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Cornell Lab of Ornithology October Big Day - Saturday, October 12

Good Day Birding Buddies! Our two-time CFWWC Volunteer of the Year, Grace Fowler-Gore, invites you to take part in a fun day of Birding For Science on October 12th - that's this year's Cornell Lab of Ornithology October Big Day!

Date: October 12th - Cornell Lab October Big Day

Location: Row River Nature Park

Parking: Closed Truck Weigh Station

Start Time: 8am

Official End Time: 10:30, but participants should feel free to leave earlier or stay later as desired.



[Click here for more information](#)

Coho Fishing to Open on Coast Fork Willamette, Middle Fork, & McKenzie Rivers

September 19, 2024

SALEM, Ore. – After record counts for both jack and adult coho at Willamette Falls last year the 2024 run is shaping up to be among the largest in recent history.

As of Sept. 17, nearly 11,700 adult coho have passed Willamette Falls. While it's still early in the run, this is nearly double the 1991-2022 total run annual average of 6,200. Adult coho counts over Willamette Falls have exceeded 20,000 fish four times since 1991 and this year's run is on track to top last year's record of 28,700.

As a result of this robust return, fishery managers have implemented temporary regulations that open angling for coho salmon (hatchery or wild) in some areas that have not been open because coho have not historically been observed there. Two rods will also be allowed for those anglers with the validation.

"The expected robust return should provide good angling in areas that have traditionally supported coho-targeted angling, and the allowance for use of two fishing rods will give anglers the opportunity to improve their odds for these fish," said ODFW West Region Manager Chris Kern.

The temporary regulations are as follows:

Retention of coho salmon (hatchery or wild) will open from Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024 in the following areas:

Mainstem Willamette River from Hwy 20 bridge in Albany upstream to mouth of Coast Fork Willamette

Coast Fork Willamette and tributaries

Middle Fork Willamette upstream to Dexter Dam

McKenzie River upstream to Leaburg Dam

[Click here for more information](#)



Grant Update: Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council's Working Lands Program

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Receives \$516,469 Grant

Expanding Our Reach: increasing the adoption of climate smart management of grazing lands in Oregon's Willamette Valley through coordinated, wrap-around landowner support.

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council's Working Lands program will engage ranchers and other pasture-based producers in Oregon's Willamette Valley with education, peer-learning opportunities, and individualized technical assistance to increase the adoption of regenerative and climate-smart grazing practices. In partnership with the Oregon Pasture Network, Upper Willamette SWCD, the Center for Rural Livelihoods, and Middle Fork, & McKenzie Watershed Councils, this project will address the need for education and technical assistance for adopting managed grazing among Oregon's Willamette Valley farmers and ranchers, with a focus on meeting the diversity of needs for support when adopting new management practices and trialing innovative approaches, particularly among new & beginning farmers.

[More Information Here](#)

EVENTS

October Science on Tap

This month's special spooky Science on Tap features a presentation on the super cool, though often misunderstood Lamprey and their importance in our ecoregion.

Experts Jeff Ziller, district fish biologist, & Jeremy Romer, assistant district fish biologist with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will be on hand to educate and entertain. The informative fun runs from 5-7pm at Cottage Grove's Axe & Fiddle Public House on Tuesday, October 22.

We look forward to seeing you there!

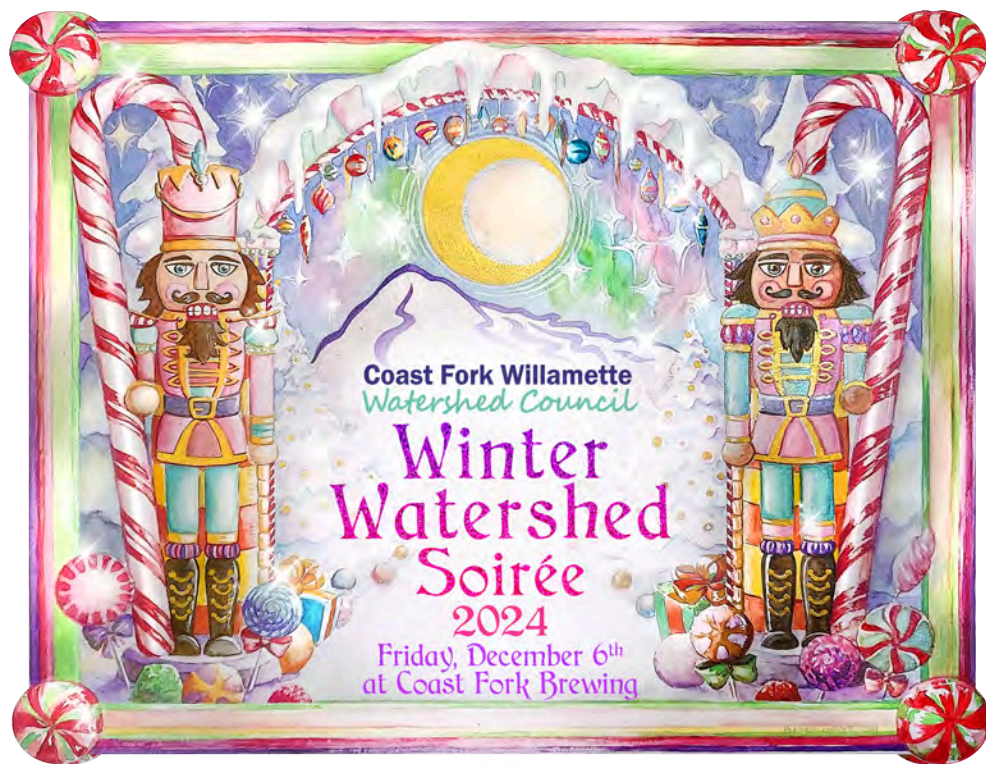


Have a pint with the watershed council and the people we work with while enjoying great food, trivia, and more! Free to enter, and 10% of all sales benefit the CFWWC.

Winter Watershed Soiree Tickets On Sale Now

Mark your calendars for Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council's biggest event of the year, our Winter Soirée!

This year will be our 14th Annual Winter Soirée, which will be held the evening of Friday, December 6th at Coast Fork Brewing in Cottage Grove. Tickets always go fast so act now!



PURCHASE TICKETS HERE

A Shortcut to Mushrooms

Mount Pisgah Arboretum's annual [Mushroom Festival](#), held in partnership with Lane Community College and the Cascade Mycological Society, is their biggest fundraising event of the year.

This festival supports their work stewarding native habitats and providing outdoor environmental education.

MOUNT PISGAH ARBORETUM
with Cascade Mycological Society & Lane Community College



Mushroom Festival 2024

Sunday, October 27, 2024

There are many species of delicious wild mushrooms which grow in our area, and learning to find and enjoy these gifts is satisfying on many levels. However, you should exercise caution as there are many species that are not edible and may cause various levels of discomfort if eaten. There are also a handful that contain potent toxins that can cause permanent organ damage or even death. Remember to follow mushroom foraging safety guidelines, and always remember, “when in doubt, throw it out!”

If you're like us and you want to get in on the mushroom foraging action now that fall has arrived, here are some great resources to help you stay safe, as well as informed on current regulations.



[Cascade Mycology Society](#)



[US Forest Service's Current Tip, Permits, and Regulations](#)

Ridges to Rivers Parks Talk Event

The Rivers to Ridges Partnership is a voluntary association of 19 organizations working collaboratively to advance the protection, restoration, and management of open space resources in the southern Willamette Valley.

In their upcoming Parks Talk event, local landscape architect Jeff Krueger will present an overview of the vision on behalf of the Partnership including the history of its development, highlight 20 years of on-the –ground accomplishment, and describe the updated 20-year regional vision. Many Rivers to Ridges Partnership staff will also be available to answer specific questions about their own ongoing efforts.



Rivers to Ridges - Past & Future

Join landscape architect Jeff Krueger as he reflects on 20 years of partnership achievements and envisions the next 20.

**Tuesday, October 29th, 5.30-7.00 pm,
At The Shedd Institute.**

Social networking * Refreshments * Presentation

Click here to secure your seats or visit
Eugene Parks Foundation website

Ridges to Rivers Parks Talk event: Tuesday, October 29th 5.30 -7.00 pm, at The Shedd Institute. Small plates and drinks will be served.

Reserve your spots [HERE](#)
Suggested support \$15 per attendee.

YOUR WATERSHED

Partner's Hiring Corner

LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES - SEE WHO'S HIRING

The Long Tom Watershed Council RESTORATION & FIRE PROJECTS MANAGER

Posted: August 1st, 2024

Position open until filled, applications will be reviewed starting September 9, 2024.

The Long Tom Watershed Council (LTWC) seeks applicants for the position of Restoration & Fire Projects Manager (RFPM). This new position is responsible for leading all aspects of coordination, planning, and implementation of oak, prairie, and wetland habitat restoration projects and provides coordination and leadership in planning and implementing burns as part of restoration projects. Excellent time management and multitasking skills are a requirement. The RFPM is expected to maintain prescribed burn qualifications through either NWCG (FFT2, FFT1, etc.) or the Oregon Certified Burn Manager program. The RFPM must be comfortable navigating the complex partnership and regulatory landscape inherent to prescribed fire, and will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills. This position works closely with the four other LTWC staff members that comprise the Rural Projects Team.

Status: Exempt, Full-time (40 hours per week but will consider 32-36 hours per week at a prorated salary)

Compensation: \$54,000-\$62,000 starting salary (depending on experience) + benefits.

[Additional Information Here](#)

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