engineer, join us for their second season volunteering at the Tillamook Forest Center. They annually migrate 2,400 miles from Spring Lake, Michigan to join us for the summer. When asked exactly why they travel so far to be here, Randy simply replies, "I don't know why we keep doing it...we love it." An incredible asset to the center and our guests, they live on the premises throughout their stay and enjoy the peace of the forest after hours. If you would like to volunteer, let us know. We are looking for hosts for September and October and have a spot just for you!



2014 Summer Program Calendar

august



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

3
11:30 Bashful Bears
12:30 Flames to Forest
1:30 Plant Walk
2:30 Insects

10
11:30 Plant Walk
12:30 Woodpecker
1:30 Eco-pictionary
2:30 Forest Bounty



24
11:30 Signs of Wildlife
12:30 Flames to Forest
1:30 Eco-pictionary
2:30 Bald Eagles

4
Perseid Meteor Shower

11

18

25

5
Monday - Thursday
Naturalist Choice Programs
at 11:30 and 1:30

12
Monday - Thursday
Naturalist Choice Programs
at 11:30 and 1:30

19
Monday - Thursday
Naturalist Choice Programs
at 11:30 and 1:30

26
Monday - Thursday
Naturalist Choice Programs
at 11:30 and 1:30

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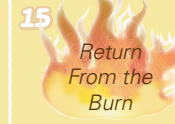
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1
11:30 Flames to Forest
12:30 Bashful Bears
1:30 Woodpeckers
2:30 Insects

8
11:30 Animal Tracking
12:30 Plant Walk
1:30 Water Wonders
2:30 Forest Bounty



22
11:30 Animal Tracking
12:30 Signs of Wildlife
1:30 Water Wonders
2:30 Bald Eagles

29
11:30 Animal Tracking
12:30 Forest Bounty
1:30 Water Wonders
2:30 Insects

2
11:30 Flames to Forest
12:30 Insects
1:30 Woodpeckers
2:30 Bashful Bears

9
11:30 Tillamook Tales
12:30 Forest Bounty
1:30 Feathered Friends
2:30 Plant Walk



23
11:30 Flames to Forest
12:30 Bald Eagles
1:30 Feathered Friends
2:30 Signs of Wildlife

30
11:30 Tree Walk
12:30 Insects
1:30 Animal Tracking
2:30 Flames to Forest

september

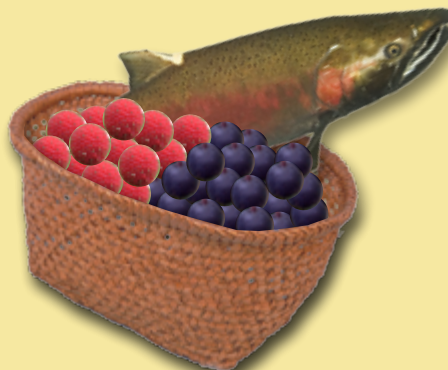
Sunday Monday

31
11:30 Bald Eagles
12:30 Tree Walk
1:30 Eco-pictionary
2:30 Insects

1
11:30 Tree Walk
1:30 Animal Tracking

Labor Day

For more information on special events and daily programs visit www.tillamookforestcenter.org/events_05.html





Tillamook Forest Center

45500 Wilson River Highway
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The Tillamook Forest Center is located on the Wilson River Highway (Hwy. 6) in the heart of the Tillamook State Forest, near Jones Creek. It's an hour's drive west of downtown Portland. RV parking is available.

Please Note!

Summer schedule continues through
September 7.

We are currently **OPEN** 7 days a week,
10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Fall schedule begins on September 8.

We will be **OPEN** Wednesday - Sunday,
10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The center will be **CLOSED** on
November 27 for Thanksgiving and
December through February.



mark your calendar

Don't miss an issue!

Please contact us to
update your address.

*Important
DATES!*

Save the date!

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A Step Back in Time
August 15 - 17

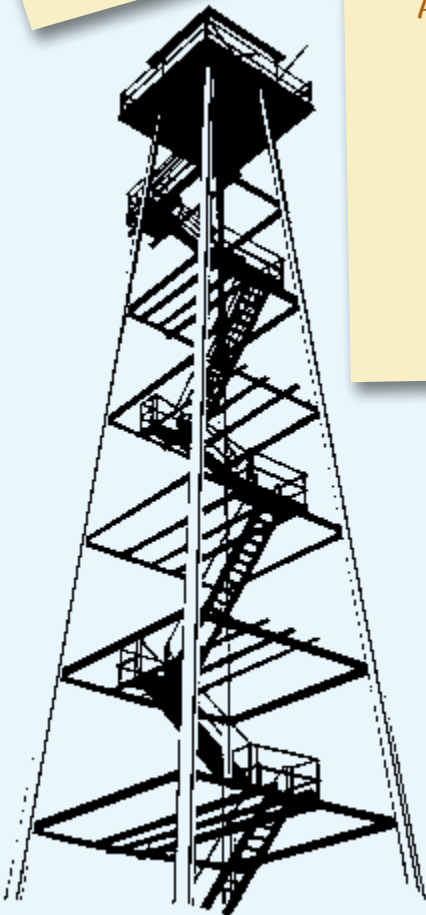
Education Program
Registration Begins
Monday, August 18

Wildfire & Watershed
Teacher Workshop
October 8

Fun programs
daily through
Labor Day!



Check our **website**
for upcoming
programs!



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our posts to keep us in
your newsfeed!