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Special Events Planned at New River

BANDON, Ore. – Explore the New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) this summer at a series of special events and nature walks at the site. The Bureau of Land Management sponsored activities are free of charge and open to all ages.

Activities begin on Saturday, July 11 at 10 a.m. with “**A Local Looks Back.**” A presentation and guided hike will bring history to life as participants discover evidence of people living in the area long ago.

Additional events planned at New River ACEC include:

- **Cryptograms: Lichen, Mosses and Liverworts of New River – Saturday, July 18 – 10 a.m.**
Participants will join BLM botanists for a tour of coastal meadows and learn how to identify the lichen, moss, and liverworts of New River.
- **Family Field Day – Saturday, July 25 – 10 a.m.**
A family friendly, hands on exploration of New River with a guided walk and craft activity.
- **Guided Nature Walk – Saturday, August 8 – 10 a.m.**
A 3-mile round trip hike on the Lost Lake Trail will explore invasive species and restoration of unique plants in the area.
- **Birding the Banks – Saturday, August 15 – 10 a.m.**
A presentation by the Cape Arago Audubon Society chapter on local birds and a walk along the banks of New River.
- **Fixing and Preserving Habitats – Saturday, August 22 – 10 a.m.**
A presentation and hike to learn about efforts to restore coastal meadows and native dune grass habitats at New River.
- **23rd Annual Oregon Shorebird Festival Plus- August 29 and 30 – 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Birders of all skill levels are invited to join in a variety of field trips and presentations.

The BLM asks visitors to RSVP for the events they wish to attend due to limited space. To RSVP, contact the BLM at 541-756-0100 with the name of the event they wish to attend, their name, and the number in their party. For more information on the events, call 541-751-4464.

New River ACEC is located between Bandon and Langlois, west of Highway 101. To reach New River from Bandon, travel south on Highway 101 for 8.6 miles. Turn right onto Croft Lake Lane and follow the signs to New River and Ellen Warring Learning Center.

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