Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Hikes, Outings, Events & Stewardship

Spring & Summer 2017

Thursday, March 16: Lyle Cherry Orchard, WA
Fence Removal and Post Transport

Monday, March 20: Mosier Plateau, OR
Invasive Teasel Rosette Removal

Wednesday, May 10: Mosier Plateau, OR
Native Balsamroot Seed Collection

Wednesday, May 31: Mosier Plateau, OR
Native Lupine Seed Collection

Friday, June 2: Western Gorge
Thursday, June 8: Eastern Gorge

Exact locations TBA
Invasive Species Training Hikes

June 20 – 24: Lyle Cherry Orchard, WA
Yellow Starthistle Power Pull Week

Thursdays, June 29 and July 6 & 13:
Lyle Cherry Orchard, WA
Yellow Starthistle Power Pull Parties

Saturday, July 15: Mosier Plateau, OR
Invasive Teasel Seedhead Removal

August dates TBA: Mosier Plateau, OR
and Dancing Rock, WA
Invasive Knapweed Pull Parties

Visit www.gorgefriends.org/stewardship for all the details.
Questions? Contact Sara Woods at sara@gorgefriends.org.

Register now at www.gorgefriends.org/hikes
Hike Program

General Information

- Hike distances listed are round-trip.
- Please note difficulty levels when choosing hikes: Easy, Moderate, Strenuous or Expert.
- Outings are very popular, so as a courtesy to other hikers, please only register if you’re sure you will attend.
- Carpool information and outing-specific details will be emailed to you upon registration.
- 🚁 Children are welcome with a parent or guardian. Please choose hikes appropriate for your child’s age and ability.
- 🐶 Dogs are welcome on hikes with the dog-friendly icon; otherwise, please leave pets at home.
- Leave no traces – take only memories, and photos!

Spring & Summer 2017

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

🎉 brewery 🌸 Lyle Cherry Orchard, WA
Moderate: 6 miles, 1,400-ft elev. gain

Gorge Towns to Trails Project Manager Renee Tkach will lead us to early spring wildflowers and panoramic Gorge views, at this iconic Friends land trust property. Optional wine tasting at a nearby winery afterwards.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

🌸 Catherine Creek to Labyrinth Loop, WA
Moderate: 5.8 miles, 1,200-ft elev. gain

Field Representative Peter Cornelison is our guide at one of the Gorge’s best wildflower spots. We’ll pass two cascading waterfalls as we hike to enjoy spectacular Gorge views.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

First Aid & CPR Training
Heritage Farm, Vancouver, WA

This 6-hour course led by NW Responder teaches critical response skills to manage a first aid, choking, or sudden cardiac arrest emergency until emergency services arrive.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Hamilton Mountain, WA
Strenuous: 9.4 miles, 2,100-ft elev. gain

Climb high above the Gorge with Friends Field Representative Peter Cornelison on this strenuous trek past two waterfalls and open meadows to spectacular vistas.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Multnomah-to-Wahkeena Loop, OR
Moderate: 4.8 miles, 1,540-ft elev. gain

Follow leader Annette Hadaway on this classic Gorge waterfall trail past seven waterfalls. Early wildflowers will be coming to life after a hard winter.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Wildflower Walk at Catherine Creek, WA
Moderate: 3.5 miles, 500-ft elev. gain

Wildflower enthusiast Pappy Corbitt will share knowledge of Gorge flora and their medicinal properties on a leisurely walk on the slopes at Catherine Creek. Later, enjoy optional wine tasting at nearby winery.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Rowena Botanical Walk, OR
Easy: 1-2 miles, little elev. gain

Botanist Pappy Corbitt will teach us about wildflowers at Rowena and Gorge endemics on this leisurely walk amid spring beauty. Later we’ll enjoy lunch, a vineyard tour, and wine tasting at Analemma Wines (optional).

Member Registration is Now Open!

General registration begins March 6.

www.gorgefriends.org/hikes

Questions? Contact Kate Lindberg at 971-634-1265 or katel@gorgefriends.org

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SATURDAY, APRIL 1
**Lyle Cherry Orchard Wildlife Walk, WA**
Moderate: 4 miles, 900-ft elev. gain
Wildlife biologist Bill Weiler will lead us up to the Lyle Cherry Orchard and neighboring Washington DNR land, pointing out threatened western gray squirrels, pilated woodpeckers, and other local wildlife.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
**Annual Meeting & Luncheon**
Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, WA
www.gorgefriends.org/annualmeeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
**Wildflowers at Catherine Creek & Klickitat Trail, WA**
Easy/Moderate: 5 miles, 150-ft elev. gain
Walk with Klickitat Trail Conservancy board members Steven Woolpert and Barbara Robinson at these two eastern-Gorge locations famous for spring wildflowers.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
**Petroglyphs Tour, WA**
Easy: 0.5 miles, little elev. gain
Take a quiet walk on culturally treasured Yakama Nation lands with leader Judy Todd to see Tsagaglalal, or She Who Watches. Learn historical perspectives and current challenges as we view the rock art.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
**Columbia River to Rowena Crest Bike Ride, OR**
Moderate: 26.6 miles, 1,200-ft elev. gain
Tour on your bike with Field Representative Peter Cornelison. Starting from the river in The Dalles, we’ll ride up through the famed Rowena Loops to Rowena Crest, then glide downhill to stop at a new Gorge brewery back in The Dalles (optional).

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
**Starvation Ridge Loop, OR**
Easy: 2.5 miles, 600-ft elev. gain
Hike at an easy pace with leader Billie Anger on a newly restored section of the Historic Columbia River Highway featuring a pathway with views of three waterfalls and a new stone bridge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15
**Wildflowers & Waterfalls at Latourell Falls, OR**
Easy: 2.4 miles, 520-ft elev. gain
Join Oregon State Park Ranger Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser for an Earth Day hike through the “mist zone” at Latourell Falls. We’ll visit two sparkling waterfalls that plunge over high basalt cliffs on this loop hike and learn the park’s history and flora.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
**Mindfulness Earth Walk on the Klickitat Trail, WA**
Easy: 2-3 miles, 150-ft elev. gain
This quiet walk with Klickitat Trail Conservancy board member Steven Woolpert offers an opportunity to enhance your outdoor experience. Walking quietly, we’ll use mindful awareness to connect more fully with nature, health, and ourselves.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21
**Mosier Plateau, OR**
Easy: 3.5 miles, 600-ft elev. gain
Enjoy panoramic views on the bluff trail above Mosier with Friends Land Trust Manager Kate McBride, as colorful spring wildflowers carpet the plateau. After the hike, we can enjoy wine tasting and a vineyard tour at nearby Analemma Winery (optional).

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
**Coyote Wall Wildflowers, WA**
Strenuous: 8.7 miles, 2,000-ft elev. gain.
Wildflower enthusiast Paul Freeman leads this strenuous hike up rocky slopes to gorgeous views, with stops to ID flowers as we get a thorough workout. This should not be your first hike of the season!

THURSDAY, APRIL 27
**Weldon Wagon Road, WA**
Moderate: 5 miles, 1,340-ft elev. gain
Leader Kim Owen will share local history as we hike this historic wagon road, now a year-round trail, to enjoy a weekday wildflower show. Stop afterward at a nearby brewery to continue conversations (optional).

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 28-30
**Play & Stay Weekend**
Wildflowers & Wine
www.gorgefriends.org/playandstay

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 29-30
**Wilderness First Aid Beacon Rock Group Site, WA**
Learn how to treat an injury or illness in the backcountry where help is delayed. This 16-hour, hands-on, interactive class with NW Responder has been customized and updated for our hike leaders and shepherds. First day is indoors, with a field session on day two.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
**Sandy River Delta Evening Walk, WA**
Easy: 3-4 miles, little elev. gain
Join Courtney Yilk of Confluence, Bill Weiler of Sandy River Basin Watershed Council, and Friends of Sandy River Delta President Jeff Schuh to learn about their efforts to preserve this popular multi-use area.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29
**Ferry Springs / Deschutes River Trail, OR**
Moderate: 5 miles, 500-ft elev. gain
Leader Ross Edginton will guide us to sweeping views near the confluence of the Deschutes and Columbia Rivers. Learn desert wildflowers, historic sites, and the area’s geology.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30
**Elowah & upper McCord Family Hike, OR**
Easy: 3 miles, 600-ft elev. gain
Enjoy a Gorge scavenger hunt on this hike with environmental educator Roland Begin. We’ll visit two waterfalls and learn plants, animals, geology, and history on this outing for the young and the young-at-heart!

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**Caretakers of the Gorge**

Whether hiking with Friends or on our own, we’re all caretakers of the Gorge. We encourage everyone to be a responsible hiker. Stay on the trail, use a trailhead boot brush, and carry out your trash. Leave no traces, take only memories – and photos!

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*Indian paintbrush*

Photo: Micheal Drewry
FRIDAY, MAY 5

Columbia Hills Wildflowers, WA
Moderate: 6.9 miles, 1,060-elev. gain
Join leader Kristin Price when wildflowers are at their peak along the expansive Crawford Oaks trail to Dalles Mountain Ranch. Later, enjoy an optional wine tasting nearby.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Ecology of Conboy Lake NWR, WA
Easy: 3 miles, 100-ft elev. gain
Discover the rich ecology of Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge along the Willard Springs trail with leader Ralph Rogers, spotting wildlife, many birds, and an abundance of spring flowers.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Petroglyphs & Dancing Rock, WA
Two walks: Easy, 3 miles, little elev. gain
Friends Board Member Jim Chase will lead us to view ancient petroglyphs, including She Who Watches, and then over to our nearby Dancing Rock land trust property. Afterwards, we’ll enjoy wine tasting at a local winery (optional).

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Klickitat River Whitewater Rafting, WA
Easy: 2.5 miles, 500-ft elev. gain
This educational scavenger-hunt outing to Rodney Falls and Little Beacon Rock with environmental educator Roland Begin features local history, geology, and plant lore. This is a great outing for the whole family!

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Mosier Twin Tunnels All-Access Outing, OR
Easy: 3 miles, paved, little elev. gain
Hikers of all abilities can join leader Annette Hadaway on this section of the Historic Highway. We’ll enjoy an easy pace on this paved trail. Friendly outing for wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers. Transportation possible from Portland.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Cape Horn Upper Trail
Moderate: 7-8 miles, 1,000-ft elev. gain
Dazzling delphinium blooms and bright wildflowers line the upper section of this trail where we’ll hike with Cape Horn Conservancy board member Jill Turner. Hear trail history and future plans as we hike to panoramic views at the overlook points.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Falls Creek & Panther Creek Falls, WA
Moderate: 3.4 miles, 700-ft elev. gain
Follow leader Jane Garbisch on this gentle creek-side trail and cross a small suspension bridge, then follow a gently ascending creek to a multi-tiered waterfall over 200 feet high, ending with a stop at Panther Creek Falls.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Lichen Discovery Hike, OR
Easy hike. Location TBD.
U.S. Forest Service Botanist Andrea Montgomery will lead this family-friendly outing to find forest lichen and learn how this complex life form indicates air quality and forest health. Location will depend on lichen abundance – to be announced in March.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Riparian Ecology along the Deschutes River Trail, OR
Moderate: 4-5 miles, little elev. gain
Take a leisurely walk with leader Ralph Rogers on the Deschutes River Trail and learn riparian ecology, vegetation, and wildlife along the trail, enjoying birds, butterflies, and bright spring flowers.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Swale Canyon Bike Ride, WA
Difficult: 28 miles, 1,000-ft elev. gain
Ride the old Swale Creek railbed with Field Representative Peter Cornelison, from Harms Road down to Lyle. We’ll cross some rough railroad rock and enjoy great views in this arid landscape. Involves a car shuttle.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Geology Hike at Wahclella Falls, OR
Easy: 2 miles, 380-ft elev. gain
Learn from leaders Tom Kloster and Brian Chambers about the earth forces that created the Columbia Gorge on this hike to thundering Wahclella Falls. Wahclella plunges down steep cliffs into Tanner Creek, in one of the most geologically active canyons in the Gorge.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Dog Mountain, WA
Strenuous: 6.9 miles, 2,820-ft elev. gain
Hike up to high slopes covered with wildflowers with leader Karl Kratzer. We’ll take in panoramic Gorge views and bask in beauty and solitude on this weekday hike.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

Coyote Wall & Labyrinth, WA
Moderate: 5.8 miles, 1,500-ft elev. gain
Leader Annette Hadaway will be our guide up the trail that climbs dramatic Coyote Wall and winds through the verdant Labyrinth. We’ll enjoy breathtaking views from the sweeping, flower-covered slopes above the river.
SATURDAY, MAY 27
🌟 Gibbons Creek Wildlife Walk, WA
Easy: 2.8 miles, no elev. gain
Enjoy a leisurely morning walk on the loop trail at Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge, with Gorge Refuge Steward Joan Durgin. The Refuge marks the western entrance to the National Scenic Area. Afterwards, join us for post-hike beverage at a Washougal brewery (optional).

SATURDAY, MAY 27
🌟 Whistling Ridge, WA
Strenuous: 8 miles, 2,200-ft elev. gain
Friends Staff Attorney Nathan Baker will lead us across the scenic ridge whose name is shared with the nearby proposed wind energy project. We’ll get a current update on this project, and later we’ll visit a nearby winery for wine tasting and conversation (optional).

SUNDAY, MAY 28
🌟 Pierce National Wildlife Refuge, WA
Easy: 3 miles, 150-ft elev. gain
Gorge Refuge Steward Randy Fortish will lead us through oak woodlands, open fields, and riparian forests, pointing out birds and other wildlife that live in this beautiful wetland area.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1
🌟 Angel’s Rest, OR
Moderate: 5 miles, 1,500-ft elev. gain
Join Outreach Manager Maegan Jossy on a favorite trail near Silver Star Mountain. This hike through enchanted forests and wildflowers will be shorter than last year, and will include a nontechnical scramble up to the summit of Little Baldy for stunning views.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2
🌟 Beacon Rock Geology & River-to-Rock Ramble, WA
Moderate: 3.3 miles, 850-ft elev. gain
Explore sections of the historic highway with Kristen Stallman, National Scenic Area Coordinator at the Oregon Department of Transportation, and Friends’ Outreach Manager Maegan Jossy, and play Historic Highway Bingo along the way.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
🌟 Petroglyphs & Wine Tasting, WA
Easy: 0.5 miles, little elev. gain.
Washington State Park Ranger Chon Clayton will lead us to ancient petroglyphs and rock images, including the famed She Who Watches. Afterwards, we’ll enjoy lunch and wine tasting at a nearby winery (optional).

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
🌟 Fort Cascades Historic Trail & Bonneville Dam Tour, WA
Easy: 1.5 miles, little elev. gain
Stroll this historic trail with Park Ranger Jesse Brownlee, learning how plants and animal species here were used by early European settlers. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy near Bonneville’s famous fish-viewing windows, then tour the powerhouse.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
🌟 Silver Star Mountain, WA
Moderate: 5 miles, 1,500-ft elev. gain
Welcome summer with Outreach Manager Maegan Jossy, hiking on flower-strewn hillsides to a 360-degree view of five Cascade Peaks. We’ll learn about the devastating wildfires that created this unique alpine ecosystem, as we enjoy a leisurely pace to identify wildflowers.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
🌟 Dry Creek Falls, OR
Moderate: 4.7 miles, 760-ft elev. gain
Leader Kristin Price will lead us on a section of the PCT to this lovely, secluded waterfall. Later, we can stop at nearby Thunder Island Brewing for a drink, snack, and continued conversation.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24
🌟 Little Baldy, WA
Strenuous: 9 miles, 1,500-ft elevation gain
Join Board Member Jim Chase on a favorite trail near Silver Star Mountain. This hike through enchanted forests and wildflowers will be shorter than last year, and will include a nontechnical scramble up to the summit of Little Baldy for stunning views.
SUNDAY, JUNE 25
Rooster Rock Kayak Tour, OR
Oregon State Parks Rangers will lead this 2.5-hour paddle trip on the channel out to the Columbia River with the possibility of visiting Mirror Lake. Learn basic strokes and local history on this tour for beginning kayakers and Rooster Rock history buffs. $15 fee includes kayaking equipment.

SATURDAY, JULY 8
Toothrock Full Moon Hike, OR
Easy: 2 miles, little elev. gain
Join Oregon State Park Ranger Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser for a full-moon sensory exploration, learning how nocturnal animals adapt to darkness.

SATURDAY, JULY 9
Summer Picnic in Paradise
Thunder Island in Cascade Locks, OR
www.gorgefriends.org/summerpicnic

MONDAY, JULY 10
Wahclella Falls Family Hike, OR
Easy: 1.8 miles, 300-ft elev. gain
Join leader Sam Dumont of Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership on this hike to thundering Wahclella Falls. We’ll see native plants and learn about the salmon that spawn here in fall. Fun for the whole family!

THURSDAY, JULY 13
Larch Mountain Loop Dog Hike, OR
Moderate: 6 miles, 1,300-ft elev. gain
Follow Madeleine von Laue to the sparkling headwaters of Multnomah Creek. Complete the loop hike on Larch Mountain with a panoramic view from Sherrard Point.

FRIDAY, JULY 14
Horsetail Falls Pika Hike, OR
Easy: 1 mile, 500-ft elev. gain
A Cascade Pika Watch volunteer will lead this hike in Gorge habitat of the American pika, a small alpine creature considered a sensitive indicator of climate change.

SATURDAY, JULY 15
Cape Horn Full Loop, WA
Moderate: 8.3 miles, 1,500-ft elev. gain
Hike with leader Sharon Ross and Friends Executive Director Kevin Gorman to viewpoints including the Nancy Russell Overlook, on this midsummer hike on this protected trail.

SUNDAY, JULY 23
White Salmon Rafting, WA
This full-day guided raft trip on the Wild & Scenic White Salmon River with Wet Planet descends through steep canyons formed after the removal of Condit Dam. The river plunges through spectacular basalt-lined Narrows Canyon before reaching the sunlit riverplain below. $130 includes gear and lunch.