



# North Mountain Park Nature Center

## PROGRAM CALENDAR Fall 2010

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 indicated below are referenced to the program descriptions in the Fall Recreation Guide—[www.ashland.or.us/recguide](http://www.ashland.or.us/recguide).*

### **Walking Tours of Ashland**

Thu, Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 9—10am for *Main St Tour*; 10:30—11:45am for *Railroad District Tour* | **Meet at the Plaza drinking fountains**  
Free | Suzanne Marshall | Pg 14 | Pre-registration NOT required

### **Demonstration Garden Tours**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat, Sep 8, 25; 9:30—10:30am | Free | Volunteer docents Susan Lander & Gary Foll | Pg 17

### **Viewing the Night Sky: Lecture & Star Party**

Sat, Sep 11, 8—11pm | Free | Colin White | Pg 15 | Pre-registration NOT required

### **The Ancient Art of Camouflage**

Sat, Sep 18, 1—4pm | \$5 | Joe Letsche | Pg 15

### **Urban Composting Class**

Sat, Sep 18, 10am—noon | Free | Recycle Center on Water St in Ashland (Park on Water St, not in Recycle Center | Denny Morelli Pg 17 | Pre-registration NOT required

### **Edible & Medicinal Plant Walk**

Sun, Sep 19, 10am—12:30pm | \$25 | Jon Carlson | Pg 17

### **Introduction to the Sustainable Garden or Landscape**

Wed, Sep 22, 5—6:30pm | \$20 | Gary Krause | Pg 17

### **Bear Creek Festival**

Sat, Oct 2, 11am—4pm | Free | Details back pg | Pre-registration NOT required

### **Preschool Puppet Theatre** (No September shows)

2<sup>nd</sup> Fri; Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10; 10:30—11:45am | **Ages 3—5**  
\$5/child | N MT Park Puppeteers | Pg 15

### **Green & Solar Tour**

Sat, Oct 9, 9am—3pm | \$10 | Meet at the front of the Ashland Civic Center, 1175 E Main St, Ashland | Pg 17

### **Autumn Harvest Soups & Greens**

Wed, Oct 13, 6—7:30pm | \$25 | Marilyn Moore | Pg 14

### **The Ancient Art of Animal Tracking**

Sat, Oct 16, 1—3pm | \$5 | Joe Letsche | Pg 15

### **Mt View Cemetery Tour**

Sun, Oct 17, 2—3pm | \$5 | Jan Wright | Pg 16

### **Let Worms Eat Your Garbage & Your Improve Your Soil**

Mon, Oct 18, 7—8pm | \$5 | Rhianna Simes | Pg 17

### **Reclaim the Rain**

Wed, Oct 20, 7—8:30pm | \$5 | Pam Lott | Pg 18

### **Herbal Infused Oil & Salve Making**

Sun, Oct 24, 2—5pm | \$30 | Vitalist School of Applied Herbology, 340 A St, #7, Ashland | Jon Carlson | Pg 14

### **The Self-Sustaining Garden**

Mon, Oct 25, 7—8:30pm | \$15 | Cynthia Care | Pg 18

### **Native Americans of the Rogue Valley for Homeschoolers**

Thu, Oct 28, 9am—1pm | **Ages 9—12** | \$8 | N MT Park staff and volunteers | Pg 16

Fri, Oct 29, 9am—noon | **Ages 5—8** | \$5 | N MT Park staff and volunteers | Pg 16

### **Bear Creek Work Party**

Sat, Nov 6, 1—3pm | Free | Bear Creek Park, Medford | Pg 26  
Pre-registration NOT required

### **Project FeederWatch**

Alt Sat (except Sun, Dec 26), Nov 13, 27; Dec 11, 26 (continuing through March, 2011); 9am—10am | Free | Rogue Valley Audubon Society volunteers | Pg 16 | Pre-registration NOT required

### **Soap Making Workshop**

Tue, Nov 16, 5—6:30pm | \$12 | N MT Park Staff | Pg 18

### **Natural Cleaning Products**

Thu, Nov 18, 6:30—8:30pm | \$12 | Pioneer Hall in Lithia Park  
N MT Park Staff | Pg 18

### **Natural Holiday Wreaths**

Fri or Sat, Dec 3 or 4, 1—3pm | \$15 | N MT Park Staff | Pg 20

### **Holiday Handmade Crafts**

Sun, Dec 5, 1—4pm | \$8 | The Grove, Otte/Peterson Rm  
Rebecca Slosberg | Pg 20

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For a complete description of the Ashland Parks & Recreation **Refund Policy** and **program descriptions**, visit [www.ashlandparksandrec.org](http://www.ashlandparksandrec.org), view the Ashland Parks & Recreation Guide or call 541.488.6606

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE—Friend & Volunteer of the Nature Center



*Connie Lynn* "The staff and volunteers are amazing, with lots of experience and stories to share. I've learned so much from them and enjoy the camaraderie while volunteering. North Mountain Park is a beautiful, peaceful part of nature that recharges my spirit each time I visit."

Connie Lynn moved from San Francisco to Ashland 12 years ago with her husband. They were drawn to the "small-town atmosphere of Ashland, the educational and cultural amenities available, and the outdoor recreational opportunities and scenery of the surrounding area." They also thought it would be a great environment to raise their daughter. Connie has dedicated hundreds of hours at the park over the past seven years, where her volunteer efforts are in-line with her hobbies and interests... her love of plants and flowers and being outdoors. You can often find her in the section of the medicinal herb garden she has adopted and lovingly tends to during the growing-season. In the off-season Connie has helped out in the Nature Center office. Other volunteer endeavors include the Ashland School District, the Rogue Group Sierra Club, and Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco.

### Green Living

Are you planning to build a new home or looking for ways to incorporate green building designs into your existing one? If your answer is "yes," or even "maybe," you will enjoy these upcoming opportunities to tour innovative green homes and buildings to see how you can use solar energy, energy efficiency, and other sustainable technologies to reduce monthly utility bills and help tackle climate change. Learn exciting new ideas and get inspired by what others have created! There are several green and solar tours taking place in our region in conjunction with October, National Energy Awareness Month. You can learn about them on the web at [www.solaroregon.org](http://www.solaroregon.org), or call the Nature Center.

- Ashland Green & Solar Tour—Sat, Oct 9, 9am • Rogue Valley Green & Solar Tour—Sat, Oct 2, 9am

### 2010 Plastic Round-up

Save your plastic for recycling! Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. \$5 per car or pick-up truck. Two locations: Jackson County Expo and the Ashland National Guard Armory. For more information and visit [www.jcrecycle.org](http://www.jcrecycle.org).

### Volunteers Needed...

#### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Field Program Instructors needed for spring K - 5 programs teaching about "Native Americans of the Rogue Valley."

#### SERVICE LEARNING

Assist with either teaching or guiding educational or associated service activities for groups of volunteers. Fall topics include water quality, plants and people, and environmental art.

#### EVENTS

Volunteers are needed for the Bear Creek Festival on Saturday, October 2. Two shifts will be available: 10:30am to 1:30pm, or 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Free Annual Event First Saturday in October  
at North Mountain Park

Bear Creek Festival  
2010

620 N Mountain Ave, Ashland ~ 541.488.6606  
Saturday, October 2, 11am - 4pm

Fun Activities for All Ages  
Bear Creek Friendly Exhibits  
Grilla Bites Food Concession  
Live Entertainment & More

[www.BearCreekFestival.net](http://www.BearCreekFestival.net)

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