

# Take free tour of 'the emerald necklace'

Walk through conserved land along Nehalem Bay's north edge

NEHALEM — Join Lower Nehalem Community Trust Stewardship Coordinator Max Broderick on Saturday, Sept. 10 for Explore Nature's next event: a walking tour of the community trust's conservation work along Nehalem Bay's scenic north edge.

The tour will start at 10 a.m. at the end of Tohl Road in Bayside Gardens and will last approximately two hours. Broderick will lead the tour through wet-

lands where beaver, ducks, heron and coho salmon are harbored. The tour will also explore Lower Nehalem Community Trust's Sitka Wetlands and Cedar Creek Marsh. The last stop on the tour is Elk Meadows, the trust's partnership project with the city of Manzanita. Elk Meadows is a neighborhood nature park that features a winding trail, stands of alder trees and lush wetlands.

This string of conservation parcels is dubbed "the emerald necklace" because it has beaded together several natural habitats to protect important wetlands, vistas, green space and waterways, which are crucial

to the well being of all who inhabit the region — fish, wildlife and people alike.

Dogs are not permitted on the tour. Bring a pair of binoculars for an up-close look at wildlife. Wear appropriate footwear; the tour will travel through wetlands. Bring your water bottle, and note that bathroom facilities are not readily available.

Lower Nehalem Community Trust is a community land trust that preserves land and nurtures conservation values in partnership with an engaged community in the Nehalem region of the Oregon Coast. For more information, visit [nehalemtrust.org](http://nehalemtrust.org) or call 503-368-3203.

This event is free, open to all and is part of the Explore Nature series of hikes, walks, paddles and outdoor adventures throughout Tillamook County.

Created by Tillamook Estuaries Partnership, Lower Nehalem Community Trust, Lower Nehalem Watershed Council, Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS, Tillamook Bay Watershed Council and Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, the Explore Nature series' meaningful, nature-based experiences highlight the beauty of Tillamook County and the work being done to preserve the area's natural resources and natural resource-based economy.



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The guided tour will include Lower Nehalem Community Trust's Cedar Creek Marsh.

This effort is partially funded by the Economic Development Council of Tillamook County and Visit Tillamook Coast. The series will continue through the summer and fall. Registra-

tion is required for some of the activities.

Go to [www.tbnep.org/explorenature](http://www.tbnep.org/explorenature) to see the schedule and get more information, or call 503-322-2222.

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