



North Mountain Park Nature Center

PROGRAM CALENDAR Summer 2013

All programs will take place at **North Mountain Park Nature Center** unless otherwise indicated.
Classes may be canceled due to insufficient enrollment or other reasons. If this occurs, a full refund will be issued in two to three weeks.

Pre-registration is required for all programs 7 days in advance, unless otherwise indicated. Page numbers below are referenced to the program descriptions in the Winter/Spring Recreation Guide—www.ashland.or.us/recguide

Preschool Puppet Theatre

2nd Fri; May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9; 10:30—11:45am | Ages 3—5
\$6/child | North Mountain Park Puppeteers | Pg 30

Rogue Valley Bird Day

Sat, May 11, 8am—12pm | Free | Pg 38 | Pre-registration NOT required | Details on other side

Ashland Spring Birds

Lecture: Thu, May 16, 6:30—8:15pm; Field Trip: Sat, May 18, 7:30am—3pm | Ages 13 & up | \$15 | Harry Fuller | Pg 30

Geocaching 101

Sun, May 19, 1—3pm | Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult | \$15 | Meg Fraser | Pg 45

Creating Backyard Wildlife Habitat

Tue, May 21, 7—8:30pm | Ages 8 & up | \$7 | Lori Tella | Pg 19

Summer Pruning of Japanese Laceleaf Maples

Sat, Jun 1, 1—4pm | Ages 15 & up | \$25 | Lithia Park, lower duck pond | Julie Gates | Pg 19

Animals of the Rogue Valley for Homeschoolers

Wed, Jun 5, 10am—2pm | Ages 5—12 | \$15 | Nature Center Staff & Volunteers | Pg 30

Introduction of Fly Fishing

Thu; Jun 6, Jul 11, Aug 1; 5:30—7pm | Ages 12 & up | \$35/class
Garden Way Park | Rachel Andras | Pg 45

Summer Saturday Morning Bird Walks

2nd Sat; Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 10; 8—9am | Free | Local Birding Volunteers
Pg 30

Urban Composting

Sat; Jun 8, Jul 13, Aug 17; 10am—noon | Ages 13 & up | Free
Recycle Center | Rhianna Simes | Pg 19 | Pre-registration NOT required

Demonstration Garden Tours

2nd Wed; Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14; 9:30—10:30am | Ages 10 & up
Free | Volunteer Docent Susan Lander | Pg 20 | Pre-registration requested

Alternatives to Toxic Body Care Products

Wed, Jun 12, 7—8:30pm | Ages 15 & up | \$20 | Jo Jenner | Pg 31

Mountain Birds

Lecture: Thu, Jun 13, 6:30—8:15pm; Field Trip 1: Sat, Jun 15, 7:30am—3pm; Field Trip 2: Sun, Jun 16, 7:30am—2pm | Ages 13 & up
\$15 | Harry Fuller Pg 31

Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk at North Mountain Park

Sat, Jun 15, 10am—12:30pm | Ages 13 & up | \$20 | Jon Carlson
Pg 31

Earth Camp for Kids

Mon—Thu, Jun 17—20, 9am—noon | Ages 8—12 | \$65 | North
Mountain Park Staff | Pg 31

Summer Jam in the Park

Wed; Jun 19, Jul 17; 7—9pm | Free | Pg 41 | Pre-registration NOT required

Nature Writing Camp

Mon—Fri, Jun 24—28, 9am—noon | Ages 9—14 | \$95 | Andra
Hollenbeck | Pg 32

Herbal Medicine Making at North Mountain Park

Sat, Jun 29, 10am—1pm | Ages 13 & up | \$30 | Jon Carlson | Pg 32

Medicinal Plant Walk

Tue, Jul 2, 7—8:30pm | \$15 | Karen Tassinari | Pg 32

Herbal First Aid

Wed, Jul 10, 6:30—8:30pm | Ages 10 & up | \$30 | Karen Tassinari
Pg 32

Birding Siskiyou County

Lecture: Thu, Jul 11, 6—8pm; Field Trip: Sat, Jul 13, 7am—3pm
Ages 13 & up | \$15 | Harry Fuller Pg 32

Edible & Medicinal Plants of Pilot Rock

Sat, Jul 13, 11am—3pm | Ages 13 & up | \$35 | Jon Carlson | Pg 33

Rogue Valley Geology in the Earth's History

Thu, Jul 18, 7—8pm | Ages 9 & up | \$5 | Len Eisenberg | Pg 33

Introduction to Paper Making

Tue, Jul 23, 10am—noon | Ages 10 & up | \$12 | North Mountain Park
Staff | Pg 22

Reptiles & Amphibians

Sat, Jul 27, 3—4pm | Ages 3 & up | \$7 | John Jackson | Pg 33

Best Veggie Harvesting Methods & Planting a Winter Garden (Now!)

Wed, Jul 31, 7—8:30pm | Ages 12 & up | \$12 | Ashland Creek
Community Garden | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 20

Galaxies! Nebulae! Clusters! Oh, My!

Sat, Aug 3, 8:30—10pm | Free | Ms Galaxy, AKA Jessica Vineyard
Pg 34 | Pre-registration NOT required

Garden Art & Nature Play Camp

Mon—Fri, Aug 12—16, 9am—noon | Ages 2.5—5.5 | \$100 | Michele
Pavilionis | Pg 34

Collecting Native Seed for Your Garden

Sat, Aug 24, 9am—12:30pm | Ages 12 & up | \$15 | Meet at North
Mountain Park and be prepared to drive 20 mins | Jim Duncan
Pg 20

Little Fox Cubs Day Camp

Mon—Fri, Aug 26—30, 9am—noon | Ages 4—6 | \$195 | Coyote
Trails School of Nature Instructors | Pg 34

Evening Nature Walk

Wed, Aug 28, 7:30—8:30pm | Ages 8 & up | \$5 | North Mountain
Park Staff | Pg 34

The North Mountain Park Nature Center is located at 620 N Mountain Avenue in Ashland. For more information, call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606 or visit www.NorthMountainPark.org

VOLUNTEER PROFILE



Jacob King

Jacob King has been a volunteer at North Mountain Park since the beginning of the year. He is assisting with the creation of plant guides for use at the park, and is looking forward to trying his hand as an instructor for the K-5 spring 2013 programs, *Animals of the Rogue Valley*. Jason and his wife moved to the Rogue Valley in 2009 to pursue their educational goals at Southern Oregon University, and they both feel it was the best decision yet! Jason's hobbies/interests

include: learning; maps and cartography; plant identification; philosophy; music; basketball (you can find him at Garfield Park on a sunny afternoon); and most importantly, building social capital. His past volunteer endeavors have been at the Geos Institute, the Jackson County Fuel Committee, as well as helping friends and neighbors moving a couch! When asked what he likes about volunteering at the park... *"... the atmosphere at North Mountain Park is relaxed and positive, with the staff being very kind and sincere. Lastly, with all of the educational programs going on, it's hard not to turn back into a curious little child."*

ROGUE VALLEY BIRD DAY—MAY 11 8AM TO NOON

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Rogue Valley Bird Day is the local celebration of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), which celebrates one of the most important and spectacular events in the life of a migratory bird—its journey between wintering and breeding grounds. The theme this year is the **"Life Cycle of Migratory Birds and the Importance of Conservation Efforts throughout the Cycle."** This event will

focus on what birds are doing at various times of the year (nesting, migrating, overwintering) and the importance of conservation efforts along every step of their journey.

Join us on **Saturday, May 11, from 8:00 am to noon** to celebrate! Enjoy Wildlife Images exhibits, guided bird walks, and a bird-calling contest for all ages. This outdoor event is admission-free and takes place at North Mountain Park, 620 N Mountain Avenue, Ashland. For more information visit www.RogueValleyBirdDay.net or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541-488-6606.

KARI GIES SAYS GOODBYE



Kari Gies, Education Coordinator at the North Mountain Park Nature Center, has announced plans to step down from her position in late June. Kari has been involved since the planning stages of North Mountain Park, committing 16 years of dedicated effort and service to the Ashland Parks & Recreation Department and to the community. She will leave behind a legacy of educational programs and projects she has developed during those years. Kari plans to remain in Ashland where she will be pursuing new endeavors. We wish her well in her pursuits!

GREEN LIVING TIPS

CREATING BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT

No matter how big or small your property, from an apartment balcony to a 100-acre farm, anyone can create a beautiful garden that attracts wildlife by providing food, water, cover and a place to raise their young. In addition to enhancing habitat for native wildlife, your efforts will also help reduce runoff and pollution throughout the region.

To get started, you can visit the Demonstration Gardens at North Mountain Park to see examples of gardening for wildlife. Some of the features include: a butterfly garden, bird buffet, reptile amphibian garden and native plant garden. **Docent-led tours take place the 2nd Wednesday during the summer months, June through September, at 9:30 a.m.** Or you can join us at the Nature Center on **Tuesday, May 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** for **"Creating Backyard Wildlife Habitat,"**

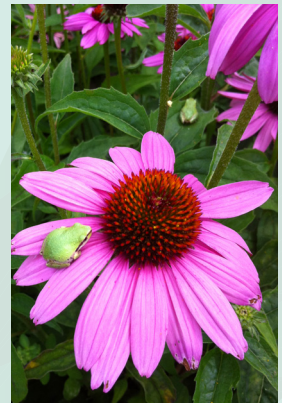


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a class presented by Lori Tella, Urban and Community Conservationist with Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District—Details page 19 of the summer Ashland Parks & Recreation Guide. This program will cover four elements: naturescaping with native plants, removal of aggressive weeds, stormwater management and wildlife stewardship. By integrating these four ideas into your property you can reduce water use, and the need for fertilizers and pesticides, all while providing healthy wildlife habitat.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS...

Volunteer instructors are needed to lead (or assist with) field programs this fall. All activities will be presented outdoors to children in grades K-5 and the topic will be *Native Americans of the Rogue Valley*. Training will take place in early September and programs will run through the end of October.

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