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Free Fee Public Lands Day

Free guided trail hike at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center

BAKER CITY, Oregon – Celebrate Public Lands Day on September 30th by joining a free guided hike along the trail system at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center near Baker City. The moderately strenuous hike will begin at 9 a.m., leaving from the back patio of the Center, and will last approximately three hours. The whole family will enjoy discussing topics and hearing stories at selected stops along the trail about natural history, mining, and life on the Oregon Trail. No advance registration is required, but participants are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather, ideally in layers and bring a hat, bottled water, sun screen, binoculars, cameras, field guides and trail snacks. Please leave your pets at home.

Public Lands Day is a free fee day at the Interpretive Center. Walkers are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to visit the galleries in the Center, including the special exhibit “Ezra Meeker: 75 Years on the Trail” after the hike. Guided hikes will also take place on Friday, October 6, and Sunday, October 8. Please call the Interpretive Center at (541) 523-1843 for more information.

The walk will be led by science writer and naturalist Michael Hofferber, who has been hiking the Interpretive Center trail system for the past five years. “Every time I hike the trails at the Center there’s something new to see or experience,” Hofferber pointed out. “I’ll be sharing some of those discoveries on this guided outing.”

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The Interpretive Center is 5 miles east of Baker City on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. For more information call (541) 523-1843 or visit our website at oregontrail.blm.gov. The Interpretive Center is operated by the Bureau of Land Management and is a federal fee site. Admission for adults is \$5. Children 15 and under are free. Federal passes are accepted. Public Lands Day is a free fee day.

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