

Friends of Tryon Creek - Monthly Reference Guide

Register at Nature Center or at www.tryonfriends.org

March Monthly Calendar

Find details in the Winter Trillium Times and at www.tryonfriends.org

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	TOPIC	NOTES
2	Fri	1:00pm	Story and Stroll	Owl Moon	Ideal for families with young children. Please pre-register at www.tryonfriends.org
3	Sat	10:00am	Guided Nature Walks	Nest Tour	This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.
3	Sat	5:00pm	Special Event	Owl Fest	Registration required for guided hikes. All the rest of the activities are drop in friendly.
9	Fri	1:00pm	Story and Stroll	To Be a Tree	Ideal for families with young children. Please pre-register at www.tryonfriends.org
10	Sat	9:00am	Volunteering	Stewardship Saturdays - Ivy Pull	All minors must be checked in. Youth 14 & under must be accompanied by an adult.
10	Sat	10:00am	Guided Nature Walk	Forest Ferns	This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.
10	Sat	6:30pm	Scout Trail Days	Boy Scout Flying Squirrel Night	Scouts ages 6-12. \$5 per scout, \$5 per adult. No siblings allowed. Pre-registration required.
16	Fri	1:00pm	Story and Stroll	Diary of a Worm	Ideal for families with young children. Please pre-register at www.tryonfriends.org
17	Sat	10:00am	Guided Nature Walk	Slugs Can Save Your Life	This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.
18	Sun	10:00am	Kids in Nature	Banana Slugs!	\$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member); Pre-registration required.
23	Fri	1:00pm	Story and Stroll	Tracks, Tracks, Tracks!	Ideal for families with young children. Please pre-register at www.tryonfriends.org
24	Sat	9:00am	Volunteering	Stewardship Saturdays - Ivy Pull	All minors must be checked in. Youth 14 & under must be accompanied by an adult.
24	Sat	10:00am	Guided Nature Walks	Urban Coyotes	This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.
26	Mon	9:00am	Winter Day Camp	Orienteering	Full Day. GRADES 2-5. \$45/child (non-member); \$40.50/child (member); Pre-registration required.
27	Tue	9:00am	Winter Day Camp	Sneaky Salamanders	Half Day. GRADES K-1. \$30/child (non-member); \$27/child (member); Pre-registration required.
28	Wed	9:00am	Winter Day Camp	Out and About: Animal Safari on Sauvie Island	Full Day. GRADES 2-5. \$65/child (non-member); \$58.50/child (member); Pre-registration required.
29	Thu	9:00am	Winter Day Camp	Chipmunks and Squirrels	Half Day. GRADES K-1. \$30/child (non-member); \$27/child (member); Pre-registration required.
30	Fri	1:00pm	Story and Stroll	The Listening Walk	Ideal for families with young children. Please pre-register at www.tryonfriends.org
31	Sat	8:30am	Guided Nature Walk	Trillium Hike	This is a free program, no pre-registration is necessary.



SPECIAL EVENT: OWLFEST 2012

Saturday, March 3
5:00 - 7:00pm

Portland is teeming with owl activity in the springtime months. If you love owls, come out to Tryon Creek State Natural Area for an evening of Owl Celebration! Activities for the entire family including owl pellet dissection, snacks by Clif Bar, owl crafts, guided hikes and up close encounters with the Audubon Education Owls – Hazel and Julio!

Appropriate for all ages. All activities except for guided hikes are drop in. Guided hikes required pre-registration.

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Events and Activities Details

📍 SPRING NATURE DAY CAMPS

Note: Bring a snack for the morning and lunch with a drink. Pre-registration is required for all spring day camp classes.

ORIENTEERING

Monday, March 26

9:00 -3:00pm

Learn to use a compass to navigate through the forest. You will use your new skills to help you complete a treasure hunt in the morning. After lunch we will divide into 2 teams and design our own treasure hunt using our compasses and then swap our maps with the other team to hunt down the treasure each team has hidden. You must be able to hike about 5 miles over the course of the day.

Grades 2-5

Cost: \$45 (\$40.50 for members)

Pre-registration required.

SNEAKY SALAMANDERS

Tuesday, March 27

9:00 -1:00pm

Join us for an exciting day of turning over logs, making pit traps, and exploring all of Tryon's nooks and crannies as we search for our elusive and secretive salamanders. We'll learn all about these amazing creatures through hands on adventures, stories and art projects.

Grades K-1

Cost: \$30 (\$27 for members)

Pre-registration required.

OUT AND ABOUT: ANIMAL SAFARI ON SAUVIE ISLAND

Wednesday, March 28

9:00 -3:00pm

This adventurous day will begin with a van ride to Sauvie Island. We will explore the island's various animal habitats. We will look for beaver lodges, nesting Great Horned Owls, Bald Eagles soaring, hawks hunting, Sand Hill Cranes feeding in the fields, and coyotes on the prowl. We will also spend some time catching frogs. Your child must be comfortable using porta-potties.

Grades 2-5

Cost: \$65 (\$58.50 for members)

Pre-registration required.

CHIPMUNKS AND SQUIRRELS

Thursday, March 29

9:00 -1:00pm

Join us as we search for chipmunk burrows in the ground and squirrel nests in the trees. These furry forest friends have many similarities, but they're also quite different. We'll have a fun day filled with art, adventure, and stories as we discover what makes these creatures so similar and yet so different at the same time.

Grades K-1

Cost: \$30 (\$27 for members)

Pre-registration required.

📍 BOY SCOUT FLYING SQUIRREL NIGHT

Saturday, March 10

6:30 - 8:30pm

We will be hosting a program about flying squirrels just for Boy Scouts, 1st-5th grade and their leaders. You will have the opportunity to learn about flying squirrels and what other animals share their habitat, join one of our nature Guides on an evening hike in the forest and make a flying squirrel paper glider.

Cost: \$5/scout; \$5/adult (no siblings)

Pre-registration required.

📍 KIDS IN NATURE SUNDAYS: BANANA SLUGS!

Sunday, March 18

10:00 - 11:30am

Get to know a banana slug up close and in person! Learn about why this unsung hero is an important part of our forest ecosystem as we find slugs on the trails, read slug stories, and make our very own slug slime.

For children ages 3 – 7 accompanied by an adult \$10/child (non-member); \$9/child (member)

Fee covers one adult and one child.

Pre-registration required

VOLUNTEERING

TRILLIUM FESTIVAL, SAVE THE DATE!

March 31st & April 1st

Our biggest event and perhaps our most enjoyable volunteer days: the Trillium Festival is coming up quickly. We will need many volunteers to help with the plant sale, guided walks, the front desk, education activities and so much more! Come be part of the action! **Please contact Sarah Kreisman at 503-636-4398 or sarah@tryonfriends.org to for more information about volunteering.**

STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS

9:00 - Noon

Pull together to remove invasive English ivy and to protect our forest. Ivy out-competes our native plants, covers the tree canopy and stops photosynthesis, and takes over the forest floor and ruins precious habitat.

- **Registration is not required** but please call ahead with groups of 5 or more
- **All minors** must be checked in at the Nature Center with their minor's insurance form signed by a parent/guardian (can be found on our website)
- **Anyone under 14** MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Gloves and a light snack provided
- Please bring your own water bottle
- Please dress for the weather, to get dirty, and to be off-trail (sturdy shoes and long pants are strongly suggested)
- We usually need to **hike at least 15-20 minutes** to get to the spot where we will be working

Dates

- March 10th – Ivy Pull
- March 24th –