



The Lookout

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Tillamook Forest Center

Inspiring people to connect with the Tillamook State Forest.



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What's going on behind the gate?

Throughout the Covid closure, Tillamook Forest Center staff have remained dedicated to the center and its mission. New and innovative interpretive online programs and informative videos have been developed and presented. Our wooden structures, including the building, bridge, and lookout tower have been refurbished and restored. Although working behind the scenes, staff have continued to answer questions and support those looking for state forest information and outdoor recreation opportunities.



Tillamook Forest Center staff answered the call during the September wildfire events that impacted our state. Staff deployed to, and supported, multiple fires across Oregon. As the fires settle, we are gathering information so that we will be able to tell the story of these unprecedented wildfire events.

Planning and implementation are underway for the day that we can reopen our doors. The safety of our staff, volunteers, and visitors is our top priority. We hope to see you again in the spring but, as with all things Covid, we will wait until it is safe to do so. Thank you for your continued support and we hope you find yourself safely in the forest soon.

Now accepting 2021 volunteer applications

WANTED: Curious minds, happy faces, and a passion for people and the environment. The Tillamook Forest Center is an incredible interpretive facility located in the middle of the forest. Plans are underway for safe volunteer opportunities in the 2021 season. Computer skills, customer service, sales, facilities, or trail maintenance background can make you a good fit for the help we need.



If you're interested in joining us as a site host, you'll have plenty of time to explore with work schedules that are 20-25 hours a week (four working days) per individual. We ask our hosts to commit to a two month minimum. Our site host campsites have full hook ups, with 50 amp electric service, sewer, potable water, quality internet access, and picnic tables, all nestled in the forest.

Are you interested in more information? Visit our website at tillamookforestcenter.org/about_05.html.

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Saying “Fare- Wahl” to an incredible staff member

Like the dynamic forest landscape around us, the Tillamook Forest Center changes from year to year. As the 2020 season comes to a close, we prepare to say good-bye to an incredible Interpreter and Educator, Luke Wahl. He will be trading in his rain jacket for a warm snow jacket for a new job opportunity in Minnesota. Luke has been delivering smiles and fun to visitors since 2015. In his tenure he has made major contributions to the center, including: planning the 10 year anniversary, organizing art exhibits, crafting interpretive signage, and helping transition our education programs to the new pavilion. His sense of humor and positivity will be greatly missed, but his contributions to the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Tillamook Forest Center will remain. Please join us in wishing Luke good luck in the future and a wholehearted thank you!



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Important closure information

Please visit the **Tillamook Forest Center website** for the latest updates about spring hours

Programs and events: Staying connected

It has been a busy time for the Tillamook Forest Center staff! Fall is here, and usually, this means groups of excited schoolchildren embarking on forest field trips. Unfortunately, our facility remains closed due to the ongoing pandemic. Over the course of the fall, our naturalists have used Zoom as a platform to host virtual programs ranging from cougars and owls, to fun forest trivia. Missing your favorite Tillamook Forest Center programs? You can find all our online offerings on **YouTube** and **Facebook**, such as short videos, activities, and more. Join us online this winter to stay connected with the forest!



Gift shop sale!

Are you missing being at the Tillamook Forest Center, browsing through the gift shop, buying thoughtful gifts for your friends and family as much as we are? Well, you're in luck! We're bringing the gift shop to you this year. We hope you'll enjoy browsing our online offerings and consider placing an order with us. Our annual holiday sale is on again and this time we're offering even better deals. Take 10% off books; 15% off clothing, puppets, and stuffed animals; and 25% off food items! (Some exclusions apply.) Shopping the Tillamook Forest Center gift shop is a great way to “shop small” and support the center. Check us out online at www.tillamookforestcenter.org/shop.html.



Consider a year-end gift to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust

As the non-profit organization that supports the educational mission of the Tillamook Forest Center and recreation on state forest lands, the Trust is reaching out to friends and colleagues to invite you to make a special year-end gift this year.

Two unparalleled events in Oregon in 2020—the wildfires and the pandemic—have affected state forests in incomparable ways. Your gift will make an especially big impact this year.

The pandemic has led to a huge increase in visitation on state forests by those seeking outdoor COVID-safe activities, especially first-time users, placing high demands on recreation staff, recreation infrastructure, and budgets like never before. The wildfires led to huge losses of recreation infrastructure in the Santiam State Forest, and at the same time means an even more important educational role for the Tillamook Forest Center. Interpreting the power of wildfire and the resiliency of the forest are central themes for the TFC. With your support, the TFC will continue to help all of us understand the role and circumstances relating to fire in our state.



New this year, when you donate to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust between December 1 and 15, you will be entered into a random drawing to receive one of 40 free passes to the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store (online or in person) for significant discounts, thanks to a generous contribution from Columbia.

By making a gift to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust, you become part of our community of those who love the forest, believe in education about forests, and who want to help keep and expand opportunities in the forest for others.

You can reach us online at tillamooktrust.org/year-end.

And, Thank You!

Shawn Morford, Executive Director
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