



North Mountain Park Nature Center

Program Calendar Winter/Spring 2015

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

Salmon Spiral Solstice

Thu, Dec 18, 4—5:30pm | 10—Adult | Free | Spiral is located at North Mountain Park across the bridge below the pavilion
Pre-registration is NOT required

Project FeederWatch

Alternate Sat; Jan 3, 17, 31; Feb 14, 28; Mar 14; 9—10am
10—Adult | Free | Rogue Valley Audubon Society volunteers |Pg 28
Pre-registration is NOT required

Preschool Puppet Theatre

2nd Fri of each month, Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8
10:30—11:45am | 3—5 yrs | \$6/child | North Mountain Park
Puppeteers | Pg 28

Winter Bird Walk

Sat, Jan 10, 8:30—10am | 10—Adult | Free | Vince Zauskey | Pg 28

Little Gnomes

2nd Mon of each month, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11
10am—Noon | 2—5 yrs | \$5/child | Shannon Clery | Pg 29

Beginning Wet Felting from Raw Sheep's Wool to Fabric

Wed, Jan 21, 5—7:30pm | 12—Adult | \$30 (includes all materials)
Kimberly Brown | Pg 33

Lawn Gone! Transform Your Thirsty Lawn into a Water-Efficient Landscape

Sat, Jan 24, 3—5pm | 15—Adult | \$20 | Kimberly Brown | Pg 18

Homegrown Food Year-Round

Wed, Jan 28, 7—9pm | 15—Adult | \$20 | Kimberly Brown | Pg 18

Monarch Butterflies: Creating Habitat

Sat, Jan 31, 1—3pm | 12—Adult | \$10 | Tom Landis & Tiffany Wyatt
Pg 19

Seed Swap

Wed, Feb 4, 7—8pm | All ages welcome | Free | Pg 20
Pre-registration is NOT required

Winter Birds & Spring Arrivals

Lecture: Thu, Feb 26, 6:30—8:30pm; Field Trip: Sat, Feb 28,
8:30am—3pm | Ages 13—Adult | \$15 | Harry Fuller | Pg 29

Pruning Basics

Sat, Feb 28, 1—2:30pm | 15—Adult | \$15 | Jennifer Ewing | Pg 20

Successful Seed Starting

Sat, Feb 28, 10am—Noon | 12—Adult | \$20 (includes all materials)
Jennifer Ewing | Pg 20

Pine Needle Basketry

Sat, Mar 7, 9:30am—4pm | 15—Adult | \$40 (includes all materials)
Sue Yamins | Pg 33

Introduction to Wildlife & Bird Photography for Teens

Sat, Mar 7 & 14, 9am—Noon | 7—12th Grade Students | \$125
(includes all equipment & supplies | Dan Elster | Pg 33

Plant Your Drought-Tolerant Garden NOW!

Wed, Mar 11, 6—7:30pm | 15—Adult | \$17 | Christie Mackison
Pg 20

Birds

Wed, Mar 18, 6:30—8pm | 15—Adult | \$10 | Shannon Rio | Pg 29

Nice & Easy Natural Spring Cleaning

Sat, Mar 21, 1—3pm | 13—Adult | \$12 | Libby VanWyhe | Pg 21

Recycling: Where Does it Go & Why?

Tue, Apr 14, 6:30—8pm | 13—Adult | Free | Risa Buck | Pg 21

Seeing & Recognizing Our Valley's Architectural History

Wed, Apr 15, 22, 29; May 6, 13; 7—8:30pm | 18—Adult | \$15 for the
series | Jeff LaLande, PhD | Pg 30

Mindful Birding

Lecture: Thu, Apr 16, 6:30—8pm; Field Trip: Sat, Apr 18,
8—10am | Ages 10—Adult | \$15 | Kate McKenzie | Pg 29

Biking the Greenway to Taste Wild Edibles

Tue, Apr 21, 4:30—6pm | 10—Adult | \$7 | Meet at the Ashland Dog
Park off Nevada & Helman Streets | Linda Chesney | Pg 30

Rogue Valley Earth Day—Our Actions Matter

Sat, Apr 25, 11am—4pm | All ages welcome | Free | ScienceWorks,
1500 E Main St in Ashland | Pg 34

Wildflower Walk in Hald—Strawberry Park

Tue, Apr 28, 4:30—6pm | 10—Adult | \$7 | Meet at the top of Logan
Drive (off Scenic & Grandview) | Linda Chesney | Pg 31

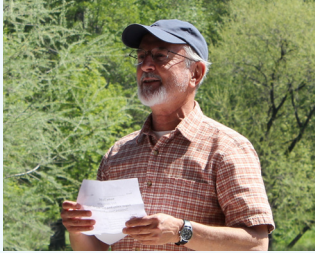
Rogue Valley Bird Day

Sat, May 9, 8am—Noon | All ages welcome | Free Admission | Pg 35

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

Vince Zauskey



"I really enjoy being out in nature and have found the more often I do, the more 'once in a lifetime' sightings or events I experience. The park, when I'm patient, also offers some good opportunities for close-up photography of birds and maybe a mammal or two!"

Vince Zauskey is a long time resident of the Medford/Ashland area, and has been volunteering at North Mountain Park since its inception in 2000. During that time, he has had some memorable wildlife sightings at the park, including a Northern Pygmy Owl, a Gray Fox and a Peregrine Falcon.

Vince helps guide the park's development as a member of the North Mountain Park Steering Committee. He also conducts the "Calling All Birds" contest at the annual Rogue Valley Bird Day. Vince is pictured here, doing one of his amazing bird call imitations. In addition to bird watching and birding by ear, Vince enjoys photography and fly fishing on the Rogue River.

GREEN LIVING TIPS

Water Wise Landscaping—New Demo Area

At North Mountain Park, a new installation demonstrates two water saving alternatives: artificial turf and pervious pavers.

A Few Advantages of Synthetic Lawn:

- No need for fertilizer and pesticides
- No weeding or maintenance with gas-powered equipment
- Easy to clean and durable

The demonstration area is surrounded by pervious pavers, another popular landscaping alternative. Pervious pavers allow rain to filter back into the ground water. By reducing run-off, they also keep pollution out of storm drains and creeks. Other resources are available, including the City's water-wise website—www.ashlandsaveswater.org.



Rogue Valley Bird Day

Sat, May 9, 8am—Noon



Bird photo courtesy Gary Schaffer

Rogue Valley Bird Day is the local celebration of a most spectacular aspect of the life of a migratory bird—its journey between wintering and breeding grounds. This year's theme is "Restore Habitats, Restore Birds." Join us on Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. to noon, to celebrate! Enjoy Wildlife Images exhibits, guided bird walks, and a bird-calling contest

for all ages. For more information visit RogueValleyBird-Day.net or call the North Mountain Park Nature Center at 541.488.6606.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Spring Work Party

Volunteer as a gardener at North Mountain Park on Wednesday, March 18, 10am—noon. *Details pg 36 in guide.*

Volunteer Instructors Needed

Share the wonders of the WATERShed with kids this spring, by teaching WATER of the Rogue Valley field trips! We need volunteers of all ages and abilities to teach small groups of K-5 students at North Mountain Park. Join us for training Tuesday, April 7, followed by practice teaching. **Contact Lori Ainsworth at lori.ainsworth@ashland.or.us for more information and to sign up.**



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North Mountain Park Nature Center, 620 N Mountain Ave, Ashland, OR 97520—Thank you!

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