



Recreation News

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Forest Information:

Seasonal Trails are open to bike and horses. **Not all trails are open to bikes or horses!** Please read trail sign posts for appropriate uses if you are unsure.

Welcome...

Welcome to the Spring edition of our Recreation and Volunteer Newsletter.

In this issue, we highlight the work we have done so far this year, some changes that are occurring on the forest, summer volunteer opportunities and, as always, our 'Did you Know' section.

These next couple of years will be challenging for the recreation program, so please contact me if you are able to assist in anyway possible. Volunteer help is appreciated, no matter how little, and tax deductible financial donations can be made to the OSU Foundation for the "Research Forest Recreation Fund".

Feel free to contact me and, as always, enjoy the forest!

Chris Jackson

Arboretum Worker Needed...

Do you have an interest in working at Peavy Arboretum? We are looking for a volunteer to assist in some duties around the grounds.

Tasks include mowing, weeding, and pruning. This will only be a short term position through the summer at about 10 hours each week. Days are flexible, but working during the week is preferred.

If you are interested, please contact me at:

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Thanks

Chris

Cronemiller Lake / Section 36 Trail

This spring we have addressed many trails within the forest. We cut the trail around Cronemiller lake, just above the Arboretum, and re-graveled it, so that there is a solid trail tread.



Above the lake you may notice we built a fence and additional trail connecting to the Section 36 loop trail.

This trail and loop will provide views over the OSU Logging Sports Team Arena and the lake. By adding this trail and fence, we hope to eliminate the damage that has occurred to this area in the past, by people wandering to the edge. We also restored the damaged areas.



Changes.....

As many of you may be aware, the College Forests budgets and staffing have been significantly reduced. Here are some of the changes that you will see as you visit the forests as well as what we will continue to do:-

- Protect the safety of Forest Visitors
- Curtail most logging operations for the foreseeable future
- Provide minimal maintenance to Forest Roads, Trails and Peavy Arboretum
- Protect important Arboretum facilities from fires
- Continue to maintain teaching, research and education missions
- Continue to provide public access and safe non-motorized recreation opportunities
- Use volunteers to assist with the recreation program

When the economy improves, funds generated from the sale of timber will be used to augment College special projects once again.

**Remember—Donations can be made to the Recreation Program
Contact us for more details.**

Spring Group Projects!

This spring has already been successful. We have had several groups helping in the forest, and improving our trails.

A big thank you to Oregon Equestrian Trails, Corvallis Trail Runners, GEO 300 Class, and Americorps—Corvallis High School.

Problem areas on Lower Horse Trail, Upper Dan's Trail and Section 36 have been addressed, with emphasis on improving drainage and minimizing standing water in the trail.

We hope that you like these improvements and enjoy your time in the forest.



Left : GEO 300 Class



Above: Americorps

Summer Volunteering Opportunity

**Looking for something to do this summer?
Come help with some trail work!**

We will be working on Extendo Trail improving tread, adding culverts, and French drains. These major trail improvements will be done to improve drainage, reduce puddles during the winter, and eliminate trail braiding issues that occur.

All ages welcome, great for families! Refreshments will be provided. Any time commitment will be appreciated, even as little as an hour.

Further details will be sent out early next month, but if you would like to confirm your interest please contact by phone or email.

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Did You Know. . . Camp Arboretum?

Peavy Arboretum was dedicated in January 1926 and named for Dean Peavy, long-time dean of the School (now College) of Forestry. It was intended to become a "locus of the Schools educational and social activities."

In 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Arboretum under the Vancouver Barracks. The camp operated from 1933 to 1942. At one point, the camp consisted of 39 permanent buildings in the Arboretum. The CCC's key role in western Oregon was fire prevention work and reforestation. The CCC contribution to McDonald Forest and the Arboretum significantly affected the landscape of the present forest. They expanded the nursery, and constructed Cronemiller Lake to provide water for irrigation. The crews built roads, planted trees, constructed firebreaks, strung telephone lines and built trails, including the Section 36 Trail, which is enjoyed by recreationists today. Management of the nursery and the Arboretum were taken over by the College of Forestry in 1964.



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For questions regarding volunteer days, or any other McDonald-Dunn Forest recreation-related topic, please contact Recreation Manager, Chris Jackson at: christopher.jackson@oregonstate.edu
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