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IF WE HAD A MAGIC WAND...

PUSHING RESET ON THE COASTAL EDGE



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What if we could start over? It's a question North Coast Land Conservancy Executive Director Katie Voelke has been pondering lately. What would the Oregon Coast look like if we set out to live modern lives on this land in a sustainable manner? How would the layers of land use and infrastructure look, knowing what we know now?

"Maybe we can't start over," Katie says, "but in some places we can do it now. We can build roads in places that don't harm the land and

"ULTIMATELY WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER."

water. We can design infrastructure and reserve land in ways that allow wildlife to thrive and move freely. We can have recreational lands for people to enjoy. We can have a sustainable harvest of trees and fish for food, fiber, and money, and we can manage our lands in a manner that prioritizes clean drinking water, biodiversity, and the needs of all life, for generations to come."

In a nutshell, we can have what NCLC is currently working to achieve in the spectacular forested coastline above Oswald West State Park.

What began in 2016 as a single conservation project in the area NCLC calls the Coastal Edge—the mountainous coastline between Tillamook Head and Nehalem Bay—is now two complementary projects led and facilitated by NCLC for the benefit of our partners and the community at large.

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TWO CAPES, TWO BAYS, THREE DAYS

Or we could call it Boats, Trains, and Hiking Boots. Or simply Three Days of Wild Coastal Splendor.

For the third year, supporters of NCLC will be walking roughly 30 miles of the Oregon Coast Trail over three days in what's become our signature annual fundraiser. This year

we'll be entirely on the Tillamook Coast, mostly on the beach. The route also leads us over a couple of headlands and deep into Tillamook County history. We've moved the date up a bit, to Sept. 14-15-16, to align with the tides. Registration opens March 1. Get details at CoastWalkOregon.org.



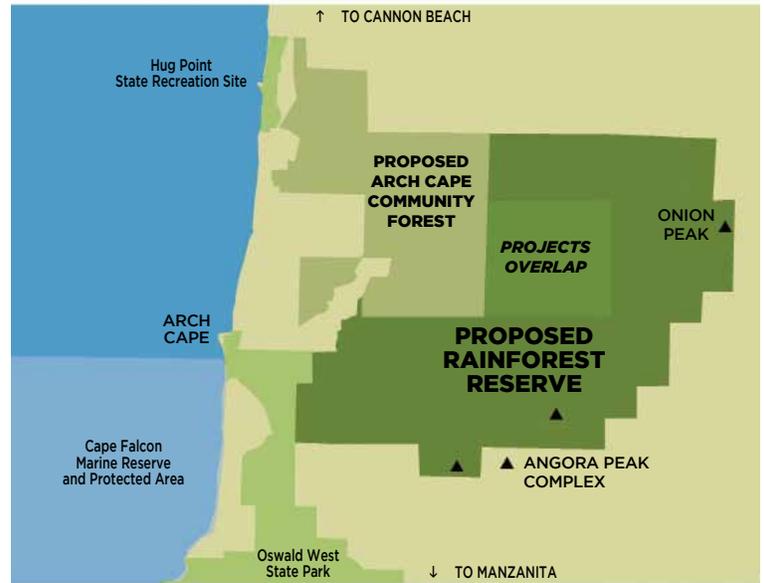
INSIDE Exploring the wild and rare, planning ahead, and tracking the remarkably resilient water bear

TWO PROJECTS, ONE VISION

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The conservancy is currently in Year Two of a five-year plan to create a 3,500-acre Rainforest Reserve adjacent to Oswald West State Park. That project will span from the high peaks to the ocean and include many stream systems. Together with the state park and Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, it will create an unprecedented 29-square-mile connected natural area on the Oregon Coast. It will protect rare wildflowers and dragonflies and ensure abundant wildlife habitat. It will free the forest from tree farming and allow a temperate rainforest to flourish. It will provide recreation, link already conserved lands, and protect the headwaters of creeks that supply drinking water to Cannon Beach and Arch Cape.

Now, partnering with Arch Cape Water District and Sustainable Northwest, we're also helping to create an adjacent community forest, bringing local control to management of the forestland that provides drinking water to Arch Cape. NCLC staff members are providing expertise in complex land transactions, funding applications, and community outreach to aid water district board and staff, who are experts at water treatment but new to large-scale land acquisition and management.



“We often facilitate projects for other conservation owners,” Katie says. “Here it’s super extraordinary, because the two projects are so complementary.”

“Land, water, animals: they don’t see ownership boundary lines, but people do, and people use the land in different ways,” she adds. “Ultimately we’re all in this together. Here is a rare opportunity to start over, to plan for a healthy, thriving landscape, for now and the future.”

THERE’S MORE THAN ONE ROUTE TO CONSERVATION

Two of the ways NCLC conserves land are at work in the Coastal Edge.

WE BUY LAND. Currently NCLC is working to acquire outright 3,500 acres of forest land adjacent to Oswald West State Park. We have a purchase and sales agreement with the owner, and we are in the process of raising \$10 million to buy that land within four years. This is

the property we call the Rainforest Reserve.

WE HELP OTHERS BUY LAND. Sometimes the best way to conserve land is to facilitate transactions for other conservation owners. The NCLC staff has deep experience with complex property negotiations and the often lengthy due diligence required. Just as we

helped the City of Cannon Beach establish Ecola Creek Forest Reserve, we are enthusiastically working with Arch Cape Water District to help it create Arch Cape Community Forest.

Read more about how NCLC conserves and stewards land at NCLCtrust.org/protected-land/how-we-work.

EXPLORE THE WILD & RARE WITH KATIE VOELKE

Take a walk through time and space with NCLC Executive Director Katie Voelke as she explores “The Wild and Rare in Our Own Backyards: Life on the Coastal Edge” in free public talks this spring. Details at NCLCtrust.org/wild-and-rare.

ASTORIA THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 7 pm, Lovell Showroom

CANNON BEACH WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 7 pm, Cannon Beach Library



HAVE YOU SEEN A WATER BEAR?

THEY'RE EVERYWHERE, AND THEY'RE SURVIVORS

Melissa Reich first saw a water bear in college—under a microscope, the only way you can see them since they tend to be less than 0.5 mm long—and fell in love.



Diane Nelson/NPS

“They’re kind of cute, the way they roll and bumble around,” the NCLC stewardship director recalls. “Everyone in class thought they were adorable.”

And they’re everywhere. Also known as tardigrades or moss piglets, water bears typically live on lichens and moss. They can be found in abundance in a variety of environments, from the tropics to Antarctica, including every NCLC property. And they’re amazingly resilient. When the moss they live on dries out, they dry out too, shrinking to a fraction of their normal size. They can survive in this suspended state for years, until a few raindrops or a bit of dew rehydrates them, and in 20 minutes they’re back bumbling around. They’ve even been known to survive the vacuum of space.

It’s not unusual to see wildlife on NCLC properties. But as biologist Robin Wall Kimmerer writes in *Gathering Moss*, “I don’t have to go that far to find a shadowy forest full of exotic beings that I’ve never seen before ... You might take care not to step on them.”

BEQUESTS: IT’S THAT SIMPLE

PRESSURE-WASHING, WEEDING, AND PLANNING

If you’ve ever taken part in a stewardship day with NCLC, you’ve probably met Pat Wollner. If it’s tedious, or muddy, or back-breaking, Pat’s usually the first to sign up. Recently she decided to name North Coast Land Conservancy as a beneficiary in her will. Here she shares why.

“As I entered my 70s and became aware that I was the only one in charge of my future (and beyond, to a certain extent), it was clear that a reasonable plan was essential. Who and what do I care about, and what’s the best way to express that into the next phase? My son and stepchildren are primary and will be taken care of in the usual ways through my estate. Then what? Spread some assets around to various good causes? Or concentrate on something that has become increasingly meaningful to me over the past few years? I decided on the latter.

“Not being a big-vision person, preferring to concentrate on the support side, I decided to include NCLC as a beneficiary so that the folks who do have the vision—Katie, the board, the committees—can make the decisions about how to allocate my gift in the best interests of the conservancy when the time comes. Meanwhile I will continue to muck around in the swamps, cut trees, pull weeds, and pressure-wash the barn floor for as long as I am able, knowing that the rest will be taken care of properly. I don’t like committee work, but I trust the folks who do, knowing they share my vision for the future of the land trust. It’s that simple.”



Carolyn Propst

Pat Wollner wields a chainsaw at NCLC’s Conservation Christmas Trees event in December.

Do you have a will or a trust? Are you preparing your estate plans and have questions about NCLC’s bequest program? If so, please contact Katie Voelke at 503-738-9126 or katiev@nclctrust.org to discuss options that would benefit you and leave a legacy for the Oregon Coast.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 9 OREGON GET OUTDOORS DAY
Launching the new season of NCLC’s On the Land outings

JUNE 16 SUMMER PICNIC AT THE BARN
NCLC’s third annual picnic at Circle Creek



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FOR THE KIDS' SAKE: FIVE REASONS

When we asked retired teacher and Sustaining Steward Jane Gillis of Manzanita what prompted her to recently double her monthly donation to North Coast Land Conservancy, she declared, "There's a million reasons!" Then she ticked off several.

- 1. "For one thing, at this point, I can afford it. And I want my money to go to things like this."
2. "I'm so thankful that there are people who work so hard to preserve land. I know it is a lot of work."
3. "I've lived in the same house under Neahkahnie Mountain for 43 years, and I think it's amazing what you're doing to conserve Onion Peak."
4. "I want my grandchildren to look up at Onion Peak and know that it's saved. That will make them feel good about the Earth and about the adults who are working hard to help keep the Earth in a good place."
5. "I want to set an example for kids for how you can spend your money. You don't have to buy stuff. Enjoying conserved land is free and healthy. There's nothing like it!"



Jane Gillis enjoys sharing the beauty of the outdoors with her extended family.

Thank you, Jane!

Many of our donors make automatic recurring monthly donations to help even out their cash flow—and ours. To become a Sustaining Steward or to increase your monthly contribution, visit NCLCtrust.org/support or call Lynette at 503-738-9126.

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APRIL 14: Tidy the Trails
MAY 12: Bust Broom
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