



CONNECT WITH THE LAND

# 2013 Tours and Events

## Tours

Most tours are on Saturdays, are free, and require pre-registration with MRT. To learn more and sign up, please visit [mckenzieiver.org/events](http://mckenzieiver.org/events).

**April 4th and May 11th at 9 am**

### Native Plant Tour of the Coyote Spencer Wetlands

Learn about rare plant species with guides Dave Predeek & John Koenig of the Native Plant Society of Oregon and MRT's Land Protection Manager Ryan Ruggiero. Join us for one tour or both.

**May 4th at 8 am**

### Spring Bird Tour of the Coyote Spencer Wetlands

Find rare birds on this amazing property with MRT Board Member Kit Larsen and Willamette Program Manager Nicole Nielsen-Pincus.

**May 11th at 7 am**

### Spring Bird Tour of Green Island

Soaring raptors and darting sparrows await you on MRT's largest protected property, Green Island. Former UO professor & Register-Guard ornithology columnist Dan Gleason will be your guide.

**June 15th at 7 am**

### Summer Bird Tour of the Coyote Spencer Wetlands

Guided by local bird expert Dan Gleason, explore avian life on a wetland gem southwest of Eugene.



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## Meander with us

An invitation from Executive Director Joe Moll



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As a boy I was fortunate to have daily access to a small woodlot surrounded by the houses in our suburban neighborhood. A creek still meandered through those 5 acres, and the eastern hardwoods that grew tall or toppled there gave us plenty of places to scramble and climb, to run and jump, dig and explore. It's hard to remember a day when we did not spend at least some time in "the woods," even if it was to simply meander through for a game of wiffleball in a friend's yard on the other side. I've not seen that place in decades, and would not be surprised at all to find it had been built up like the rest of the neighborhood. But perhaps not; perhaps it is now a small park, or even just standing as it did then, a little known place where kids' minds and bodies can run wild and grow.

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**July 20th All day**

### Kayak Tour of the Lower Siuslaw Estuary and Waite Ranch

Explore the Siuslaw Water Trail and paddle through a tidal estuary guided by Oregon Paddle Sports and MRT staff Brandi Ferguson and Jodi Lemmer. Free tour, with an option to rent a kayak from Oregon Paddle Sports.

**July 27th at 12 pm**

### Field Course on Dragonflies and Damselflies on Green Island

Learn about these incredible insects from two leading Odonate experts, Steve Gordon and Cary Kerst.

**August 17th All day, starting at 8 am**

### Boat Tour of the Upper Willamette River

Raft the most scenic stretch of the Willamette from the City of Eugene's River House to Marshall Island, seeing Green Island from the water. \$40/person including boat rental, all equipment, and lunch.

**September 24th at 5:45 pm**

### Restoration Tour of the Ferguson Creek Conservation Easement

Our partners at the Long Tom Watershed Council will lead this tour of an active restoration project on land protected with a conservation easement. For more information contact Rob Hoshaw at (541) 338-7060 or visit [longtom.org](http://longtom.org).

**October 19th time TBD**

### Plein Aire Drawing and Painting on Green Island

Autumn art-making on the land hosted by designer-artist-birder-nature watcher Barbara Gleason. RSVP and more information: Barbara at Wild Birds Unlimited, (541) 844-1788 or [wbeugene@comcast.net](mailto:wbeugene@comcast.net).

**October 26th at 7 am**

### Fall Bird Tour on Big Island

Catch migration and bird habits on this gorgeous fall tour guided by MRT Board Member Kit Larsen.

## Volunteer Days on Green Island

Spend Friday mornings with McKenzie River Trust stewardship staff on Green Island. Most volunteer opportunities last three hours. Sign up online at [mckenzieiver.org/events](http://mckenzieiver.org/events).

**April 12th & 26th at 10 am**

Tree Protection and Mulching: Protect and nourish young trees.

**July 19th & 26th at 9 am**

Native Seed Collection: Collect and clean native lupine seeds.

**August 23rd at 10 am**

Tansy Removal: Help eradicate tansy, an invasive weed.

## Special Events

For more details see below.

**April 5th 6-8:30 pm**

McKenzie Memories: Cozmic in Eugene

**April 22nd 4-8 pm**

Earth Month Gala at the Gervais Salon & Day Spa

**May 16th 5-8 pm**

1% for Watersheds Party at Oakshire Public House

**June 29th All Day**

2013 Living River Celebration: 10 Years on Green Island

**August 24th**

Rivers to Ridges Partners march in Eugene Celebration Parade

**October 4th & 5th**

McKenzie River Two-Fly Tournament

## Special Events

For more details, watch the MRT website, facebook page, and e-newsletter.

**Friday, April 5th 6-8:30 pm**

### McKenzie Memories

Cozmic, 199 West 8th Ave in Eugene  
Suggested donation: \$5



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Back by popular demand, the McKenzie River Trust invites you to *McKenzie Memories*: an evening of storytelling, music, and rare historic short films and photographs. See footage of early settlers and old-time logging, including dramatic river log drives down the McKenzie, and hear Randy Dersham and other special guest speakers share family history, stories of the Whitewater Boat Parade, the history of the iconic McKenzie Drift Boat, and more.

**Monday, April 22nd 4-8 pm**

### Earth Month Gala at the Gervais Salon & Day Spa

Pamper yourself with a special evening of spa services, snacks, and more. 100% of proceeds from this event and others hosted by Gervais throughout April will benefit MRT. For more details, visit the MRT or Gervais websites.

**Thursday, May 16th 5-8 pm**  
**1% for Watersheds Party**

At Oakshire Public House,  
207 Madison St in the Whiteaker



Drink Beer and Raise Money for MRT! In 2013, Oakshire Brewing is donating 1% of all Watershed IPA sales in the

lower Willamette Valley to MRT as a part of their new 1% for Watersheds program. Clean water is an essential ingredient for great beer. Join us at this event to celebrate the 1% for Watersheds program and see Oakshire's new Public House. For more details, watch our website, facebook page, and e-newsletter.



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In the coming months we'd like you to join us on similar meandering explorations of some of the places you've help us protect. As in years past we've called on local experts in ornithology, plant ecology, animal behavior and even whimsy (we'll let you guess who they are) to help guide us through the special lands and waterways that have come to define the work of the McKenzie River Trust. We'll follow birdsong and the flights of dragonflies, lose ourselves among blooming lupine, rest under the shade of trees that you may have planted, and watch the rise of cutthroat trout on a curling seam in the river.

Cameras will always be welcome, and we'll share our photos and stories in this newsletter and other ways, but our trips and tours are meant for you to be there, feeling the chill of the morning, the warmth of the afternoon, the squelch of mud underfoot and the patter of rain on your face. We hope these experiences, this playtime, will reaffirm your commitment to enjoying special places and to helping us ensure that they'll be around for others to explore for decades to follow. So that 40 years from now, someone can look back and feel fortunate to have romped and rambled through 2013, and then look ahead for ways to keep the cycle rolling.

*Joe Moll*



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## Saturday, June 29th All Day 2013 Living River Celebration: 10 Years on Green Island

Lead Sponsor: Mountain Rose Herbs



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Ten years ago, the McKenzie River Trust protected a special place at the confluence of our community's two great rivers, the McKenzie and the Willamette. Since then, many people have worked with us to restore fish and wildlife habitats across the 1,000 acres of dynamic floodplain, planting over 65,000 trees, removing two levees, planning the restoration of a gravel quarry, and so much more. This summer, we invite you to join in celebrating our shared accomplishments, see how things have changed in 10 years, and help us think about the next decade and beyond. The day will offer fun

activities on the land for people of all ages. Mark your calendars and bring your friends! More details coming soon.

## October 4th & 5th McKenzie River Two-Fly Tournament

Hosted by the Caddis Fly Angling Shop  
\$750 per boat or \$375 per angler



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Here's your chance to fish with some of the best guides on the river at the best time of the year to catch big wild trout. Since its inception, the tournament has raised \$25,000 for the McKenzie River Trust's habitat protection and restoration efforts. More information: [mckenzierivertrust.org/events/2fly](http://mckenzierivertrust.org/events/2fly). RSVP to the Caddis Fly: 168 W. 6th Ave. in Eugene or (541) 342-7005. Space is limited, so sign up today.



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## April Matching Gift Challenge – Double Your Gift!

Our friends at **Mountain Rose Herbs** will match every donation dollar for dollar **up to \$5,000** during the month of April. This means that every dollar you give to help protect the lands that cradle our rivers and streams will be doubled! Also, if you donate \$100 or more, you'll receive our new MRT Water Bottle. It's clear so you can see the pristine McKenzie River water inside.

With your help we can meet this challenge! Give now through April 30 to have your gift doubled.

To **DONATE** visit [MCKENZIERIVER.ORG](http://MCKENZIERIVER.ORG) or use the enclosed envelope

**Thank You!**



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