

The Lookout

News of the Tillamook Forest Center

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Greetings from the new Director

Children joyfully tromping through the woods with clipboards in hand and the concentration on their faces as they stop to discover the work of a woodpecker; a group of visitors following an interpretive guide to the top of the fire tower to experience the life of Cris



Mitchell and the "Cloud Girls" who watched for forest fires in the 40's; or a family carefully balancing a cup of

water with a little Chinook fry as they hike to Jones Creek to release fish, are all scenes that play out repeatedly here at the Tillamook Forest Center.



I am so honored to have joined such a passionate and dedicated staff and equally committed agency all working to help people connect to the unique natural and cultural history of the Tillamook State Forest. After more than 20 years working across the country in the field of informal education and interpretation (from Acadia National Park to the High Desert Museum), I feel that I've finally found my home.

There's something for everyone at the Tillamook Forest Center. Students and families step into the past climbing to the top of the fire lookout tower, spot wildlife homes along the trail and get their hands wet while learning about the salmon life cycle.

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Director's Letter (continued from page 1)

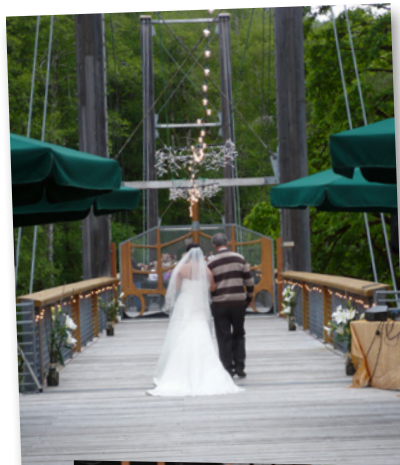
In my experience, places like the Tillamook Forest Center play an important role by helping people gain a greater sense of place. The center is a true gem in the coast range and it's Oregon's best kept secret. Emily Dickinson once said "hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul." My hope for the New Year is that more and more people discover this special place. I hope you will join us in our effort to spread the word about the Tillamook Forest Center and share your personal stories and experiences with family and friends.

We wish all our friends and supporters a wonderful holiday season and the best in the New Year.

Larry Berrin, Director



Center staff welcome Larry Berrin to the team. From left: Chris Friend, Doug Graham, Lisa Gibson, Lauren Miles, Jen Warren, Denise Berkshire, Larry Berrin and Darryl Anderson.



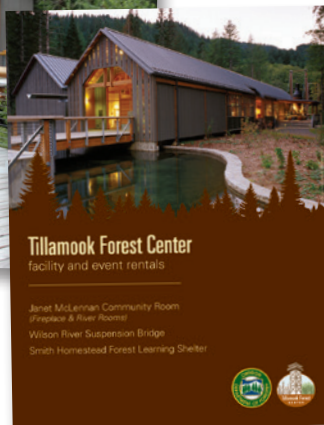
Give us a call to request a copy of our event rental information packet and to schedule a facility tour.

TFC — dream setting for your next event

Adventure awaits at the Tillamook Forest Center—your Coast Range retreat. We welcome use of our facilities for gatherings and special events and would love for you to host your event with us.

With a variety of facilities available for rent, we offer spaces that range from rustic to refined, outdoors or indoors, large or small. No matter which space you choose, you'll be welcomed by the scenic Oregon coast range, lush forested settings, and friendly, helpful staff. We're flexible and open to your creative ideas on how best to use our facilities for your event. Contact Jen Warren, Visitor Services Coordinator, at (503) 815-6808 or jwarren@odf.state.or.us for more information and to set up a time to tour our facilities and start planning.

Let us provide the unique setting to build great memories!



Naturalist Notes

Denise Berkshire & Lauren Miles

Dynamic Wilson River

Between Oct. 6 and Dec. 3:
 2011 = 26.38 in
 2012 = 51.57 in
 Difference of 25.19 in
 Almost twice as much!
 60 days = 51.57 inches!



Had a blast releasing Chinook fry in Jones Creek with our visitors. Can't wait to do it again in spring!

Pileated woodpecker mystery

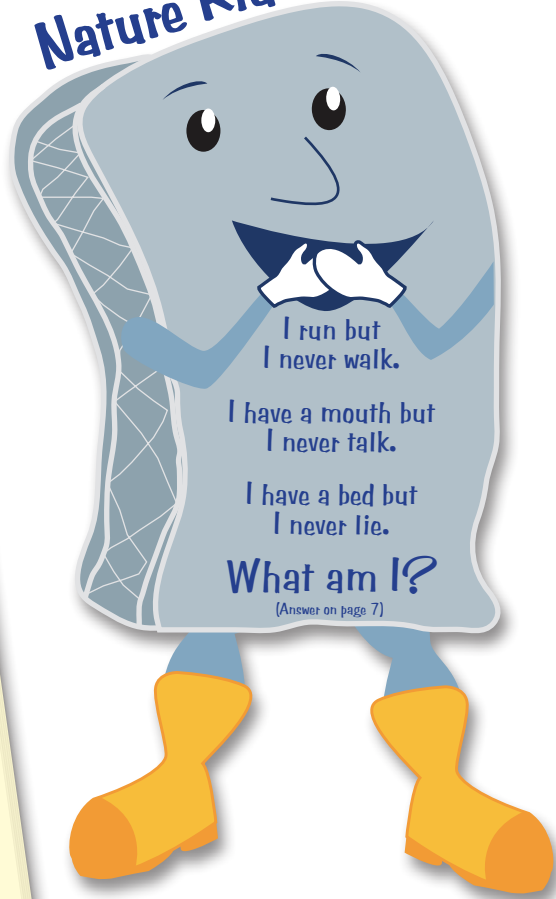


* Finally spotted the elusive pileated woodpecker eating grubs from a log by the steam donkey (remember to look down)!

* Jen & Chris watched a female & fledgling and discovered the nest cavity in a snag (standing dead tree) facing the Wilson River.

Dryocopus pileatus

Nature Riddle



I run but I never walk.

I have a mouth but I never talk.

I have a bed but I never lie.

What am I?

(Answer on page 7)

riparian word search

Riparian zones are green ribbons of life that are found alongside the streams and rivers of the Tillamook State Forest. The Oregon Department of Forestry manages riparian zones to provide clean, drinkable water for humans and prime habitat for wildlife.

How many riparian-related words can you find?
 (Answer on page 7)

ALDER	M	S	K	X	O	J	C	A	S	V	X	L	B	P	B	R	Y
BOULDERS	D	A	I	Z	L	B	I	N	H	T	G	Z	V	D	E	R	Z
BUFFER	A	W	N	U	A	A	U	D	R	S	O	F	V	C	L	Q	X
FIR	S	H	G	A	V	X	E	F	O	D	Y	O	R	S	P	Q	C
FOREST	E	W	F	V	G	S	S	H	F	O	Q	E	R	T	A	D	X
INSECTS	N	W	I	I	R	E	D	L	A	E	A	Z	S	C	M	Z	V
KINGFISHER	D	K	S	V	Y	U	M	L	W	T	R	H	R	E	Q	W	D
LOGS	H	A	H	P	H	T	A	E	I	T	A	C	I	S	F	H	S
MANAGEMENT	B	G	E	S	S	U	W	O	N	D	P	A	V	N	N	G	O
MAPLE	B	D	R	E	R	U	N	J	E	T	O	V	E	I	O	J	Z
MOSS	T	E	R	V	N	E	S	A	L	M	O	N	R	L	V	I	Q
NUTIRENTS	M	O	S	S	L	A	D	S	T	N	E	I	R	T	U	N	Z
RECREATION	F	A	I	P	A	S	F	L	Z	U	L	D	F	Y	L	T	P
RIVER	H	C	V	M	O	X	E	I	U	K	W	S	L	R	I	C	J
ROOTS	B	F	Q	K	A	X	S	W	R	O	B	Y	K	S	D	E	S
SALMON	E	Q	G	C	J	I	O	A	C	W	B	D	B	A	E	X	Y
SHADE	E	L	E	E	L	B	O	Q	L	A	V	O	W	O	F	S	Q



The Trust welcomes a new Executive Director

Tillamook Forest HERITAGE TRUST

Ross Holloway, retired District Forester and Program Director, was appointed in May 2012 as the new Executive Director of the Trust. Ross replaces Clark Seely who left the position having decided to pursue retirement "full time" in Florida.



Ross' background with the Tillamook Forest Center spans over twenty years. Following the passage of legislation in 1991, Ross participated as a member of the team that developed the Tillamook State Forest Comprehensive Recreation Management Plan. This included the key decisions and actions to establish an interpretation and education program within ODF and began planning for what would eventually become the Tillamook Forest Center. "Working on the Tillamook Recreation Plan, and seeing the results that have come to pass, in terms of the recreation management program for the forest and the creation of the Tillamook Forest Center, was the most gratifying part of my 30-year career with ODF" says Holloway. "As State Forest Program Director, I had the privilege of participating in the groundbreaking activities for the center, and as Tillamook District Forester I was present at the grand opening in April of 2006. I feel very fortunate to have been involved with this project over the years, and honored to be asked to "re-join" the effort as Executive Director of the Trust."



Please consider making a gift

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. 100 percent of all gifts go directly to education programs and activities at the center. Here is a menu of ideas...every gift counts.

One of our branded tree medallions can be yours for just \$5. A wide variety of donation options are available. Large or small, your gift is greatly appreciated.

Steve Terrill forest poster...

In recognition of your \$10 gift, we'll send you a poster featuring a stunning Tillamook State Forest photo by Steve Terrill, one of Oregon's most talented and creative landscape photographers.

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 (see order form on opposite 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 to the Wilson River and the surrounding forest. An attractive bronze 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.



Beautiful log trailside benches are available for your donation of \$2,500. You choose the phrasing for a custom bronze plaque which is installed on the bench. Several fantastic bench locations are still available!



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.

To make a gift, or for more information...

Contact the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust at (503) 815-6800.

Donor Tree Order Form

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

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Signature _____

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Line One:

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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.



Mastering mysterious mushrooms

Lisa Gibson

Many visitors look forward to collecting edible forest mushrooms each fall and this year was no exception. Nearly eighty people attended our Mysterious Mushrooms program presented by Dane Osis of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.



Dane brought mushroom samples and photographs to share with the audience. He described how to find and identify different types of mushrooms. The mushroom season was late this year, Dane noted, due to the unusually dry early fall. This made it much more difficult to find fall mushrooms. After the presentation, visitors hiked around the center grounds with Dane to look for mushrooms. Mark your calendars for next October when this fabulous program will return.

Dane Osis is well known for his extensive mushroom knowledge. We are grateful he could come as a guest presenter again.



Steve Terrill captures the splendor of Oregon's landscapes

Chris Friend

Steve Terrill, renowned Oregon landscape photographer, presented an outstanding program this summer. Visitors were wowed by his 3D slide show of images capturing Oregon's awe-inspiring beauty. Steve also shared camera and photography tips and led a short walk outside to share some of his self-taught techniques.

Following Steve's program, we hosted a month-long exhibit of his photos along with a raffle. Steve generously donated a framed photo, several of his photo calendars and books. The raffle raised \$450.00 for the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust.

Congratulations to Karen Nelson of Troutdale, the grand prize raffle winner! Karen received this signed, framed, limited edition photo generously donated by Steve Terrill.



Thank you, Steve, for a great program and your generous support of the center.

Visitors learn photography tips from the master, Steve Terrill, on a guided walk near the center.

TFC visitors join the salmon life cycle

Lisa Gibson

For the fourth fall in a row, the Tillamook Forest Center became a nursery for Chinook salmon. In a cold aquarium tank near the front of the exhibit hall we reared 500 spring Chinook salmon eggs provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.



When the eggs arrived, they were a rosy orange-pink color each with a pair of nearly invisible black dots that would become eyes. Over 45 days, the salmon emerged from their eggs with jelly-bean pink yolk sacs for bellies. Resting on the gravel, the salmon absorbed the nutrients from their yolk sacs until they were strong enough to bop around in the tank learning to swim. Gradually the yolk sacs got smaller as the fish grew.

Many visitors watched the transformation of our Chinook salmon from egg to fry stage with wonder. How amazing to see these fish grow! On November 17 and 18, it was time to release the fry. Nearly 100 people participated over the two release days. After learning how salmon connect the ocean, forest and people, and how the Oregon Department of Forestry is making leaps for fish, visitors had an opportunity to release fish into Jones Creek. The salmon didn't seem to mind the rain a bit and it didn't seem to bother the participants either.

Would you like to release fish next spring? Check our facebook page and web site for more details as spring gets closer.



Everyone who attended the program had a chance to release at least one salmon fry – we're all kids at heart!



It was fun watching the salmon grow up and we look forward to the spring when we plan to do it again.

Solutions to puzzles on page 6...

Nature Riddle

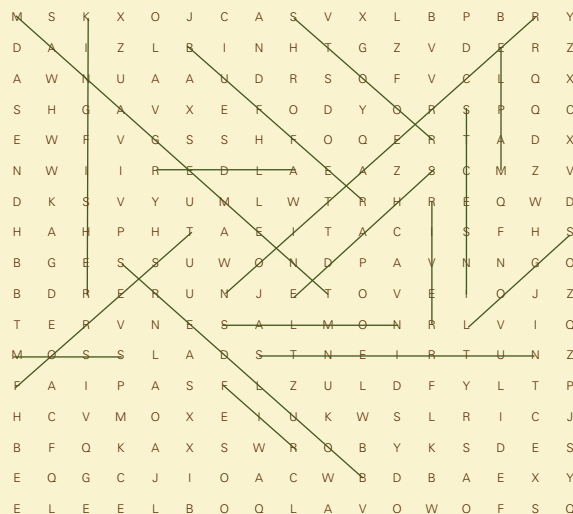
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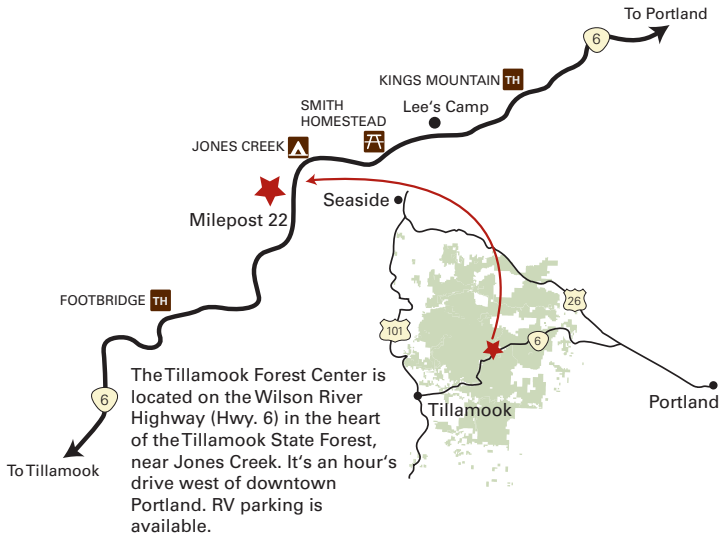
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Winter Closure

The center is closed for the winter,
reopening on March 1, 2013. We
look forward to seeing you in the
spring for more fun!



Coming next spring!

Watch our **website** or "like" us on
Facebook for details.

- March 1st: Center reopens
- April 1st: Celebrate the TFC 6th Anniversary
- April 6th: Our 7th annual tree planting event



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