

Annual ‘First Day Hike’ set for Friday at Honeyman State Park

For the fifth consecutive year, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is partnering with America’s State Parks to offer free guided First Day Hikes in state parks across Oregon on New Year’s Day, Friday, Jan. 1.

The usual \$5 day-use parking fee will be waived for Jan. 1 only. Details, along with directions to the park, are available on the Oregon State Parks website at www.OPRDcalen.com online and search for

“First Day Hikes” under the Event Category. Hike will begin at 10 a.m. starting at the group campground parking lot off Canary Road. The trail is ranked “moderate” with a 1.5-mile hike on a

narrow trail. Leave dogs at home. Take a hike on an historic Civilian Conservation Corps trail that follows the shoreline of Woahink Lake. Participants should dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes and bring water as

well as a camera or binoculars for wildlife viewing. In case of inclement weather, the park should be contacted directly to find out about cancellation. This year, OPRD is asking participants to share photos of

their First Day Hike via social media by using the hashtag #ORfirstdayhikes Twitter and Instagram or tagging “Oregon State Parks” on Facebook. Images can also be e-mailed to social.oprd@oregon.gov.

Hike from 1B

American flute music will be provided by Doc Slyter and Mary Beth Nickel. Weather and trail conditions permitting, participants are then invited to hike the 804 Trail north to the Ya’Xaik Trail,

on to the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve Public Footpath and back to the Commons — approximately a 3.5 mile trip. The route is mostly level but there are several steep steps and inclines along the Ya’Xaik section of the trail. Those not wishing to hike may remain at the Commons where entertain-

ment will be provided until hikers return. At that time all participants will complete the Peace Ceremony at the fire then join together in the Commons to share food, music and camaraderie. In addition there will be informative displays and presentations by the Oregon Parks

and Recreation Department, the U.S. Forest Service, CTCLUSI, View the Future, the Yachats Trails Committee, Coastal Gems Volkswalkers, and artists who have produced and will auction work about Amanda and the Amanda Trail. Participants may also then collect their 2016 commemora-

tive event pin, which was created by the Siuslaw National Forest 2014 Artist-in-Residence, Margie Lopez Reid. For those interested in learning more about Yachats area trails and hiking opportunities, a comprehensive list of area trails with links to maps and other information can be found

from the Yachats Chamber of Commerce website at www.yachats.org/Yachats_Area_Trails_Maps.html. Printed brochures are also available at the Yachats Visitors Center. For more information, contact Lauralee Svendsgaard at 541-547-3640.

Fishing from 1B

The West Lake Boat Ramp at Siltcoos has been close for repairs but there is a neighboring private ramp that can be utilized. Look to fish near the lake outlet and by the major tributaries that enter the lakes. Casting or trolling spinners or various plugs can be effective. Fishing for the various warm water fish species tends

to be slower during the winter months. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access. **SIUSLAW RIVER:** *Chinook, steelhead* The fall Chinook fishery is very slow and basically over for the season. Any remaining fish are in spawning condition. December is considered to be the start of the winter steelhead run. Look for small numbers of fish to be in the lower river above the head of tide this early in the season. Casting lures or bobber fishing can be productive during low clear flows. **ALSEA RIVER:** *Chinook, steelhead* The fall Chinook fishery is very slow. Most remaining fish are actively spawning. A small number of new fish may enter the basin over the next couple weeks.

Winter steelhead season has arrived. The best chances to hook a chrome steelhead at this time would be in the lower section below Five Rivers. Tossing spinners, or floating bait or a jig are good options during low clear flows. **SALMON RIVER:** *Chinook, steelhead* The fall Chinook fishery is very slow. Most remaining fish are actively spawning or already spawned out. Winter steelhead season tends to kick in this time of year. A small number of fish are likely in the system now and look for the numbers to steadily increase over the coming month. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to consider. **SILETZ RIVER:** *Chinook, coho, steelhead* The fall Chinook fishery is slow. A small number of new

fish may be found in the lower river but most remaining fish are actively spawning or spawned out. The wild coho fishery is now closed for the season. Winter steelhead season is just getting underway. This time of year typically sees the first few fish entering the river. Best chances early on during lower flows will come from below the town of Siletz. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive. **WILSON RIVER:** *Steelhead, Chinook* The river was at flood stage through mid-week. When the river drops, fall Chinook and winter steelhead will be available. Fishing should be fair to good. Anglers are reminded that the river above Jordan Creek is closed to all salmon fishing. **YAQUINA RIVER:** *Chinook, steelhead* Anglers are having very little success for fall Chinook in the upper section of tide water. Most fish are now on the spawning grounds. The winter steelhead run is now underway. The Big Elk tends to start seeing fish this time of year in small numbers. Look for the next good rain event to get the fishery going. The wild coho fishery is now closed for the year. **COOS COUNTY LAKES and PONDS:** *Trout, yellow perch* Fishing for trout has been decent in Bradley Lake south of Bandon and in Butterfield

Lake north of Coos Bay. Anglers have been catching some of the large trophy trout stocked this year on small flies or slowly trolling spinners. Trout will not be stocked again until the spring. Yellow perch fishing has been good in lakes like Saunders Lake. Fishing a worm on the bottom in deep water should provide lots of bites for yellow perch. **UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:** *Steelhead* The South Umpqua is currently open to adipose fin-clipped steelhead harvest, and winter steelhead fishing should pick up with the recent rains. There will be excellent hatchery steelhead harvest opportunities on the South Umpqua as the season progresses, especially around Stanton Park in Canyonville. **TENMILE BASIN:** *Trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, coho* Streams in the Tenmile Basin are now closed for trout fishing until May 22, 2016. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow. Yellow perch fishing has been very good for anglers in boats and from the fishing dock at the County Boat Ramp. A worm or piece of cut bait fished near the bottom works well for catching yellow perch. Wild coho season is open in Tenmile Lakes until Dec. 31. The bag limit is 1 wild coho per day and 5 wild coho for the season in aggregate with all other wild coho fisheries in the NW and SW

zones. Anglers casting spinners have started catching coho in the upper arms of the lakes. Steelhead fishing is open in Tenmile Creek but does not open in Eel Creek until Jan. 1. A couple anglers have been out for steelhead in Tenmile Creek but so far there are no reports of any steelhead being caught. **WINCHESTER BAY:** *Bottomfish, perch, crab* Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful. Crabbing has been productive, but Chinook and coho fishing has slowed in the ocean off of Winchester Bay and in the lower Umpqua River. **PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES:** *Bottomfish, Dungeness crab,* The ocean is now closed to harvest of Dungeness crab. Ocean salmon fishing is now closed. Pacific halibut fishing is closed. Fishing for bottom fish is now open to fishing at all depths. Fishing for black rockfish and lingcod continues to be very good from Charleston to Bandon when the ocean is calm enough for anglers to get out on the water. The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two). Anglers can only keep 3 blue rockfish and 1 canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback, or copper rockfish. Retention of cabezon is now allowed at 1 fish per day and at least 16-inches long.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Murray Bingham



The Viking freshman swept all five of his matches at last week’s Bay City Duals at Marshfield High School. He went into the third round of his final match trailing 17-3 and quickly turned it around, winning the match by pin.

Honorable Mention Scott Simmons

Honorable mention is given to fellow wrestler Scott Simmons. He also swept all five of his matches at the Bay City Duals, wrestling at 138 and at 145.

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Crabbing from 1B

have yet to determine a how soon repairs can be made to reopen access to the dock. Alternative crabbing locations can be found at the Port of Siuslaw in downtown Florence, as well as the neighboring communities of

Winchester Bay, 25 miles to the south, and Waldport, 35 miles to the north. Updates will be made available through Lane County and Siuslaw National Forest websites and social media accounts. For more information, contact Lane County Parks at 541-682-2000.

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