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# Neighbor News

Your Connection to Ochoco Preserve



# PRESERVE OPEN HOUSE



WED

**MAY 22**

4:30-6:30PM

Learn about Ochoco Preserve and the project underway, connect with community, and enjoy snacks and drinks!

Learn more: [deschuteslandtrust.org/events](https://deschuteslandtrust.org/events)



## Ochoco Preserve Tours

Join the Land Trust on a guided tour of Ochoco Preserve! Each year volunteers lead free walks at Ochoco Preserve. This year's tours will be on the Crooked River Wetlands side of the river to accommodate construction efforts, but participants will have a great view of the project in progress!

### Details:

[deschuteslandtrust.org/hikes](https://deschuteslandtrust.org/hikes)



# Ochoco Preserve Project Phase Two

The Land Trust's Ochoco Preserve in Prineville will be a busy place this year! Phase two of the Ochoco Preserve Project will kick into high gear this spring and continue through the fall. The Ochoco Preserve Project is a multi-year project to create healthy streams, flourishing native plants and wildlife, and new connections for the community at the Preserve.

The Land Trust completed the first phase of the project in 2022, focused on restoring McKay Creek at the Preserve. The second phase will focus on restoring Ochoco Creek and a portion of the Crooked River at the Preserve. Goals for this phase of the project include:

- Create new main channels and side channels for Ochoco Creek and a portion of the Crooked River.
- Build new floodplains to give the waterways more room to spread out and slow high-water flows.
- Add more fish and wildlife habitat.
- Construct an acclimation pond in Ochoco Creek to help accustom young Chinook salmon and summer steelhead before they head to the Pacific Ocean.
- Establish locations for the trails and educational sites that will be built in phase three.

It will be a busy spring and summer at Ochoco Preserve, but the end result will be much better habitat for fish and wildlife and a healthier community for us all. **Learn more about the project on a guided tour (details on front of newsletter) or stay up-to-date on the Ochoco Preserve Project at: [deschuteslandtrust.org/neighbor-news](https://deschuteslandtrust.org/neighbor-news)**



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## Volunteer!

Be a part of the Ochoco Preserve Project! Volunteer for a Preserve work party this fall. We will need lots of help planting new native plants along the restored portions of creek. Watch our website for dates in late fall!

### Learn more:

[deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer](https://deschuteslandtrust.org/volunteer)



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