



Dear Table Rocks Guided Hike Participant:

With spring rapidly approaching, it is already time to sign up for the 2010 guided hike season. Hikes begin April 1st and continue through June 4th, Tuesday through Friday, with occasional weekend hikes.

In order to help prepare your group for their Table Rocks hike experience, we want to remind you to utilize our Table Rocks curriculum. The curriculum binders are housed in your school libraries. They contain a wealth of information designed for all age groups including chapter introductions, background information, and school standards. We also encourage you and your group to explore the Table Rocks website. It is filled with useful information about the natural and cultural history of the Table Rocks.

We continue offering preparatory classroom visits prior to your scheduled Table Rocks hike. Classroom visits include a PowerPoint presentation and other fun, interactive activities that help prepare you and your group for your Table Rocks experience. Classroom presentations will take place the third week in March and on Mondays and Wednesdays during April and May. If you would like to schedule a classroom presentation, make sure to indicate so on your registration form.

During the 2010 season we again are able to offer Spanish speaking hike leaders to lead bilingual hikes. If you would like a Spanish/English bilingual guide, let us know on the Hike Registration form.

Please be advised: Table Rocks hikes take place rain or shine. Our schedule fills to capacity every year so if you cancel a hike, you have taken away another groups opportunity to participate. Only in extreme weather conditions should hikes be cancelled at the last minute. If scheduling conflicts occur and you need to cancel your hike, please inform us two weeks ahead of time so we can sign another school group up in your slot.

Oregon Public Schools who schedule field trips with the Table Rocks Environmental Education Program are eligible to receive 70% of bus transportation costs from the State of Oregon. Our program will reimburse the remaining 30%. To receive bus reimbursement, please save your receipts and contact the business manager in your district. At the end of the season your business manager will need to send us an itemized list with the cost of all participating schools from your district.

What BLM Needs From You:

To secure a reservation for your group, please print and complete the “Table Rocks Hike Registration Form” located on the website. Mail or fax your registration form to:

Bureau of Land Management

Table Rocks Environmental Education Program

3040 Biddle Road

Medford, Oregon 97504

FAX: (541) 734-4578 Attn: Table Rocks Environmental Education Program

For questions you may e-mail Molly at Molly_Allen@or.blm.gov. Please indicate Table Rocks on the subject line. **You cannot reserve a hike by phone or e-mail.** We must receive your completed registration form before we will schedule your hike. Hikes are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Space is limited and our schedule fills quickly. It is to your advantage to return the form as soon as possible in order to reserve the date you want.

Both trails are located just outside Medford. The Lower Table Rock hike is 3.5 miles. The Upper Table Rock hike is 2.5 miles and better suited for younger children and shorter time frames. If you cannot allow **at least four hours** for your hike, we cannot accommodate your group.

All tours emphasize trail safety, low impact land ethics, and environmental education. Hike leaders' interpretive information covers the natural and cultural history of the Table Rocks. Please let us know on your Registration Form if you have a specific topic that you would like us to emphasize during your hike (i.e. geology, Native Americans, botany, wildlife, etc.).

If you plan on leading your own hike, we still need you to fill out the Table Rocks Hike Registration Form and check the applicable box. The Table Rocks are a Nature Conservancy preserve and an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). To avoid scheduling conflicts and to protect the site, we must keep the numbers of visitors to a manageable limit.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call the Table Rocks Environmental Education Program Lead at (541) 618-2468. BLM appreciates your participation. We look forward to another fantastic season on the Table Rocks.

