



# 2015 Gathering for Conservation

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## Field Tours

Sign-up Available at the Registration Desk

The 2015 Gathering for Conservation will feature four opportunities to tour restoration projects in the Eugene area. Space is limited - sign-up is available at the registration desk for all registered conference participants. All tours will leave from the registration desk promptly at the scheduled time. Participants should be prepared with appropriate field gear - tours held rain or shine! Chartered bus transportation is provided.

### **Monday, November 2 - 2:00 - 4:30 PM**

#### *Trout Friendly Landscapes*

The Long Tom Watershed Council's (LTWC) Urban Waters & Wildlife Program is focused on improving stream health and habitat in Amazon Creek and the Willamette River of the Eugene metro area. With the help of a diversity of partners and supporters, LTWC works to achieve this goal through science (water quality monitoring through the Pesticide Stewardship Program), outreach and education that ultimately results in voluntary action, and technical assistance including landscape architecture services. Join us on a tour to visit local businesses and commercial properties that have voluntarily implemented practices to create a "Trout Friendly Landscape" including less toxic landscaping practices and stormwater management projects such as rain gardens, swales, and retention ponds.

### **Tuesday, November 3 - 1:30 - 5:00 PM**

#### *Berggren Farm*

The Berggren Watershed Conservation Area (BWCA) is a 92-acre property owned by the McKenzie River Trust (MRT), located along the north bank of the McKenzie River to the north of the City of Springfield. The property is comprised of a 30-acre working farm and a 62-acre area managed for the preservation and enhancement of its conservation values (floodplain gallery forest, 1.5 miles of floodplain and side channels). Since its acquisition in 2010 the property has been the site of ongoing riparian and in-stream enhancement efforts integrated with a varied education and outreach program. Restoration and education partners included the MRT, BPA, McKenzie Watershed Council, Eugene Water & Electric Board, UO Environmental Leadership Program, Springfield Public Schools, Berggren Demonstration Farm and OWEB.

### **Wednesday, November 4 - 1:30 - 5:30 PM**

#### *Option 1 - Kawanu Acres - Wet Prairie Restoration*

The Wetland Reserve Easement (WRE) is a voluntary program that offers landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. NRCS, Upper Willamette SWCD, FWS and ODFW partnered to restore the Kawanu Acres project starting in 2003. A second phase of restoration on adjacent property began in 2011. Totaling just under 300 acres, both projects provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife and native plants.

#### *Option 2 - Coyote Oaks - Oak Prairie Restoration*

Join Long Tom Watershed Council staff for a walking tour of oak woodland and riparian oak habitat the LTWC is working to restore in partnership with a private landowner, the USFWS, McKenzie River Trust, American Bird Conservancy, OWEB, Department of the Interior, local contractors, and numerous volunteers and citizen scientists. In addition to 31 acres of rare oak habitat, the property supports restored channel segments of Coyote Creek, rare plant populations, including Bradshaw's desert parsley, rare oak-associated birds, including acorn woodpeckers, and native amphibians, including Northern red-legged frogs. The property is part of a 1,200-acre multi-ownership conservation area of which 1,040 acres are protected. The LTWC is working with three private landowners in this area to restore open oak woodland, oak savanna, riparian oak, wet and upland prairie, vernal pool, and riparian habitat.