

Foresters permit fewer Northwest wild times

When campers head for their favorite wilderness areas this summer, their first stop will have to be the U.S. Forest Service — to pick up a free wilderness permit.

Permits will be required in 12 of Oregon's and Washington's 15 wilderness areas from June 15 to Nov. 15. The permit system was insti-

tuted to protect the wilderness areas from over-use by increasing numbers of campers, hikers, and other nature enthusiasts. It provides the Forest Service with detailed information about wilderness use which is needed for making management plans and decisions.

All visitors must obtain permits to visit the Diamond Peak, Eagle Cap, Mountain Lakes, Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, Strawberry Mountain, and Three Sisters wilderness areas in Oregon. No permits are required to enter the Gearhart Mountain and Kalmiopsis wilderness areas in Oregon and the new Hells Canyon wilderness bordering the Snake Canyon.

Permits can be obtained by mail, at the trailheads, or by applying to the National Forest office in charge of each wilderness area.

The Forest Service is also interested in hearing from campers and hiking parties after they return from the higher elevation trails. The Forest Service does not have the manpower to continuously monitor trail conditions, and hopes that information volunteered by hikers will help keep their recreational reports up to date.

"Hikers could help us by filing short reports on any problems they found on the trails," says Sam Frear of the Willamette National Forest. "Vital information is the amount of snow on the trails, fallen trees or blocked trails, slides or washouts of the trail, and any difficulty in reaching the trailheads."

Frear says that if the information is received at their office by Monday, it will be put in the weekly

recreational reports that are worked up each Tuesday during the summer. The recreational reports are available at the forest headquarters and district offices for inspection by hikers and campers.

Publication of problem areas on trails will help hikers the following week avoid troubles as well as help the Forest Service direct its

maintenance crews to the trails that need the most work.

If you have information about trail conditions, contact the forest headquarters. The Willamette National Forest has a special phone number to report trail information, 687-6521. Reports can also be left at the forest headquarters in the federal building at 7th and High streets in downtown Eugene.

by E.G. White-Swift

Trout fishing in Eugene

If you're the type who's been polishing your fishing tackle all winter or would like to get out in a boat once in a while, there are many opportunities in Eugene for fun.

By Oregon law, you need a fishing license to angle in any fresh waters in the state. The license costs \$9, and can be purchased at most sporting goods stores which sell fishing tackle. The money is used by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to stock and clean up waters in the state, and if you're caught without one, the penalty is stiff.

Where to go?

The McKenzie River flows into the Willamette in Eugene, and offers some good trout fishing in its many pools. Highway 26 runs east of Eugene, along the river, and there are many boat landings.

The Willamette is fairly clean from Eugene on South. Highway 58 off I-5 will give you access to some fair trout and bass fishing — if you get over the 'yecch' rating that Portlanders give the river.

The Siuslaw River has several runs of steelhead each year, and can be reached by Highway 26 going west toward the coast.

Fair bass fishing and an occasional trout can be found in the Fern Ridge Reservoir. West 11th will take you to public boat landings along the shore.

Boats can be rented at the University Canoe Shack, north of Franklin Boulevard. They offer canoes and kayaks for \$1.20 an hour for use along the Millrace. If you want to take the boats out of the Millrace, the charge is \$7.50 a day, and they require a \$30 cash deposit. All rentals include paddles and life jackets.

Hawkeye's offers canoe rental at Alton Baker Park Pond at \$2.50 an hour, or \$7 a day. Rentals include life jacket and paddles, and there is no deposit. However, the canoes can only be used on the Alton Baker Park waterway.

by Rick Bella

Eugene's parks let you recreate all around town

If a stretch of green lawn and some sunshine aren't enough for your summer days, the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department has classes from macrame, modern dance, calligraphy and vegetarian cooking to bike maintenance, tennis and volleyball, and raft construction. These classes and dozens more are available at community centers around town and will start this weekend through the first week or two in July. The parks department has a complete brochure of classes with registration information at city hall.

For the outdoor enthusiast there are hiking, canoeing and mountain climbing trips planned for different times during the summer. Forget the bike trips, though. A budget cut has forced cancellation of all bike outings except for the San Juan trip.

Sports buffs can choose up teams for softball and basketball, and training is offered in track and field skills.

For those looking forward to the crowded tennis courts this summer, a new challenge awaits. Municipal tennis courts can be reserved for the first time. The cost is \$2 per court, Monday through Friday for one-and-a-half hours, and \$3 a court for the same time limit on weekends. Information on when courts must be reserved and where you reserve them is available at the parks office.

If you're content with just a place to soak up sun, the parks department has a series of concerts planned to entertain you while you're tanning. Wheatfield and Arroyo kick off the program on the Fourth of July in the afternoon at Skinner Butte Park with more music scheduled at that and other parks on every Sunday in July and every Friday in August.

by Phil Waldstein

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