

Beautiful day for a bike ride: Grovers enjoy the blooms

On Saturday, May 12, about 65 people attended the Bikes to Blooms event at Bake Stewart Park at Dorena Lake. The event was co-sponsored by the following partners:

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Forest Service, Walama Restoration Project, Al Kennedy High School, and the Native Plant Society of

Oregon. Activities included guided walks about birds, wildflowers and pollinators, as well as educational booths. During the event, a structure designed to shelter native bees was installed near the

pollinator garden at Bake Stewart Park. Attendees were treated to sights along what the Willamette Watershed Council described as "rare and remnant prairie and oak habitats along Dorena Lake."

opportunities, educational booths and guided wildflower walks. The event marked the chance for Cottage Grove

residents to experience the blooming of wildflowers for the season. Photos courtesy Greg Lee and Christie Johnson.



Picnic lunches were welcomed and several educational opportunities were available including an invasive plant workshop, a family-friendly walk through the area and a pollinator walk with students from Al Kennedy High School lending a hand during some of the demonstrations. Other activities included a morning bird walk, stewardship



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