100+ OUTINGS TO CHOOSE FROM IN 2019!

Hike ~ Ride ~ Run ~ Explore ~ Camp ~ Volunteer

- Sat. Apr 13 10am - 1pm Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
- Sat. Apr 13 8am - 1pm Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Sat. Apr 13 9am - 1pm Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
- Sat. Apr 13 7:30pm - 10:30pm REI Full Moon Hike
- Sat. May 11 8am - 1pm Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
- Sat. May 18 8am - 1pm Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Sat. May 25 9am - 1pm Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
- Sat. Jun 1 9am - 1pm Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Sun. Jun 2 8am - 10am Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Sun. Jun 9 8am - 12pm Oak Woodland History Tour
- Sun. Jun 16 8am - 10am Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Sun. Jun 23 9am - 12pm REI GPS Navigation
- Sun. Jun 30 8am - 10am Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Sun. Jul 7 8am - 10am Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Mon. Jul 8 4:30pm - 8pm Monday Night Mtn Biking
- Mon. Jul 15 4:30pm - 8pm Monday Night Mtn Biking
- Mon. Jul 22 4:30pm - 8pm Monday Night Mtn Biking
- Mon. Jul 29 4:30pm - 8pm Monday Night Mtn Biking
- Sat. Aug 3 8am - 10am Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Sat. Aug 10 8am - 10am Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Sat. Aug 17 8am - 10am Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Sat. Aug 24 8am - 10am Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
- Thu. Aug 29 6pm - 8pm Concert on the Parkway
- Thu. Sep 5 6pm - 8pm Concert on the Parkway
- Thu. Sep 12 6pm - 8pm Concert on the Parkway
- Thu. Sep 19 6pm - 8pm Concert on the Parkway

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Ways to give to lands you love

Financial contributions help the most, and allow us to allocate funds where they will have the largest impact. Check our website for a wishlist of goods and services, sponsorship opportunities, or info about including SVC in your will or trust. Every dollar helps. Support our work today to create a legacy of open space for tomorrow.
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