



Cantrall-Buckley Park NEWS

The Cantrall-Buckley Park Committee continues to work on plans for an updated playground. Our goals are to create an attractive playground that meets today's safety standards, includes apparatus that appeal to children of all ages, and is durable. We plan to include an area of the playground accessible to children with disabilities.

We are close to finalizing a list of apparatus and are obtaining purchase, delivery, and installation prices from several manufacturers. The total project cost will include a protective surface material, such as pea gravel, and a barrier to surround the playground and contain the surface material.

Committee members have met with representatives of several organizations about possible funding. These organizations

have indicated a need to demonstrate community support for the project. One major foundation stressed the importance of several forms of community support, including letters of support from park users and a commitment of in-kind contributions, such as in materials and construction. This foundation also said that a successful fund-raising event would add to the strength of our proposal.

Don't miss a fun and entertaining time at the second annual Applegate Valley Day on Saturday, June 22, at Cantrall-Buckley Park—and tell your friends about it, too. There will be no charge for either admission to the park or for parking on Hamilton Road.

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Celebrate Applegate Valley Day on June 22

The Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation (GACDC), in partnership with the Applegate Valley Oregon Vintners Association (AVOVA) and the Applegate Lions Club, is sponsoring the second annual Applegate Valley Day at Cantrall-Buckley Park on June 22.

We would like to include as many community partners as possible to showcase pioneers, the gold rush, timber, farming, recreation, the wine industry, organic farming and livability. We have made this a one-day event this year at the request of our volunteers and vendors. Due to the number of folks we anticipate attending this year, we have arranged for off-site parking on Hamilton Road, and a shuttle will be provided. **Parking, shuttle and park admission will be free this year!**

Events planned at this time are:

- **Cantrall-Buckley Park.** Logging equipment display, gold-mining display and instruction, quilting display and raffles, antique cars, antique farm equipment, a wine and beer pavilion, arts and crafts, food (Applegate Lions Club famous barbecue tri-tip and chicken), dog agility event, and music along the river.
- **Geocache event** sponsored by Outpost Farm & Garden. For more information, contact Tiffany Ryan at 541-899-1113.

The goals of this very ambitious event are to:

- Bring our community together.
- Showcase our livability, natural resources, recreation opportunities and local products.
- Promote local businesses.
- Increase tourism exposure.
- Fund improvements at Cantrall-Buckley Park.
- Continue this as an annual event, funding community projects within the Applegate Valley.

As with any event, there are costs. We are looking for sponsorship assistance with banners, posters, event schedules, advertising and volunteer expenses.

If you, your club, business, or organization would like to be part of Applegate Valley Day, please contact me. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated.

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Join ATA for a hike on Applegate Valley Day in Cantrall-Buckley Park

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As we move rapidly into springtime weather, the urge to both labor and laze among the flowers becomes unbearable for most of us country folk. Long days, with so much to do, can lead to back pain, the revenge of the 50-year-old shoulder, and a certain sense that the work of the Applegate homesteader will never be done.

On June 22, take a well-deserved break from the toil to celebrate Applegate Valley Day and experience the refreshing energy of the river at our local treasure, Cantrall-Buckley Park. During the festivities, Applegate Trails Association (ATA) presents a relatively easy and altogether lovely hike through the woods along the Applegate River. Visit the ATA booth for group hike times or directions for a self-guided tour.

Earlier in May, ATA worked hard at our first volunteer trail maintenance day to prepare the three-quarter-mile trail at Cantrall-Buckley Park for your venturing pleasure, clearing away brush and branches and embarking on the first level of tread work. We hope that you will join us in appreciating our first go at on-the-ground trail upkeep. The tread work is not complete on this trail, so be sure to bring sturdy hiking footwear for the uphill section of the trek. For those not prepared for the hillside climb, the level jaunt along

the river offers a scenic look at the park without the need to break a sweat.

Red Lily Vineyard Hike, Wine and Dine

Later in the summer, ATA will offer a special chance to literally explore the Applegate Valley wine trail. On Sunday, August 18, at Red Lily Vineyards, ATA will lead two separate morning hikes followed by a scrumptious Wine and Dine lunch event catered by Fulcrum Dining.

September Campout at Jackson Campground features Diana Coogle

As summer turns to fall, the ATA will host its second annual weekend event on the banks of the Applegate River. Mark your calendars now for September 21 and 22. The September event at Jackson Campground includes dinner, an evening of entertainment, rustic camping accommodations (optional), breakfast, and a hike the next morning on a local trail. Last year's guest speaker, long-time local author Diana Coogle, drew the comfortable crowd in close around the campfire with her entertaining tales and vast knowledge of our bioregion. Luckily, ATA will again feature Coogle at the 2013 campout.

Building and maintaining trails may be a slow and arduous process, but we are patient, forward-looking people and know that a significant nonmotorized trail system will be a tremendous asset to the Applegate Valley. ATA has successfully secured grant money for six trailheads along the Applegate Ridge Trail. The view of sweet success is on the horizon; join us for the adventure.

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Border collie runs the agility course at Applegate Valley Days.



Strike it rich—pan for gold at Applegate Valley Day.

Applegate Trails Association guided hikes and event schedule

Let's go for a hike! More details about the hikes or events listed below and any changes or cancellations may be found on the calendar page at www.applegatetrails.org. Check out the website "Hike" page for the growing list of self-guided day hikes.

The distances are estimates and ratings of "Easy" (E), "Moderate" (M) and "Difficult" (D) are merely guides. One person's "Moderate" may be "Difficult" for another. All of the hikes have elevation changes.

Remember to wear appropriate footwear and bring plenty of water. Please leave your pets at home. You may reach any of the ATA board members for additional information about our organization via the website or contact David Calahan, chairman and frequent hike leader at 541-899-1226 or david@applegatetrails.org. A nonprofit organization depends on the generosity of the community. Please consider donating locally.

DATE	HIKE / EVENT	MEET	LENGTH	RATE
June 22	Cantrall-Buckley Park Trail in conjunction with Applegate Valley Day	Cantrall-Buckley Park, all day	1 mile (-)	E to M
July 19	Hinkle Lake Trail: A high-mountain meadow. Optional longer hike may be offered.	Ruch Plaza, lower parking lot, 9 am	3 or 5 miles	M to D
Aug 18	Red Lily Vineyard: Wine & Dine lunch at the vineyard after the hike. Catered by Fulcrum Dining. Optional longer hike.	Red Lily Vineyard 11777 Highway 238 Applegate 9 am	2 or 4 miles	M to D
Sept 21	Dinner, entertainment and (optional) campout at Jackson Campground.	Jackson Campground, Upper Applegate Road past McKee Bridge. Dinner around 6 pm.		
Sept 22	Gin Lin Trail	Jackson Campground around 10 am.	1 mile	E to M
Sept 22	Mule Mountain Trail	Jackson Campground around 10 am.	3 or 6 miles	M to D