



# North Mountain Park Nature Center

## PROGRAM CALENDAR Fall 2011

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).*

### **Demonstration Garden Tour**

Wed, Sep 7, 9:30—10:30am | Age 10 & up | Free | Volunteer docents | Pg 28

### **Tree Pruning Basics**

Sat, Sep 10, 9am—noon | Age 10 & up | \$10 | Casey Roland  
Pg 28

### **Mushroom Cultivation & Easily Accessible Mycology**

Sat, Sep 10, 1—4pm | Age 10 & up | \$25 | Cameron Meeks | Pg 28

### **Rain Barrel Workshop**

Wed, Sep 14, 7—8:30pm | Age 10 & up | \$5 | Lori Tella | Pg 28

### **Jackson County Bird Migration**

Lecture: Thu, Sep 15, 6:30—9pm; Field Trip: Sat, Sep 17, 8am—3pm  
Age 13 & up | \$15 | Harry Fuller | Pg 14

### **Finding Balance: Rock Stacking & Dry-Stone Arch Building**

Sat, Sep 17, 10am—noon | Ages 7 & up | Age 7 & up | \$15 | Jesse Biesanz | Pg 14

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

Sun, Sep 18, 10:30am—1pm | Age 14 & up | \$25 | Jon Carlson Pg 28

### **Healing with Honey Bee Hive**

Thu, Sep 22, 6—8pm | Age 10 & up | \$20 | Sarah & Molly | Pg 29

### **Making Smoke, Coal & Fire with a Bow Drill**

Sat, Sep 24, 10am—noon | Ages 7 & up | \$15 | Jesse Biesanz | Pg 14

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

Sat, Sep 24, 7:30—10pm | All ages welcome | Free | Colin White  
Pg 14 | Pre-registration NOT required

### **Urban Composting**

Sat, Sep 24, 10am—noon | Age 13 & up | Free | Recycle Center on Water St in Ashland (Park on Water St, not in Recycle Center)  
Denny Morelli | Pg 29 | Pre-registration NOT required

### **Bear Creek Festival**

Sat, Oct 1, 11am—4pm | All ages welcome | Free | Details back pg | Pre-registration NOT required

### **Jump Start Your Water Harvesting Action Plan**

Wed, Oct 5, 6:30—8:30pm | Ages 13 & up | \$25 | Pam Lott | Pg 29

### **Green & Solar Tour**

Sat, Oct 8, 9am—3pm | Ages 16 & up | \$10 | Meet at the front of the Ashland Civic Center, 1175 E Main St, Ashland | Pg 29

### **Dancing Star Lantern Making Class**

Sat, Oct 8, 10am—2pm | All ages welcome (under 10 requires a parent helper) | \$12 | Anneke Raphael | Pg 24

### **Exploring the World of Pacific Salmon**

Sun, Oct 9, 8:30am—4:30pm | Ages 16 & up | \$15 | Ian Reid | Pg 15

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

Wed, Oct 12, 6:30—8pm | Ages 9 & up | \$10 | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 30

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Fri; Oct 14, Nov 4, Dec 9; 10:30—11:45am | **Ages 3—5**  
\$6/child | North Mountain Park Puppeteers | Pg 15

### **Geology of the Rogue Valley for Homeschoolers**

Thu, Oct 27, 9am—1pm | **Ages 6—12** | \$15 | North Mountain Park staff and volunteers | Pg 15

### **Bear Creek Watershed Work Party**

Sat, Oct 29, 10am—noon | All ages welcome | Free | Park at the Ashland Dog Park at end of Helman St and follow bike path just over a quarter mile to the work site | Pg 27 | Pre-registration NOT required

### **Christmas Bird Count**

Lecture: Thu, Nov 3, 6:30—8pm; Field Trip: Sat, Nov 5, 8:30am—2pm | Ages 12 & up | \$15 | Harry Fuller | Pg 15

### **Project FeederWatch**

Alt Sat; Nov 12, 26; Dec 10, 24 (continuing through March, 2012); 9am—10am | Ages 10 & up | Free | Rogue Valley Audubon Society volunteers | Pg 15 | Pre-registration NOT required

### **Natural Cleaning Products**

Wed, Nov 16, 1:30—3:30pm | Ages 13 & up (younger children my register if accompanied by an adult) | \$12 | Pioneer Hall in Lithia Park North Mountain Park Staff | Pg 30

### **Herbal First Aid for Self-Reliance**

Sat, Nov 19, 10am—4pm | Ages 16 & up | \$55 | Vitalist School of Herbology, 340 A St, No. 7 in Ashland | Jon Carlson | Pg 30

### **Natural Holiday Wreaths**

Fri or Sat, Dec 2 or 3, 1—3pm | Ages 9 to 99 | \$15 | North Mountain Park Staff | Pg 24

For a complete description of the Ashland Parks & Recreation **Refund Policy** and **program descriptions**, visit [www.ashland.or.us/recguide](http://www.ashland.or.us/recguide). Direct online registration is available at [www.ashland.or.us/register](http://www.ashland.or.us/register) — It's easy to do and helps to reduce costs.

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

### *Friend & Volunteer of the Nature Center*



*"The staff and setting at North Mountain Park are both fantastic, and all the obvious effort and care and creativity that are in evidence there make my participation a real honor and joy. It's one of the first public spaces I visited on arriving here (you can tell a lot about a town by its parks!) and pretty soon thereafter knocked on the door to see what I could do to help. Lots of other volunteers apparently had the same idea, as the wonderful gardens and programs say a lot about the level of community support for such a great resource."*

— Ben Brownell

Ben has been volunteering at the Nature Center for the past six months, coordinating the new green building demonstration wall in the Nature Center. He is hopeful that his experience at North Mountain Park will lead to a range of other creations and collaborations in the parks and around town. Ben relocated to Ashland about a year ago, and finds it very easy and familiar, as a kind of 'best of' combination of many of his previous homes. Ben's interests could be grouped into three areas: sustainable design for communities, buildings and landscapes; multimedia production and distribution through social web technologies and general healthy/outdoor/organic/connected living. He has been most passionate for creative natural integrated building projects, and would like to continue as an artistic craftsman in partnership with local aficionados to produce lively and functional spaces, private and public. You can learn about Ben's Creative Consulting Work at his Web site [vitalisys.com](http://vitalisys.com). Ben also volunteers at ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum and in a few gardens/farms around the valley.

## Upcoming Events...

Free Annual Event First Saturday in October  
at North Mountain Park



*New this year, beginning in September, Bear Creek Watershed Awareness Month with over 20 exciting community activities and events related to our home, the Bear Creek Watershed. Visit our Web site!*

Fun Activities for All Ages  
Bear Creek Friendly Exhibits  
Fulcrum Dining Food Concession  
Live Entertainment & More

620 N Mountain Ave, Ashland ~ 541.488.6606  
Saturday, October 1, 11am - 4pm

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



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## Volunteers Needed...

Instructors needed to teach and assist with fall field programs. Geology of the Rogue Valley will be presented to K—5th graders during September and October. Training will take place September 7 and 8.

Volunteers are needed for the Bear Creek Festival on Saturday, October 1. Morning and afternoon shifts are available.

If you would like to volunteer at the North Mountain Park Nature Center, please contact the Park Department's new Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Ainsworth...

Direct Line: 541.552.2264

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VIP — Volunteer in Parks,  
*"It's the Natural Thing to Do!"*

## Leave Your Mark at North Mountain Park...

### Buy a Brick!

Help support the North Mountain Park Natural Area and Community Programs by purchasing an engraved brick to be installed in a walkway around the North Mountain Park Nature Center. For a \$50 donation your brick can display the message of your choice engraved on a bronze plaque inset. For more information call the Nature Center at 541.488.6606.

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