

## What do our forests mean to us?

CANNON BEACH — Oregon is known for both its timber industry and its deep environmental values. What are the beliefs we have about our forests, and what will we, as a state, do to steward, manage and protect this special resource?

This is the focus of “Seeing the Forest for the Trees: Stewarding Our Public Lands,” a free conversation with Mariah Acton, 4 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum, 1387 South Spruce St. This program is sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Acton is a soon-to-be graduate from the University of Oregon, where her master’s work focuses at the intersection of conflict resolution, nonprofit management and public administration. She is a recent social science researcher for the U.S. Forest Service and a volunteer facilitator with forest collaboratives in the southern Willamette Valley.



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Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state’s future.



Mariah Acton

## Toast atop Neah-Kah-Nie Mountain

Experience the connection between land and sea during the upcoming World Oceans Day Hike to the summit of Neah-Kah-Nie Mountain in Oswald West State Park, 4:30 p.m. Friday, June 8.

This guided hike is part of the Explore Nature Tillamook Coast series of hikes, walks, paddles and outdoor adventures.

The climb to the summit of Neah-Kah-Nie Mountain offers stunning views of the Nehalem River Valley, Nehalem Bay and watershed, Oswald West State Park and the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve. The 5-mile round-trip hike will highlight the interconnection of the marine and terrestrial environment along the North Coast and the vital work being done to protect these areas.

Celebrate World Oceans Day with Lower Nehalem Watershed Council and Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve with a special toast atop Neah-Kah-Nie. Participants will receive a reusable water



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A view from the summit of Neah-Kah-Nie Mountain

bottle, we’ll provide the sparkling cider!

### Details

Expect to spend three to three and a half hours on the trail.

Follow signs for and meet at Neah-Kah-Nie Mountain South Trailhead parking area on the east side of U.S. Highway 101, just south of milepost 40 and two miles south of Short Sands Beach in Oswald West State Park.

Parking is limited; car-pool when possible.

The trail’s difficulty level is rated moderate to hard. The trail is steep in places and was damaged some by winter storms. Be prepared to scamper over or under sizable fallen trees and larger rocks blocking the trail.

There are no bathrooms or drinking water facilities

on this hike. Bring a sack dinner or snacks and plenty of water.

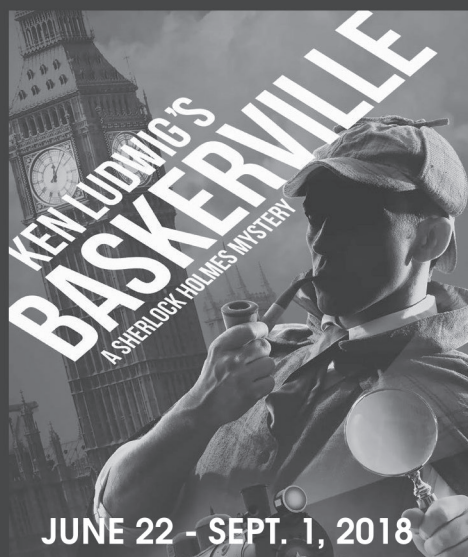
Weather on the Oregon Coast is unpredictable and trails can be slick and muddy. Be prepared and bring appropriate gear and clothing.

For details, contact Lower Nehalem Watershed Council at 503-368-7424 or Cape Falcon Marine Reserve at [capefalconmr@gmail.com](mailto:capefalconmr@gmail.com).

Space is limited. Register at [explorenaturetillamook-coast.com](http://explorenaturetillamook-coast.com) or by visiting [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) and searching for “World Oceans Day Hike” in Nehalem.

The hike is free, though suggested tax-exempt donations of \$10 help Lower Nehalem Watershed Council and Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve provide quality programs like these.

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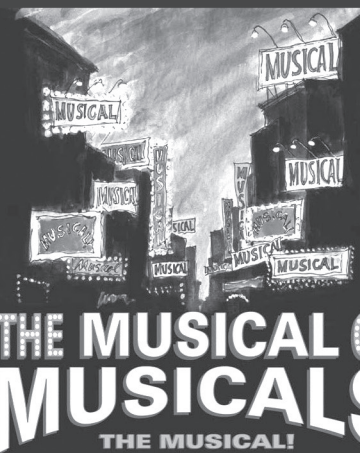


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