



2018-2019 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department News Releases

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December 2019

- Public invited to comment on federal preservation grant award in Bend
- Visit the Oregon coast for Whale Watch Week Dec. 27 - 31
- Campsites at Alfred A. Loeb State Park available for reservation for stays during summer 2020
- Reservations for winter camping at Bullards Beach State Park open today; construction project postponed
- Public comment period opens for updates to administrative rules describing Special Access Pass benefits
- First Day Hikes event returns to state parks Jan. 1, 2020
- Silver Falls State Park hosts annual Christmas Festival Dec. 14-15
- Give the gift of Oregon State Parks with an annual parking permit, \$5 off in December

November 2019

- Grants available for veterans and war memorials
- 2020 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards open for nomination
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for Dec. 6 in Salem
- Oregon Recreation Trail Advisory Council presents Doug Newman award at Oregon Trails Summit
- National Park Service Lists Fried-Durkheimer in Portland, Multnomah County, in the National Register of Historic Places
- National Park Service Lists Beauchamp Building in Stayton, Marion County, in the National Register of Historic Places
- Oregon Heritage Commission grants awarded for history projects throughout the state
- Saddle Mountain access closed Nov. 25 - Dec. 6
- Parking fee waived at Oregon State Parks Nov. 29 for annual Green Friday event
- Governor's Task Force on the Outdoors meets Nov. 15 in Klamath Falls
- Pilot Outdoor School program planned at Silver Falls State Park in 2020
- Ecola State Park closed Nov. 4 - 8 for hazard tree removal project
- Scenic Bikeways Committee meets Nov. 15 in Salem

October 2019

- Public invited to comment on latest draft updates to Master Plan for Pilot Butte State Scenic Viewpoint at meeting Nov. 14 in Bend
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission meets Nov. 19-20 in Jacksonville
- Road to Indian Beach at Ecola State Park closed Oct. 28-31
- Heritage Commission to meet in November for grant approvals
- Volunteers invited to join local students at Champoeg for planting event Nov. 8
- State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation meets October 17 and 18 in Salem
- Month-long paving project begins this week at Fort Stevens State Park

- Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee meets Oct. 22-24 in Bend
- Oregon Heritage Commission to meet October 17 & 18 in Salem
- Committee to review Oregon Heritage grant applications
- Public comment period opens for changes to administrative rules regarding new Nehalem Scenic Waterway
- Public comment period opens for changes to administrative rules for heritage grant programs
- Public comment period opens for changes to administrative rules regarding statewide anniversary designations
- Public comment period opens for updates to administrative rules defining ATV classes
- Celebrate the fall season at Champoeg's Harvest Day Oct. 5
- Public comment period opens for changes to administrative rules governing grant funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects

September 2019

- Historic cemetery commission to meet in Salem, October 17 & 18
- Annual archaeology series returns to Smith Rock State Park in October
- Harris Beach day-use area closed Sept. 30 - Oct. 11
- Governor's Task Force on the Outdoors meets Oct. 2 in Newport
- Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council meets Oct. 2 in Roseburg
- Historic cemetery and marker repair workshop in Corvallis
- Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant Program receives \$5 million in funding
- Discounted RV campsite rates now available at selected Oregon State Parks during October, November
- State historic cemeteries commission seeks new members
- Public invited to comment on federal preservation grant award in St. Helens
- State Park Bicycle/Pedestrian Rules Advisory Committee meets Sept. 11 in Salem
- ATV Advisory Grant Subcommittee meets Sept. 25-26 in Lakeview

August 2019

- Road access to Indian Beach in Ecola State Park closed for 10 weeks this fall
- National Park Service Lists Roy E. and Hildur L. Amundsen House in Gresham, Multnomah County, in the National Register of Historic Places
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department awarded \$665,000 for historic theater grants
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission meets Sept. 17-18 in Brookings
- Nehalem Scenic Waterway Rules Advisory Committee meets Sept. 5 in Nehalem
- Governor's Task Force on the Outdoors meets Aug. 27 in Baker City
- Live juvenile whale washes ashore near Waldport
- Grants available for Oregon heritage and history projects
- Statewide trail grant advisory committee seeks volunteers to fill vacancies

July 2019

- Volunteers needed to fill two upcoming vacancies on statewide ATV Advisory Committee
- Campfires, other flame sources prohibited in three Columbia River Gorge state parks
- National Park Service returns proposed Eastmoreland Historic District nomination
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for August 2 in Banks
- Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council meets Aug. 1 in Lebanon
- Removal planned for one Camperdown elm at State Capitol
- Oregon Heritage Commission to meet July 28-29 in Baker City
- Boat dock at Champoeg State Heritage Area will close July 24 - Aug. 10
- National Park Service returns proposed Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me Traditional Cultural Property Historic District nomination
- Governor's Task Force on the Outdoors meets July 11 in Portland
- Grants awarded for historic properties and archaeology projects throughout the state
- Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee meets July 10 via conference call
- Historic cemetery events in Florence, July 18
- Public comment period opens for administrative rule repeal relating to Oregon State Fair operation

June 2019

- Meeting set June 27 to review hydrology report for Sitka Sedge State Natural Area
- Oregon Heritage Commission grants awarded to museums throughout the state
- Commission awards grants to multiple historic cemetery projects
- Lake Owyhee State Park closed due to landslides near Owyhee Dam
- State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation meets June 20 and 21 in Cottage Grove
- Local Government Grant Program Advisory Committee meets June 18-20 in Salem
- Volunteers needed to fill vacancies on statewide trails advisory council
- Public invited to celebrate improvements to Salmonberry Trail with free guided bike ride near Banks
June 14
- Minam State Recreation Area campground closed June 14 and 15
- Oregon Country Fair designated an Oregon Heritage Tradition

May 2019

- Segment of South Umpqua River under study for possible inclusion in State Scenic Waterways Program
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission meets June 11-12 in Prineville
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for June 7 in Salem
- Community objects to the proposed Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me Traditional Cultural Property Historic District
- Eastmoreland Historic District Nomination resubmitted to National Park Service, recommends listing
- Saddle Mountain public access closed May 28 – 31
- Limited access to Cape Lookout parking lot May 24-30, full closure May 31
- Commissions to meet in June for grant approvals
- Campfire safety tips for your summer camping trip
- Committee to review historic building grant applications

- Celebrate State Parks Day June 1 with free camping, parking and special events
- Governor's Task Force on the Outdoors holds inaugural meeting May 22 at Silver Falls
- 2020 Centennial Vote initiative
- Cleanup starts on small shipwreck ashore on southern Oregon coast
- Committee to review historic cemetery grant applications
- Committee to review museum grant applications
- Brookings-Harbor Azalea Festival designated an Oregon Heritage Tradition
- Public invited to comment on proposed update to Master Plan for Pilot Butte Scenic Viewpoint May 20 in Bend
- Heritage Commission seeks to fill current & future vacancies
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department seeks public comment on proposed updates to State Natural Area Program rules
- Event celebrating migratory birds takes flight at Tumalo State Park May 11
- Grants awarded for main street projects throughout the state
- Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee meets May 15 in Bend
- Volunteers Are Invited to Preserve Oregon's History at Rock Point Cemetery in Gold Hill
- Volunteers Are Invited to Preserve Oregon's History at Deadwood Cemetery in Lane County
- Grants awarded for veterans and war memorials projects throughout the state

April 2019

- Celebrate National Historic Preservation Month with annual event May 9 at State Capitol State Park
- Public invited to comment on federal preservation grant award in Dayton
- May events at Champoege include Founders' Day, lecture about historic flood
- Prineville Reservoir Star Party event celebrates 20th anniversary with special activities and stargazing May 4
- 2019 Oregon Heritage Fellows to present on April 25
- Kiernan House listed in National Register of Historic Places
- Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council calls for nominations for Doug Newman Memorial Award
- 2019 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards announced
- Central Oregon Canal Historic District listed in National Register of Historic Places
- Daniel C. and Katie A. McDonald House listed in National Register of Historic Places
- Keeping Historic Cemeteries Alive! Talk at 4 Daughters
- Oregon Scenic Bikeways Program celebrates 10-year anniversary May 3
- Parking lot closure at Cape Lookout State Park April 9 - 12
- Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council meets April 19 in Pendleton
- Natural Area Program Rules Advisory Committee meets April 8 in Salem

March 2019

- Charles O. Sigglin Flats listed in National Register of Historic Places
- Two state heritage commissions to meet April 25 in Medford
- Two-month campground closure at Bullards Beach expected Jan. 2020

- Pilot Butte Master Plan Advisory Committee meets April 8 in Bend
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission will meet April 16-17
- Alberta Main Street named winner of 2019 Great American Main Street Award
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for April 5 in Salem
- Safety tips for your spring visit to the Oregon coast
- ATV Advisory Grant Subcommittee meets April 2 in Redmond
- To protect threatened shorebird, share the beach March 15 - Sept. 15
- Spring Whale Watch Week runs March 23 - 31
- Public invited to comment on federal preservation grant award in Baker City
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department accepting comments on proposed adoption of master plans for Brian Booth and Wallowa Lake State Parks
- Registration opens for Historic Cemetery Cleanup Day, set for May 11
- Committee to review Veterans and War Memorials grant applications
- Portland Rose Festival designated an Oregon Heritage Tradition

February 2019

- ATV Highway Access Routes Advisory Committee meets March 7 in Salem
- Pilot Butte Master Plan Advisory Committee meets Feb. 28 in Bend
- Meeting set Feb. 27 to review hydrology study for Sitka Sedge State Natural Area
- State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation meets February 22 in North Bend
- Trail closure at Fort Stevens State Park as forest health project continues
- Annual Eagle Watch event takes flight Feb. 23-24
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission will meet Feb. 20-21
- ATV Grant Subcommittee meets February 26-28 in Salem

January 2019

- Grants available for historic properties and archaeology projects
- Grants available for historic cemetery projects
- Historic cemeteries commission to meet February 8
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for February 1 in Salem
- Grants available for Oregon museum projects
- Local Government Grant Program now accepting applications for parks and recreation projects
- Participation in outdoor recreation activities cuts healthcare costs by millions, new report shows
- Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan draft online for public review
- Ecola State Park closed Jan. 10-12 for hazard tree removal
- Forest health project begins at Fort Stevens State Park
- Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council meets January 18 in Bandon
- Heritage Commission to meet January 13-14 in Springfield

December 2018

- State Historic Preservation Office accepting comments on proposed nomination of the Q'alya ta Kukwis shichdii me Traditional Cultural Property Historic District to National Register of Historic Places
- Grants available for main street building projects
- Whale Watching Week returns Dec. 27-31 as whales migrate past Oregon coast
- Santiam Pass Ski Lodge Listed in National Register of Historic Places
- First Day Hikes event returns to state parks Jan. 1, 2019
- New entrance gate to be installed Dec. 7 in TouVelle State Recreation Site
- Oregon Coast Trail public meetings to be held in Coos Bay, Tillamook and Portland

November 2018

- Give the gift of Oregon State Parks with an annual parking permit, \$5 off in December
- Cameo Theatre listed in National Register of Historic Places
- Registration opens for Historic Cemetery Cleanup Day, set for May 11
- 2019 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards open for nominations
- Bernard and Emma Goldsmith House listed in National Register of Historic Places
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for December 7 in Salem
- Parking fee waived for Green Friday at Oregon State Parks
- County Opportunity Grant Program Advisory Committee meets November 19 in Salem
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission will meet Nov. 27-28 in Lebanon
- Popularity Grows for Shore Acres Holiday Lights
- Public invited to participate in master plan for Smith Rock State Park
- Grants available for veterans and war memorials
- St Paul committed to preserving historic places
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission leaders hold listening session Nov. 26 in Nehalem on draft Nehalem River Scenic Waterway management plan

October 2018

- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department invites public comment on draft mater plan development for Pilot Butte State Scenic Viewpoint
- Larry Landis to represent higher education on the Oregon Heritage Commission
- Scenic Bikeway Committee meets Nov. 6 in Salem
- ATV Advisory Committee meets Nov. 7 in Keizer
- Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council presents Doug Newman Award at Oregon Trails Summit
- Historic cemetery events in Pendleton October 25 & 26
- State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation meets October 18 and 19 in Portland
- Historic Assessment Review Committee to meet Oct. 16 in Salem
- State recognizes 18 individuals, projects for excellence in downtown revitalization
- ATV Highway Access Routes Advisory Committee meets Oct. 9 in Salem
- Statewide trails advisory committee seeks to fill vacancies
- Six miles of state bike trail now open, John B. Yeon to Cascade Locks
- New Ranch at Silver Falls State Park now available for reservation through end of 2018

- Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee meets Oct. 16-18 in Springfield

September 2018

- Annual archaeology lecture series returns to Smith Rock State Park during October
- Heritage Commission to meet October 7-8 in Klamath Falls
- Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agency to host annual Salmonberry Coalition meeting Oct. 4
- Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council meets Oct. 4 in Bend
- Rosemary Johnson of Astoria appointed to Oregon Heritage Commission
- Public invited to comment on federal preservation grant award in Albany
- Scenic Bikeway Committee meets Sept. 18 in Salem
- ATV Grant subcommittee meets Sept. 19 in Jacksonville
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department accepting comments on draft master plan for state parks in Wallowa County
- Fur trappers set up camp at Champoeg Sept. 15

August 2018

- Cottonwood Canyon State Park hosts grand opening celebration and tour of the new Experience Center on Sep. 18
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission will meet September 18-19 in Condon
- State historic cemeteries commission seeks new member
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department accepting comments on proposed Nehalem Scenic Waterway
- Discounted RV campsite rates now available at selected Oregon State Parks during September, October
- Shute-Meierjurgan Farmstead listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Kim S. Moreland of Tigard appointed to Oregon Heritage Commission
- Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council meeting in The Dalles
- State Historic Preservation Office accepting comments on proposed nomination of Laurelhurst Historic District to National Register of Historic Places
- Dr. Robert R. and Mary Helen Mooers House listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- John B. Wennerberg Barn listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- ATV Highway Access Routes Advisory Committee meets Aug. 20 in Salem
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department accepting comments on rules establishing flexible campsite rates

July 2018

- Star Party set for Aug. 4 at Silver Falls State Park
- Temporary closure extended for Heceta Head Lighthouse repairs
- Oregon State Parks lifts campfire ban in coastal parks; ban remains in effect for beaches, all other state park properties
- Low water prompts boat ramp closure on Prineville Reservoir
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for August 3 in Tillamook
- Campfires and open flames prohibited in Oregon State Parks

- Silver Falls State Park fire updates
- Oregon silverspot butterfly reintroduced to Saddle Mountain
- Heritage Commission to meet July 29-30 in Astoria
- Grants awarded for historic properties and archaeology projects throughout the state
- Historic cemetery events in Dayton
- Service disruption at Willamette Mission State Park July 9-12
- Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council meets July 20 in Tillamook
- Dallas committed to preserving historic places
- Beach fires prohibited between Coos Bay and Bandon
- National Park Service returns Eastmoreland historic district nomination for more review by Oregon State Historic Preservation Office
- Advisory committee meets July 18 to develop plan for Nehalem River Scenic Waterway
- Grants awarded for veterans and war memorials projects throughout the state
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department accepting comments on proposal to remove Silver Falls ranches from rate and reservation system

June 2018

- Living history, hands-on activities highlight Historic Silver Falls Days July 14-15
- Commission awards grants to multiple historic cemetery projects
- Oregon Heritage Commission grants awarded to museums throughout the state
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department seeks public feedback on Oregon Scenic Bikeways
- Kayak and paddleboard rentals now at Milo McIver State Park
- State Capitol State Park fountain to remain off
- Temporary closure set for Heceta Head Lighthouse repairs
- State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation meets June 22 in Redmond
- Local Government Grant Program Advisory Committee meets June 18-20 in Salem
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission to meet June 12-13

May 2018

- ATV Grant subcommittee meets June 13 in Florence
- Lewis C. and Emma Thompson House listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Sitka Sedge State Natural Area opens June 2
- Western snowy plovers nesting on beach at Clatsop Spit
- Preservation Month Fair May 31st at the State Capitol
- Committee to review historic building grant applications
- Historic cemeteries commission to meet June 8
- Oregon Heritage Commission to meet June 4
- Portland Midsummer Festival designated an Oregon Heritage Tradition
- Celebrate State Parks Day June 2 with free camping, day-use and special events
- Heritage tourism workshop slated for Newberg
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for June 1 in Banks

- Heritage tourism workshop slated for Klamath Falls
- Milo McIver State Park celebrates 50 years June 9 with a ceremony and free outdoor concert
- Public welcome to comment on federal preservation grant awards
- Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee meets May 10 in Grants Pass
- Oregon Main Street welcomes new transforming downtown level community
- Committee to review museum grant applications
- Volunteers are invited to preserve Oregon's history at Zion Memorial Park in Canby
- Volunteers are invited to preserve Oregon's history at Rock Point Cemetery
- Volunteers are invited to preserve Oregon's history at Ramsey Cemetery in Portland
- Volunteers are invited to preserve Oregon's history at Nehalem American Legion Cemetery
- Volunteers are invited to preserve Oregon's history at Harrison Cemetery
- Volunteers are invited to preserve Oregon's history at Fernwood Pioneer Cemetery
- Oregon State Historic Preservation Office announces the release of the 2018-2023 Statewide Historic Preservation Plan
- Spring Valley School Listed in National Register of Historic Places
- Prineville Reservoir Star Party set for May 12

April 2018

- University of Oregon Mother's Day Powwow designated an Oregon Heritage Tradition
- Advisory committee meets May 24 to develop plan for Nehalem River Scenic Waterway
- Committee to review Veterans and War Memorials grant applications
- Columbia Gorge visitors reminded that closed areas remain dangerous
- Oregon Main Street Welcomes New Performing Main Street Level Community
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department seeks candidates for Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council
- Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council to meet May 4 in Klamath Falls
- Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council meets April 24 in Salem
- Living history, exhibits highlight special Founders' Day at Champoeg May 5
- Scenic Bikeway Committee meets April 26 in Salem
- Cemeteries sought for statewide cleanup
- 2018 Oregon Heritage Excellence Award winners announced
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department accepting comments on proposal to allow electric bicycles on certain trails
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission will meet April 17-18 in Lincoln City
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department now accepting applications for Recreational Trail Program grants

March 2018

- Oregon Outdoor Recreation Committee to meet April 12 in Salem
- Two state heritage commissions to meet April 11 in Bend
- Five Oregon Heritage Conference Sessions Open to Public in Bend

- Downtown Oregon City Association Named Winner of 2018 Great American Main Street Award
- Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council meets April 9 via conference call
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for April 6 in Tillamook
- Anne LeVent Prah of Portland appointed to Oregon Heritage Commission
- 2018 Spring Whale Watch Week runs March 24-31
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department opens second comment period for new rule that will require a permit to restore, maintain or preserve abandoned cemeteries
- To protect threatened shorebird, share the beach March 15 - Sept. 15
- Spring safety reminder sounded for Oregon coast
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department accepting comments on proposed lost-and-found rule change
- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department accepting comments on adding tribal governments to the ATV Grant Program
- Oregon Recreation Trails Advisory Council calls for nominations for Doug Newman Memorial Award

February 2018

- Grants available for veterans and war memorials
- Volunteers needed for State Scenic Waterways Advisory Committee tasked with studying the Nehalem River
- Crooked River Canyon is the newest Oregon Scenic Bikeway
- Lebanon Strawberry Festival designated an Oregon Heritage Tradition
- Local Government Grant Program advisory committee seeks to fill vacancies
- Historic Assessment Review Committee to meet February 20 in Salem
- Oregon's State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation Meets in Carlton
- Ecola State Park to be closed for repairs Feb. 13-15
- Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission will meet Feb. 21-22 in Lake Oswego
- Heritage Commission Seeks to Fill Current and Future Vacancies
- Wolf Creek Inn to reopen April 1 under new management
- 23rd Annual Eagle Watch celebration set for Feb 24-25
- Eagle Creek fire recovery topic of upcoming presentations
- Grants available for historic properties and archaeology projects
- Portions of State Capitol State Park to be closed through 2019 for accessibility, maintenance upgrades to Capitol building
- Grants available for historic cemetery projects
- Volunteers needed for Feb. 10 tree planting at Willamette Mission State Park
- Historic Cemeteries Commission meets February 2 via conference call
- Grants available for Oregon museum projects
- Salmonberry Trail meeting set for Feb. 2 in Salem
- Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council to meet Jan. 19 in Cascade Locks
- Applications Open for Oregon Main Street Downtown Revitalization Assistance
- Scenic Bikeway Committee meeting Jan. 24 in Salem
- Heritage Commission to meet January 21-22 in Portland

- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department now accepting applications for 2018 Land & Water Conservation Fund grants