

Trail Mix

By Alice Pihl

Jeremiah and Irene Crandall of Gaston, winners of a photo contest sponsored last year by the Friends of the Banks-Vernonia Linear State Park, will be recipients of a unique reward for their winning effort.

The Crandalls will be served a first-class gourmet dinner on the trail at the Beaver Creek trailhead at 6 p.m. on August 5, a date that corresponds with the Vernonia Jamboree. The Friends of the Park will serve the Crandalls, then share a picnic dinner themselves. In addition to the dinner, the Crandalls will receive a \$50 check.

The photo contest was the Friends way to develop a photo base for future publicity in promoting the park. The winning photos, of flowers growing on the trail, were tak-

en in July of 1994.

The photos will be enlarged and displayed when a building becomes available for the friends group.

Anyone may become a member of the Friends group. State Parks all over Oregon rely on such groups to support the park system. Friends groups may adopt a variety of projects, from staffing a gift shop to building bird or bat houses, raking the trail or just being friendly. For more information call 503-324-2112.

The Banks-Vernonia Linear State Park is 21 miles long. It is Oregon's newest state park and the only state park in either Washington County or Columbia County.

Come walk, ride and enjoy. Horses and bicycles are welcome. Bring water and walking shoes—and don't forget to fill your pocket with trail mix.



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