



Natural History Society Newsletter

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Exploring Devils Lake and Forest

Join the JLT Natural History Society, the Native Plant Society and the Northwest Watershed Institute to visit Devils Lake and Forest on **Tuesday, June 30**, meeting at Quilcene Forest Service Center **before 9 am**. We will see one of the rarest forest community types in Washington— mature Douglas fir, Western hemlock, Evergreen huckleberry and Pacific rhododendron are the featured species. Only eight significant examples of this forest type have been identified in Washington. We will also see wetland species at the Devils Lake fen/bog including a rare sedge, sundew, bog bean, bog laurel etc. Devils Lake is a fascinating site which has been preserved as a Natural Resources Conservation Area by the Department of Natural Resources. Peter Bahls, Director of Northwest Watershed Institute, will update us on the current effort to expand the Devils Lake Natural Area to protect the entirety of the rare forest at this site as well as protect the most recently discovered site of this rare forest community at Lemonds Road on the Coyle Peninsula. Because of the sensitive nature of the fen habitat the number of participants on this field trip will be limited. Rubber boots are advised. Contact Fred Weinmann to sign up or for further information: fweinmann@cablespeed.com.

Suggestions Welcome!

Our all-volunteer Guiding Committee is now planning outings for August through December. We welcome suggestions from our readers, and encourage you to volunteer to lead an outing for us. Please contact Chris at JLTnatural@saveland.org.

Book Club Selection

The Natural History Society Book Club will meet on **Monday, June 23, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm** to discuss *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. RSVP to Jean 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/>.

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Wendy's photos of Nootka Rose and Northern Red-legged Frog