

Sign up for a guided hike

Travel along the Fort to Sea and Kwis Kwis trails Aug. 18 with NCLC

ASTORIA — The North Coast Land Conservancy will offer a free On the Land outing at 12:30 p.m. Aug. 18.

Carla Cole will lead a 3.7-mile hike on the Fort to Sea and Kwis Kwis trails in Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

The Fort to Sea Trail leads southwest from Fort Clatsop to Sunset Beach, approximating the route that members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition followed to reach their salt-making operations near present-day Seaside. This On the Land guided hike will begin off U.S. Highway 101, in the middle of the Fort to Sea Trail, and hike east on the trail over the Skipanon River and through the forest to the overlook at the trail's high point. Then, hikers will loop back on the park's newest trail, the Kwis Kwis, which crosses over a lush



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Carla Cole, right, the natural resources program manager at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, will lead a hike in the park along the Fort to Sea and Kwis Kwis trails on Aug. 18.

wetland with a long wooden boardwalk.

This hike rises about 400 feet in elevation and mostly follows narrow dirt trails that are steep and muddy in places. Attendees will walk at a moderate pace. Hikers will have access to a vault toilet about 1 mile from the trailhead. No pets are allowed. Bring water and snacks. Wear sturdy walking shoes, and dress for the weather.

The event is free, but registration is required; visit

nclctrust.org. For questions, call 503-738-9126 or email nclc@nclctrust.org

Cole studied botany at Oregon State University and later worked around the Northwest conducting surveys for rare plants, mosses, lichen and fungi. She is the natural resources program manager at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. Recently she helped found the Filipendula Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon.

Find a Regatta block party at the Fort

ASTORIA — Hoist the mainsail and set course for the mouth of the Columbia and three days of festivities at Fort George Brewery. In honor of the Astoria Regatta, Oregon's oldest celebration in its oldest city, the Fort George block will host a party open to all.

On Friday, Aug. 12, take your pint outside for a courtyard showing of the cult comedy classic "Strange Brew." Bring chairs and blankets. No tickets are required. The movie starts at dark.

On Saturday, Aug. 13, the courtyard offers prime seating for the Regatta Grand Land Parade at noon, followed by a Cornhole Tourney. Sign up begins at 1:30 p.m., and there is no cost to enter.

Stick around for barbecue, craft beer and a solid lineup of live music with Malachi Graham, Snowblind Traveler, and The Bond Street Blues Band.

Fireworks over the Columbia River cap the night, best viewed upstairs from the pizza cathedral.

Live music continues at Fort George at 2 p.m. Sun-



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Malachi Graham will perform Americana music Saturday.



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Will West and the Friendly Strangers perform Sunday.

day, Aug. 14. Enjoy bluegrass by Cascade Crescendo, roots-blues-pop from Will West & The Friendly Strangers, and the psychedelic soul-jazz sound of Scott Pemberton Trio. Live music will end at 10 p.m.

During the weekend, the brewery will also release two beers for patrons' pleasure. Dark Matter, one of the more memorable beers from Stout Month 2014, will be released in the Lovell Taproom. This complex imperial oatmeal stout aged in both bourbon and pinot noir barrels is available on draft

for a limited time only.

Fort George will also tap Operation: Cannot Possibly Fail — a new IPA the brewers crafted specifically for the Great American Beer Festival 2016. Judge both of these beers for yourself before they arrive at GABF.

All ages are welcome, friendly leashed pets are allowed outside, and there is no cover. The brewery is located at 1483 Duane St. The Regatta Block Party at Fort George may be on land, but it certainly won't be dry.



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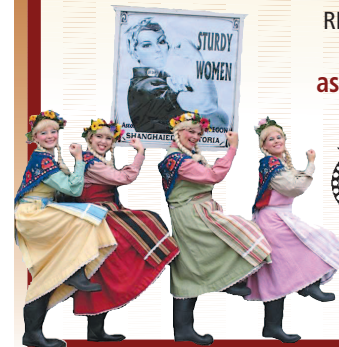
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