

## LEARN ABOUT OREGON COAST TREES DURING CAPE PERPETUA SUMMER CAMP TODAY

Throughout the summer, at Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, field rangers and local experts are hosting a variety of free family events at Cape Perpetua.

Visitors can choose from any of the activities below to experience these special places in new ways:

• **July 6 and Aug. 3** — Trees to Sea: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center

Learn about the interconnectedness of the forest and ocean ecosystems through a variety of hands on stations, presentations and hikes.

• **July 22-23 and July**

**29-30** — Marbled Murrelet Survey: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

Contribute to research aimed at saving this threatened seabird. Join scientists and land managers to learn about murrelet nesting and feeding habits, then help identify and count birds as they fly between the forest and ocean.

RSVP at [www.goo.gl/forms/KgY1ESmcep91uQ8I3](http://www.goo.gl/forms/KgY1ESmcep91uQ8I3)

• **Friday, Aug. 9** — Smokey Bear's 75th Birthday Party: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center

Join in celebrating

Smokey's 75 years of preventing wildfires. Enjoy birthday cake, learn about fire ecology on the Siuslaw, and tell happy birthday to Smokey himself.

• **Mondays through Sept. 2** — Walk with a Ranger: Noon; meet at the Visitor Center

Join, retired Chief Park Ranger, Michael Noack, for an easy to moderate hike where he will be sharing information about the local flora and fauna. Hikes will last 75-90 minutes.

• **Wednesdays through Aug. 28** — Under the Sea: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; meet at the Visitor Center

Take a deeper dive into the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve by joining, Tara DuBois, Communications Coordinator for the Cape Perpetua Collaborative, for interactive exhibits at the Visitor Center.

At 3 p.m., Tara will lead a stroll on the Captain Cook's Trail to explore the rocky shoreline and marine reserve.

• **Thursdays, July 4-Aug. 28** — Lunch with Dr. Jim Nechols: Noon; at the Visitor Center

Dr. Jim Nechols, retired professor of Entomology from Kansas State University, will present "Alien Invaders: Invasive Plants of Siuslaw National

Forest" and "Self Defense 101 for Insects: Insect Defense Mechanisms"

• **Saturdays, July 6-Aug. 31** — Ranger F.E.D Talks: Noon; at the Visitor Center

Join Siuslaw National Forest Field Rangers for a fun and informative "Forest, Explore, Discover" Siuslaw National Forest presentation

• **T u e s d a y s , Wednesdays, Thursdays, July 2-Sept. 5** — Walk with a Ranger: Noon; meet at the Visitor Center

Explore a variety of natural history topics on The Giant Spruce Trail, Discovery Loop, or

Captain Cook Trail on a guided hike lead by Siuslaw National Forest Field Rangers.

These events are free, but a Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Passport, federal recreation pass, or \$5 day-use fee is required within the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area and at some trail-heads and day use sites.

For more information on these events, contact the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 541-547-3289.

To learn more about family-friendly activities on the forest, visit [www.go.usa.gov/x5Xrq](http://www.go.usa.gov/x5Xrq).

## LCSO's 'OPERATION DRY WATER' CONTINUES THROUGH TOMORROW

Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Marine Patrol deputies, in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard, are participating in the "Operation Dry Water" heightened awareness and enforcement weekend, which began yesterday and continues through Sunday, July 7.

Operation Dry Water is a boating under the influence awareness and enforcement campaign with the mission of reducing the number of alcohol and drug related crashes and fatalities through increased recreational boater awareness and by fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol and drug use on the water.

The LCSO is working to increase boater awareness of the dangers and risks associated with boating under the influence and will be on the lookout for impaired boaters.

The priority during this holiday weekend is to provide boaters with a safe and enjoyable experience by removing dangerous and impaired boaters from the waterways.

Operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead to serious injuries and consequences.

In Oregon, the same laws that apply to motorists and intoxicants apply

to boaters on the water. The Lane County Sheriff's Office reminds boaters to always boat sober and wear a life jacket when on the water.

Visit [operationdrywater.org](http://operationdrywater.org) or the Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol page for more information about boating under the influence.



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