

Table Rocks Hike Schedule 2019

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Sunday, April 7, 11:00 a.m., LOWER TABLE ROCK LOOP TRAIL

Tell Me a Story: A very special hike for kids and their favorite adult! Join members of the **Storytelling Guild** on a trek along the Lower Table Rock Loop Trail (1/2 mile accessible trail) and listen to legends and tales about nature and the peoples who once lived in this area. Stories are suitable for all ages.

(<https://story-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Saturday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., LOWER TABLE ROCK

City Lights & Celestial Sights: Join **Joe Stodola**, astronomer and member of the Grants Pass Astronomers, on a night hike to share the wonders of the night sky at the top of the Rock. The Lyrid Meteor Shower should be at its peak and often produces bright trails. Bring flashlights, binoculars and a roll up pad to lie on if you have them; sturdy shoes, a warm jacket and long pants are recommended.

(<https://star-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Sunday, April 14, 9:00 a.m., UPPER TABLE ROCK

Grand Ronde Tribes, Past to Present: Join **Michael Karnosh**, Ceded Lands Program Manager at the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, to learn about traditional and culturally important plants of the tribes whose ancestors include the original residents of the Table Rocks area. He will discuss modern day Tribal management of conservation properties and partnerships with government agencies, land trusts, and other groups. (<https://grand-ronde-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m., LOWER TABLE ROCK

Legacy of a Landmark: **Jeff LaLande**, retired archaeologist and historian for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, will discuss the role of the Table Rocks in the culture and legends of the Takelma Indians, as well as the history of the Table Rocks area during the “Indian Wars” of the 1850s.

(<https://legacy-of-a-landmark-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Sunday, April 21

NO HIKE - Easter

Saturday, April 27, 8:00 a.m., LOWER TABLE ROCK

For the Early Birds: Join local bird experts **Bob Quaccia**, with Rogue Valley Audubon Society, and **Frank Lospalluto**, with Klamath Bird Observatory, to view the spring birds of the Table Rocks. Learn ID tips and conservation information. Bring binoculars and ID books if you desire. **Limited to 20 individuals.** (<https://early-birds-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Sunday, April 28, 9:00 a.m., LOWER TABLE ROCK

Share Your Nature with iNaturalist - Learn to be a citizen scientist and share nature as we use the *iNaturalist* app to identify plants and wildlife. These photo observations help scientists document species around the world. Experienced naturalists will provide guidance in recording your observations on this hike. Learn about the diversity of life at the Lower Table Rock and be part of the scientific community! Bring your camera or cell phone. The *iNaturalist* app can be downloaded onto smartphone devices or photos can be uploaded at home. (<https://www.inaturalist.org>)(<https://inaturalist-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m., UPPER TABLE ROCK

Spring in Bloom Family Hike: Celebrate National Wildflower Week with **Molly Allen**, BLM Environmental Educator, and **Chamise Kramer**, Public Affairs Specialist for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, on a general information hike suitable for the whole family. Topics will include wildflower identification, ethnobotany, geology, wildlife, ecology and cultural history.

(<https://family-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m., LOWER TABLE ROCK OAK LOOP TRAIL

Plein Air Paintout @ the Rocks: Join Darlene Southworth, botanist and artist, for an outdoor painting session along the Lower Table Rock Oak Loop Trail (1/2 mile accessible trail) Bring your sketchpads, painting materials (any medium) and easel and chair, if you desire. **Limited to 15 individuals.** (<https://paintout-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Sunday, May 5, 9:00 a.m., LOWER TABLE ROCK

Walk with Words: Dave Harvey and members of the **Oregon Poetry Association**, Rogue Valley Unit, will share poems inspired by nature and the Table Rocks along a hike to the top of the Rock. Hikers are encouraged to bring a favorite or original poem inspired by nature to share. (<https://poetry-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Sunday, May 5, 9:00 a.m., UPPER TABLE ROCK

Layers of Time: Jad D'Allura, Southern Oregon University professor emeritus of geology, and **Joni Brazier**, U.S. Forest Service soil specialist, will discuss the formation of the Table Rocks and the unique geological features and soils along a hike to the top of this ancient lava flow. (<https://geology-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m., UPPER TABLE ROCK

Camp White: "The Alcatraz of Boot Camps": Travel back in time with BLM archaeologists **Jennifer Sigler** and **Lisa Rice** to the WWII era when Southern Oregon was a major training center for the U.S. military. Participants will be led on a guided exploration of the remains of the Camp White artillery range which includes pillboxes designed to practice infantry drills. Because there is no trail, wear sturdy shoes and long pants. **Limited to 15 individuals.** (<https://camp-white-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Saturday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., LOWER TABLE ROCK LOOP TRAIL

Whooo Comes Out at Night? BLM wildlife biologists **Steve Godwin** and **Kim Coyle** will lead a night hike to look for and listen to the creatures of the night on the Lower Table Rock Loop Trail (1/2 mile accessible trail) They will attempt to lure pygmy, great horned and screech owls—no guarantees! A short presentation about the unique characteristics and adaptations of the common bats, owls and other animals that are active at night in this area will precede the hike. Bring flashlights and wear good hiking shoes. (<https://owl-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Sunday, May 12

NO HIKE - Mother's Day

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m., LOWER TABLE ROCK

Bug Out on the Table Rocks: Hike with **Dr. Bill Schaupp**, entomologist emeritus with the USDA Forest Service's Forest Health Protection, to observe and discuss the incredible insects that live on or flutter by the Table Rocks. On this hike, you will gain a deeper appreciation for how insects live and their essential role in the environment. (<https://bug-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)

Sunday, May 19, 9:00 a.m., UPPER TABLE ROCK

Lichen Hikin' with a Fun-gi: Spring is a prime time to observe lichens, bryophytes and terrestrial algae with **John Villella**, a botanist with the Siskiyou Biosurvey and member of the American Bryological & Lichenological Society. Some lichen highlights include variant forms of *Xanthoparmelia* and *Dermatocarpon*, and local rarities such as *Parmelina* and *Peltula*. (<https://lichen-hike-2019.eventbrite.com>)