

Take a guided tour of Nedonna Marsh



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Nedonna Marsh

Join Friends of Nedonna Marsh for a guided Ecological Tour of Nedonna Marsh 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 24, and learn about the organization's work to help keep the area wild.

"This is an intact remnant of the original native coast," organizers wrote in a release. "Within this area is a native saltwater marsh, a spruce/willow wetland and a dune area with many native plants."

Coyotes, river otters, deer and other wildlife make this area home, and migratory birds use it to rest and refill, the group said. Two salmon-bearing streams, Jetty Creek and McMillan Creek, flow through the estuary and

into Nehalem Bay.

The marsh is privately owned and in danger of being developed. "If this happens, the community will lose this special place forever," the friends group said.

The walk is fairly easy, but there is some uneven ground, so it would be best to wear sturdy shoes. Rain or shine, the walk will take place. Participants are asked to bring binoculars if they have them.

The suggested donation, collected on site, is \$5 per person over 18. Kids walk free. No dogs allowed.

The walk begins from the parking lot near the South Jetty of the Nehalem River in the Nedonna Beach section of Rockaway Beach, Oregon.

To get there from U.S. Highway 101, turn west at the sign indicating the Manhattan Beach Wayside. (This exit is somewhat north of Neah-kah-nie High School.) Then, do not actually turn into the wayside, but proceed west on Beach Drive, following it



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as it curves north, and then dead-ending after about half a mile.

At the intersection of Beach Drive and Section Line Road is the parking lot where the hike will start. Regarding restroom facilities: There is a port-a-potty at the parking lot, plus the complete restroom facilities at the Manhattan Beach Wayside.

The event is sponsored by

Friends of Nedonna Marsh, Lower Nehalem Community Trust, and Rockaway Beach Citizens for Watershed Protection.

Registration is appreciated, and can be done through the Explore Nature website: explorenaturetillamookcoast.com.

For more information, contact nedonnamarsh@gmail.com or call 503-355-2516.

Walk the Land with land conservancy

SEASIDE — The North Coast Land Conservancy is offering a free guided two-hour walk on Oregon Walk the Land Day beginning 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24, at the Circle Creek Conservancy Center, at Seaside's south end.

The walk consists of foot trails, mown paths and raised boardwalks. Conservancy Executive Director Katie Voelke and naturalist Mike Patterson will lead participants through a roughly 3-mile hike.

"The walk will provide a glimpse of the forests in the Necanicum River floodplain and lower reaches of Tillamook Head in their many stages: newly planted, dead

and decaying, and everything in between," organizers wrote.

Anyone can participate, but preregistration is required. Register at NCLTrust.org/cc-headland-floodplain.

Circle Creek, one of the conservancy's largest habitat reserves, is located at the end of Rippet Road in Seaside. Look for it on the west side of U.S. Highway 101, 0.7 miles north of the junction with U.S. Highway 26. Follow the road west and north, passing a gravel quarry on the left, to where it ends between two barns.

For more information, contact nclc@ncltrust.org or 503-738-9126.



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