"Wilderness areas are first of all a series of sanctuaries for the primitive arts of wilderness travel, especially canoeing and packing. I suppose some will wish to debate whether it is important to keep these primitive arts alive. I shall not debate it."

- Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac with Essays on Conservation

Join Us and Travel Back in to the Past!

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and National Public Lands Day, the Prineville District BLM will be hosting an opportunity to get outdoors and learn about many of the primitive arts of wilderness travel and the skills the early pioneers in Central Oregon used on a daily basis.

Details!

Who: Family-friendly free event.

When: Saturday, September 27th from 10:00 – 3:00

What: You can experience the primitive arts through a variety of activity stations. Come explore the art of making a bracelet out of homemade cordage, taste Dutch Oven cooking, learn about early surveying and mapmaking, spot a fire with an Osborne Firefinder, test your strength with a cross—cut saw, learn how to make primitive tools from obsidian, and handcraft an old fashioned doll. Walk with an expert on a short hike into the Oregon Badlands Wilderness. Kids can fill out a Wilderness scavenger book to earn their Wilderness Explorer Certificate. And much more!

Where: Bring hiking shoes and snacks for this day of adventure. Reynolds Pond is 15 miles east of Bend. Take Neff Rd east cross the Powell Butte Hwy (Neff turns into Alfalfa Mrkt Rd). Turn right on Walker Rd. just before the Alfalfa Store. Travel about 1 mile and continue straight when the pavement takes a hard right. Go by the transfer station onto the dirt road, turn left and follow the signs to Reynolds Pond. From Prineville, take Millican Road South to 4-corners. Turn right on Alfalfa Market Rd and then left (south) on Walker Road just past the Alfalfa Store.















