



SWEET HOME RANGER DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2013



All hikes begin at the Sweet Home Ranger District (SHRD), located at 4431 Hwy 20 in Sweet Home, OR. Transportation to and from the trailhead will be provided by US Forest Service. Most hikes are $\frac{1}{2}$ day and return by 3 p.m., six to seven mile hikes return between 5 - 6 p.m. Most day hike fees are \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 with a Senior or Access Passes; **request for refunds must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the hike.** Pre-registration is required for all hikes and they fill up quickly.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre-registration for guided hikes is handled through the National Recreation Reservation System. Pre-register at www.recreation.gov, or call 1-877-444-6777 and press #1 for tours. Please be aware there is a \$3.00 service charge per hike.

For detailed hike information, or to be placed on a waiting list for full hikes call the SHRD front desk at 541-367-5168, or visit www.fs.usda.gov/willamette.

Participants need to bring LUNCH & WATER for every hike. For an enjoyable experience, please consider bringing the items listed below:

- Hiking boots/camp shoes/walking stick
- Extra socks (polypropylene inner sock helps)
- Jacket (waterproof, it's Oregon)
- Hat for sunshade/sunglasses/sunscreen
- Bee sting kit (if allergic) - Insect repellent
- Medications
- Moleskin/bandages (if you're blister prone)
- Day Pack (insulated lunch bag)
- Camera
- Baby wipes or waterless hand cleaner



Each hike can be evaluated based on the trail ratings described below:

EASY- Trail is fairly level, may have short up/down hill sections.
Trail surface may be gravel or dirt.

MODERATE- Trail can be moderately steep with long up/down hill sections.
Trail surface may be uneven gravel or dirt.

DIFFICULT- Trail can be steep, and have lots of elevation gain or loss with numerous long hilly sections. Trail surfaces can be uneven and rocky.



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May 4
Saturday

General Outdoor Preparedness

Less than one mile- **Easy**

This class covers skills needed to survive an outdoor emergency in Western Oregon. It covers shelter, signaling, the best way to start a reliable fire on the wet side of the mountains (even in the rain!), and how to get found. Participants will learn what to carry to stay alive and how to use it. The majority of this class will be held in a classroom setting.

SHRD at 9 a.m. Tim and Lisa Chase leaders odder_or@hotmail.com

May 18
Saturday

Backpacking Basics

Indoor Classroom- **Fee**

Learn how to plan a trip, pack, see some of the newest backpacking gear and learn some neat tips and tricks. We will talk about nearby backpacking locations and dealing with the unexpected in the wilderness.

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May 31
Friday

Early Mountain Wildflowers & Late Lichens, and Mosses

Tombstone Prairie and Hackleman Old Growth Grove

2 miles- Easy - Fee

See the first flowers to appear once the snow melts, followed by a tour of other creatures that adorn the forest.

Meet at SHRD at 9 a.m. Leader: Alice Smith

acsmith@fs.fed.us



June 1
Saturday

Free Fishing Day & Derby- No Fee

Enjoy free fishing, prizes and fun activities on a family day at the Roaring River Fish Hatchery near Scio, Oregon.

Contact: Lance Gatchell lgatchell@fs.fed.us



June 14
Friday

Santiam Wagon Road: Latiwi to Mountain House

4 miles - **Moderate** - Fee

Explore what early travel was like in the forest on the historic toll road that once linked the Willamette Valley to eastern Oregon. Hike is mostly downhill.

Meet at SHRD 8 a.m. Leader: Tony Farque tfarque@fs.fed.us



June 15
Saturday

Art Along the River

3 Miles- Moderate- Fee

All experience levels and mediums welcomed. Your guide will take you to the ancient forest, an amazing historical shelter and one of the best swimming holes on the planet. Bring whatever you need to create, and remember you have to carry them. Be prepared to hike, carry your own supplies, bring a lunch, and a cushion to sit on.

Meet at SHRD at 9 a.m. Leader; Lisa Chase odder_or@hotmail.com

June 20
Thursday

Cascadia Cave Heritage Hike

2.5 miles - Easy - Fee

Follow the historic footsteps of the Kalapuya Indians along the lower floodplains of the South Santiam River. The trail may be muddy bring appropriate footwear.

Meet at SHRD - 9 a.m. Leader: Tony Farque tfarque@fs.fed.us

June 28
Friday

Gordon Meadows Wildflowers

2 miles- Moderate - Fee-expect wet feet.

Enjoy a spectacular display of wildflowers, including camas and elephant's-head.

Meet at SHRD at 9 a.m. Leader: Alice Smith acsmith@fs.fed.us



July 3
Wednesday

Iron Mountain to Tombstone Pass Heritage Hike

6 miles- Difficult- Steep, rocky terrain - Fee

Explore the cultural history, wildflowers, panoramic views and geologic formations that surround these two landmarks.

Meet at SHRD 8 am Leader: Tony Farque tfarque@fs.fed.us

July 5
Friday

Wildflowers on Cone Peak & Iron Mountain

7.4 miles Difficult with lots of elevation gain - Fee

Enjoy wildflowers, panoramic views and geologic formations that surround these two landmarks on a loop trail.

Meet at SHRD 8 a.m. Leader: Alice Smith acsmith@fs.fed.us

July 19
Friday

Three Pyramids Wildflower Hike

4 miles - Difficult - Fee

A steep but beautiful hike. This 2 mile trail ascends 1600 feet in elevation through old growth forest and meadow before switching back to the summit of the Middle Pyramid. Lots of wildflowers and a spectacular view!

Meet at SHRD at 8 a.m. Leader: Alice Smith acsmith@fs.fed.us

August 1
Thursday

Santiam Wagon Road :Tombstone to Latiwi

7 miles - Difficult - Fee

Explore what early travel was like in the forest on the historic toll road that once linked the Willamette Valley to eastern Oregon. Hike is mostly downhill.
Meet at SHRD 8 a.m. Leader: Tony Farque tfarque@fs.fed.us

August 6-8
Tuesday-Thursday

Civilian and Youth Conservation Corps Outing-Fee
Spend two nights at Longbow Organizational Camp learning about the history, short day hikes, and preparing for the annual potluck picnic. Space limited to 17 participants for overnight outing. Must provide all camping equipment including food.
Contact: Stefanie Gatchell 541-367-3962 or email sgatchell@fs.fed.us

August 7
Wednesday

CCC Alumni Potluck Picnic (Open to the public) - FREE
Join us in celebrating the successes and stories of the CCC/YCC. This Annual event is open to the public
Longbow Organization Camp - Program begins at 11:00 a.m.
Please pre-register with SHRD Office: 541-367-5168



August 9
Friday

Streamside Rock Hounding
1 Mile- **Moderate** -Fee
Learn river rock origins and identification, off trail hiking includes unstable footing, and bending. Please bring a lunch.
Meet at SHRD at 9 a.m. Leader: Lance Gatchell lgatchell@fs.fed.us



August 15
Thursday

Santiam Wagon Road, Fish Lake to Lost Prairie
5 Miles- **Moderate**-Fee
Explore what early travel was like in the forest on the historic toll road that once linked the Willamette Valley to eastern Oregon.
Meet at SHRD - 8 a.m. Leader: Tony Farque tfarque@fs.fed.us

August 23
Friday

Art in the Old Growth
3 Miles- **Moderate**- Fee
All experience levels and mediums welcomed. Your guide will take you to the ancient forest, an amazing historical shelter and one of the best swimming holes on the planet. Bring whatever you need to create, and remember you have to carry them. Be prepared to hike, carry your own supplies, bring a lunch, and a cushion.
Meet at SHRD at 9 a.m. Leader: Lisa Chase odder_or@hotmail.com

August 29
Thursday

Santiam Wagon Road- Eno Road to Clear Lake
6 miles- **Moderate** - Fee
Explore what early travel was like in the forest on the historic toll road that once linked the Willamette Valley to eastern Oregon.
Meet at SHRD - 8 a.m. Leader: Tony Farque tfarque@fs.fed.us

August 30

Berry Picking Bonanza - Location TBD by availability of berries

Friday

Easy $\frac{1}{2}$ mile hikes in several locations - Fee

Learn about the berries that have sustained people and wildlife in the Cascades for thousands of years. Includes traditional uses of berries and how to distinguish between edible and non-edible. Family friendly.

Meet at SHRD at 9 a.m. Leader: Alice Smith acsmith@fs.fed.us



September 5

Thursday

Cascadia Cave Heritage Hike

2.5 miles - Easy - Fee

Follow the historic footsteps of the Kalapuya Indians along the lower floodplains of the South Santiam River. Includes traditional uses of plants.

Meet at SHRD - 9 a.m. Leader: Tony Farque tfarque@fs.fed.us

September 19

Thursday

Scenic Byway Tour- "75 Years of Hwy 20"

2 miles- Easy walking/hiking - Fee: \$15

Enjoy highlights along the Byway with Tony Farque as your guide. Learn the cultural and geological history of the Cascades. Explore Fish Lake historic site.

Meet at Riggs Community Center, 880 18th Ave, Sweet Home at 9 a.m.

Leader: Stefanie Gatchell sgatchell@fs.fed.us

September 19

Thursday



Full Moon Hike to Iron Mountain Platform

2 miles- Difficult walking/hiking - Fee

Bring a headlamp and flashlight and enjoy the woods at night. See the moon rise and discuss nature at night. Sun and moon will be rising/setting at almost the same time on this particular day. Be prepared for tripping hazards on this trail. Good balance and sure footedness a must for this nighttime adventure!

Leader: Jon Meier jmeier02@fs.fed.us

September 27

Friday

Art in the Fall Lava

5 miles- Moderate-Fee

All experience levels and mediums welcomed. Your guide will take you Clear Lake and the Great Springs to capture the amazing fall colors and high contrast that is the autumn season. Bring whatever you need to create, and remember you have to carry them. Be prepared to hike, carry your own supplies, bring a lunch, and a cushion to sit on.

Meet at SHRD at 9 a.m. Leader; Lisa Chase odder_or@hotmail.com

September 28

Saturday

National Public Lands Day

Enjoy a FEE FREE day at Recreation Fee Areas on Willamette National Forest or volunteer on different projects being coordinated by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Linn County Parks and the US Forest Service.

October 11
Friday
Fall Colors
3 miles- **Easy**- Fee
Enjoy panoramic views of the Cascades and impressive fall colors. Includes adaptations displayed by native plant and animal species as winter approaches.
Meet at SHRD at 9 a.m. Leader: Stefanie Gatchell
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October 12
Saturday
General Outdoor Preparedness
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Please only register for one Mushroom Hike

October 18
Friday
Mushroom Hike
Moderate: wear rubber or Gortex boots - Fee
Gain experience identifying edible and non-edible mushrooms on this hike. First half of day is dedicated to hiking a trail or area to learn basic mushroom identification. Latter half of day is dedicated to mushroom collection. Site TBD upon mushroom seasonal availability. Trail is one-way and easy to moderate grade. Climbing over large logs or navigating across rock is expected. Bucket or basket and small cutting knife also needed.
Meet at SHRD 9 a.m. Leader Tiffany Young tayoung@fs.fed.us



October 25
Friday
Edible Mushroom Hike
Moderate: wear rubber or Gortex boots - Fee
Cooking demonstration at Longbow follows edible mushroom collecting. Meet at SHRD 9 a.m. Leader: Lance Gatchell
Please bring your lunch, a small bucket or basket and cutting knife.
lgatchell@fs.fed.us

November 1
Friday
Edible Mushroom Hike- Location TBA
Moderate: wear rubber or Gortex boots - Fee
Cooking demonstration at Longbow follows edible mushroom collecting. Please bring your lunch, a bucket or basket and cutting knife.
Meet at SHRD 9 a.m. Alice Smith acsmith@fs.fed.us

December 7
Saturday
Swag and Wreath Making
Learn to assemble holiday swags and wreathes from locally collected forest products, such as boughs, cones, and berries. Some wreath rings and wire will be on hand but consider bringing more, along with clippers for trimming boughs.



Meet at SHRD 10 a.m. Alice Smith acsmith@fs.fed.us
Tiffany Young tayoung@fs.fed.us

These events are offered under the Recreation Fee Program authorized by The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. These fees fund protection and enhancement of local historic sites for public use and enjoyment and the continuation of conservation education programs