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One day only: 12 Oregon land trusts welcome the public to events for Get Outdoors Day

On June 9, thousands of Oregonians will get a rare glimpse of these protected lands

PORTLAND, OR—Twelve land trusts will be hosting events on properties not usually open to the public on Get Outdoors Oregon day—part of the National Get Outdoors effort—Saturday, June 9.

What's a land trust? Land trusts or land conservancies are typically nonprofit organizations that actively work to conserve land in local communities. In Oregon, there are over 20 of them. Oregon land trusts have protected more than 400,000 acres of land—nearly four times of that owned by Oregon State Parks. Some of these special places owned or managed by land trusts are typically closed to the public because they have sensitive species or resources, or there are not facilities to support regular public visitation.

Get Outdoors Oregon Day on Saturday, June 9, is a chance to get outside—whether that's attending exciting land trust events, exploring Oregon's hiking trails or enjoying a local park with family.

“Oregonians have invested in land conservation to protect special places and our quality of life. Land trusts help maintain open space, clean water, clean air, working forests, working farms, and places for wildlife to thrive. With Get Outdoors Day, we want Oregonians to connect with the land and feel inspired,” said Kelley Beamer, Executive Director of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts (COLT).

Get Outdoors Oregon day, led by the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts, is part of a week celebrating outdoor recreation in Oregon June 2nd - June 10th. The week encourages Oregonians to explore, discover and learn about Oregon's special places. Land trust events range from nature writing, wildflower hikes, geology walks, kid led butterfly adventures, estuary oyster explorations and invasive plant removal. Locations are in every corner of Oregon, Port Orford, John Day, Enterprise, Klamath Falls, Eugene, Corvallis, Mosier, Seaside, Portland and more.

“Even with Oregonian's love of wild lands, many are not aware of the contribution of land trusts in protecting a vast network of landscapes in Oregon. Our land trusts work with willing landowners to voluntarily protect the places and values we all hold dear- from the Zumwalt prairie in Wallowa County to the wild coastal edge. Land trusts help those who care for the land pass it on, work to restore and steward critical habitat, and connect

people to place,” said Kathleen Ackley, Executive Director of Wallowa Land Trust and Board President of COLT.

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Land Trust	Nearby City	Preserve	More Info
Mckenzie River Land Trust	Eugene	Green Island	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Deschutes Land Trust	Bend	Whychus Canyon	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Deschutes Land Trust	Bend	Metolius Preserve	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Wild Rivers Land Trust	Port Orford	Bear Creek Natural Area	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Southern Oregon Land Trust	Ashland	Rogue River Preserve	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Greenbelt Land Trust	Albany	Little Willamette	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
The Nature Conservancy	Eugene	Willamette Confluence	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
The Nature Conservancy	Portland	Powell Butte	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Klamath Lake Land Trust	Klamath Falls	Caledonia Oak Woodlands Hike	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Friends of Columbia Gorge Land Trust	Mosier	Mosier Plateau	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Wallowa Land Trust	Enterprise	Zumwalt Prairie	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
The Nature Conservancy	John Day	Juniper Hills	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
North Coast Land Conservancy	Seaside	Circle Creek	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Blue Mountain Land Trust	Family Hike in the Blues	Umatilla National Forest	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
Blue Mountain Land Trust	Forest Edibles	Blue Mountains	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/

The Wetlands Conservancy	Oyster Exploration	Brian Booth, Yaquina Bay	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/
The Wetlands Conservancy	Minthorn Springs Birding	Minthorn Springs	https://www.getoutdoorsoregon.org/events/

Get Outdoors Oregon day:

Website: www.getoutdoorsoregon.org

Hashtag: #getoutdoorsOR

Instagram: @getoutdoorsor

Land Trusts:

A land trust is a non-profit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve, and steward lands, by working with willing landowners and diverse community partners. Land trusts partner with private landowners to negotiate agreements that permanently protect land and public resources like clean water, clean air, places for wildlife, and farmland.

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The Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts (COLT) is the state association of land trusts in Oregon, made up of 20 nonprofit land trusts serving communities around the state. COLT focuses on improving and advancing land conservation in the state through increased land trust capacity and coverage, engagement of stakeholders, defending and developing new and larger sources of funding, and supportive policies. It represents the land trust community and provides leadership on important initiatives in public policy advocacy, policy implementation decisions, and outreach to public and private stakeholders.