

# Got the pandemic blues?



## Take a nature walk

Bill Bradshaw, Wallowa County Chieftain

Hikers trek the last few yards to the top of the East Moraine above Wallowa Lake on one of Wallowology's free Discovery Walks.

Go! staff

**W**ALLOWA COUNTY — The Wallowology Discovery

Center's weekly nature walks might be just the thing to lighten resurging pandemic blues. Even wearing a face mask, a hike in the fresh air and natural beauty of Wallowa County is sure to brighten an otherwise disheartening day.

The center's free two-hour Discovery Walks are offered twice a week through Sept. 24.

On Fridays, easy to moderate guided hikes depart from trailheads at 9 a.m. These Discovery Walks are limited to 10 people and pre-registration is required by emailing [info@wallowology.org](mailto:info@wallowology.org).

The Hurricane Creek Trail (meet at the end of Hurricane Creek Road) and BC Falls Trail (meet at the end of Wallowa Lake Highway 351) are both moderate. Ask about the required Northwest Forest Pass when you register.

The West Fork Trail walk is easy and family friendly. Meet at the end of Wallowa Lake Highway 351.

Here's the schedule for September's Friday hikes:

- Sept. 3, Hurricane Creek Trail
  - Sept. 10, West Fork Trail
  - Sept. 17, BC Falls Trail
  - Sept. 24, Hurricane Creek Trail
- Saturday walkers gather

at 9 a.m. in the Wallowa Lake Lodge lobby. Pre-registration isn't needed for these family friendly hikes exploring the area around Wallowa Lake.

All hikes are guided, led by Judy Swank or Charla Lower. Masks are required. Participants are asked to wear sturdy walking shoes and bring water but leave their dogs at home.

For more information, stop by the Wallowology Natural History Discovery Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, email [info@wallowology.org](mailto:info@wallowology.org) or go to [www.wallowology.org](http://www.wallowology.org).

**FREE!**

## Carbon Champs

### Blue Mountains Big Wild Trees

Large trees represent a small proportion of trees in the forest, but they play an exceptionally important role in the entire forest community. Dr. Mildrexler will present on global change, big trees and water availability, and climate mitigation in Eastern Oregon's forests.

**Thursday, Sept 9 • 6pm**  
Presentation to be held outside, please dress for cool temperatures

**David Mildrexler, PhD**  
Systems Ecologist, Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands

*David Mildrexler focuses on terrestrial systems science, global change biology, large landscape conservation, and the educational programs at Wallowology Natural History Discovery Center. He is a Wilburforce Fellow in Conservation Science and holds a PhD in Forest Ecosystems and Society from Oregon State University.*

Wallowa Lake Lodge Thursday Speaker Series

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at Wallowa Lake Lodge

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# LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Geiser-Pollman Park

Saturday-Sunday, September 4-5

10a.m.-3p.m.

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