



Natural History Society Newsletter

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Spring Song of the Dungeness

The Natural History Society is honored that naturalist and poet Tim McNulty, author of *Olympic National Park: A Natural History*, will lead a hike on **Sunday, April 19**. Our hike will be a short foray into the heart of the rainshadow Olympics, where we'll visit handsome old-growth Fir and Hemlock stands as well as fire-influenced forest communities suggesting eastern Washington and even the Rockies, with Rocky Mountain Juniper, Lodgepole Pine, and Yew. We'll find Red and Blue Elder, Kinickinick, Manzanita, and Evergreen Huckleberry in the understory, along with the more usual suspects. We'll look for Chocolate and Fawn Lilies, Angewing butterflies, and listen to the spring song of the Dungeness in the canyon below.

The hike is short, only about 5 miles round-trip, but steep in places and has some elevation gains and losses, ranging between 1500 feet at the trail head and a high point of around 3000 feet elevation. Dress for weather. Bring plenty of water, lunch, and your favorite field

guide. A sit-down pad might be handy (our lunch spot is rocky). We'll be gone most of the day.

Space is limited, and carpools will be planned. RSVP to Pat for details at JLTnatural@saveland.org

Book Club Selection

The Natural History Society Book Club will meet on **Monday, April 27, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm** to discuss *The Final Forest* by William Dietrich. RSVP to Pat for location at JLTnatural@saveland.org. A list of past books read by the Book Club and other resources about natural history are available on our website, <http://jltnatural.org/>.

Wendy's photos of local naturalists hiking and a White Fawn Lily blooming in April.

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