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Spencer Butte Summit Trail Project Begins

The summit of Spencer Butte is rapidly deteriorating due to high use, and the rare ecosystem found there is being trampled away. Without a clear trail to the top, hikers often disperse, and impact to the existing rare and sensitive plant community has been significant. In addition, the confusing trail network results in several injuries each year to people who are simply lost. Many of these instances have required Lane County Search and Rescue efforts.



The existing rare and sensitive plant community has been impacted by lack of a clear trail to the top.

The Spencer Butte Summit Trail project will construct a defined and stable trail bed with a few short sections of constructed basalt rock steps. The trail will maintain a relatively steep, challenging grade with a few widened areas that take advantage of spectacular views.

In the past, other approaches such as signage, trail markers, cairns, and fencing were tried, but none proved successful. In response, Parks and Open Space underwent an extensive public process with public meetings and community surveys seeking opinions on how best to address the issue. The overwhelming majority of participants agreed that reconstructing portions of the existing trail and building a section of new trail would address the ongoing issues.

Work is scheduled to begin this week and is expected to be completed by the end of July 2015. The work is being done by Oregon Woods, Inc., a Eugene-based forestry and natural restoration company. When work is under way, portions of the trail will be closed Monday through Friday during daytime construction hours, and the entire park will be closed one day a week every one to two weeks, starting on Thursday, Apr. 9, due to helicopter work associated with the project.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$529,000, funded in part by a Recreational Trails Program grant provided by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information, please visit www.eugene-or.gov/spencerbutte or contact Engineering Construction Manager Adam Steffen at 541-682-5040 or adam.r.steffen@ci.eugene.or.us, or Parks Project Manager Philip Richardson at 541-682-4906 or philip.s.richardson@ci.eugene.or.us.

Annual Book Sale Fundraiser for Eugene Public Library

Book lovers: shop for a good cause! The Friends of Eugene Public Library Annual Book Sale will be held Saturday, Apr. 11, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Apr. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Lane Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds) Performance Hall.

Proceeds from this all-volunteer project go to support Eugene Public Library classes, programs, and events, including Summer Reading for children and teens. Admission and parking are free.



Shoppers will be able to choose from thousands of gently used and like-new books on all topics, at bargain prices of only \$1.00 - \$2.00. Also for sale will be DVDs, LPs, audio books, sheet music, and a huge choice of music CDs. Recent bestsellers will be available in the "Good as New" section, and collectors can check for rare and specialty books in "Individually Priced." A children's area will offer a large selection of books, DVDs, and CDs for kids. VISA/Mastercard will be accepted, as well as cash and checks.

The book sale is the Friends of Eugene Public Library's major fundraiser each year. Over 300 volunteers work on the book sale, many year-round.

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or www.eugene-or.gov/library, or Friends of Eugene Public Library at 541-484-1452 or www.friendseugenelibrary.org.