



Klamath Trails Alliance Spring Newsletter



Runner in Moore Park, Klamath Falls, Oregon. © Michael McCullough

Upcoming Events

- Thursday trail running series – March 14 through June 20 – Sponsored by Asana Yoga and Sole and KTA
- First Moore Park trail maintenance day – Saturday, May 11th, 8am, meet at the Gingerbread House
- Wingwatcher work day – last Saturday of each month, April-October, from 10am-noon. Meet at the Wingwatcher trailhead.
- KTA trail meetings - second Friday of each month, South Portal Building, 11:45am

Spring is in the Air (well, sort of!)

This is the first installment of quarterly newsletters that will update members on the latest Klamath Trails Alliance (KTA) news. Highlights within the newsletter include: **update on Spence Mountain trail project, announcement of a trail maintenance summit and trail maintenance work days, membership totals, and the development of new trails in Moore Park.**

The Klamath Trails Alliance works cooperatively with trail users, land owners, and others to promote, develop, and maintain a network of trails for non-motorized recreation in and around Klamath County, Oregon.

Spence Mountain Update

KTA has been working closely over the last 6 months with JWTR, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to develop a network of trails on 7,000 acres of land owned by JWTR in the Spence Mountain area. KTA submitted a formal proposal to JWTR to build roughly 15 miles of multi-use trails in two phases. JWTR expressed support and interest in the project and are currently in the process of formally adopting the proposal.



Skier, Crater Lake, Oregon. © Elizabeth Ng

A tentative trailhead has been located on a small parcel of land owned by ODF, approximately 1 mile west of Howard Bay Park on Highway 140. This trailhead would be located only 12 miles from town! KTA is currently working with ODF and ODOT to formally approve this location as a trailhead for the Spence Mountain trail system

Growing the network of recreational trails in beautiful Klamath County, Oregon.....

Trail maintenance along the Klamath Ridge View Trail, 2012.





Spence Mountain Update, continued

Once approval from JWTR is attained, KTA will begin phase I of the project. Phase I will be a 5 mile loop that will traverse the Spence Mountain ridge offering stunning views of Upper Klamath Lake, Mt. McLoughlin, and the Mountain and Sky Lakes wilderness areas. The trail will be sustainably built and follow the trail building principles of the International Mountain Bike Association. It will be a perfect trail for the mountain bike, running, and hiking enthusiast. Depending upon approval, development and construction of phase I will begin during the summer of 2013 and will be completed by 2014. Volunteers will be needed for all aspects of trail construction. If you are interested, contact us at info@klamathtrails.org.

Trail Maintenance

One of the most important aspects of a successful trail network is effective and timely trail maintenance. KTA is working towards better organization and more participation in trail maintenance. Monthly trail maintenance mornings in Moore Park are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month, beginning in May. During the next few months, we plan on developing a plan to address trail maintenance needs in the Klamath Basin, increase volunteer participation, and improve the organization of trail maintenance. If you are interested in leading trail maintenance days, working on or building trails, or simply interested in helping out in another way, contact Dennis Taugher at president@klamathtrails.org.

Moore Park Trail Update

If you've explored Moore Park over the past 8 months you might have noticed some changes. KTA worked with the city and the Northwest Youth Corps to construct a new beginner trail in the park, named Hay Ride, during the summer of 2012. We also worked with the city to alter some of the existing trails and decommission certain sections of trail that were deemed unsustainable. Some of the older trails in the park follow fall lines, which can lead to excess erosion and also make for trails that are not user friendly. An example includes the old Vampire Trail. This trail was decommissioned and a new connector with the Klamath Ridge View Trail was built. Hopefully this work will make running, hiking, mountain biking, and exploring the park more enjoyable. KTA would like to extend a huge thank you to the city and the Friends of Moore Park for their work in developing new and sustainable trails in Moore Park. Look for an updated Moore Park map coming in the next month and new trail signs and trails this summer.

How to Become Involved with KTA

Visit the KTA website, www.klamathtrails.org, for more information on projects and events. Join KTA by visiting <http://klamathtrails.org/join/>. Membership begins at \$20, and funds go to anything from tool purchases to pizza during maintenance days to printing brochures. Email info@klamathtrails.org to join the mailing list for updates.



Mountain biker, Moore Park, Klamath Falls, Oregon. © Janell Cotterman

Membership through March 2013:

- 34 members
- 2 business sponsors



We Look Forward to Seeing You on the Trails!