

12 Days of Earth Day

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The theme for Earth Day 2024 is:

Planet vs. Plastics

A call to arms to reduce the production of plastics with 60% by 2040.¹

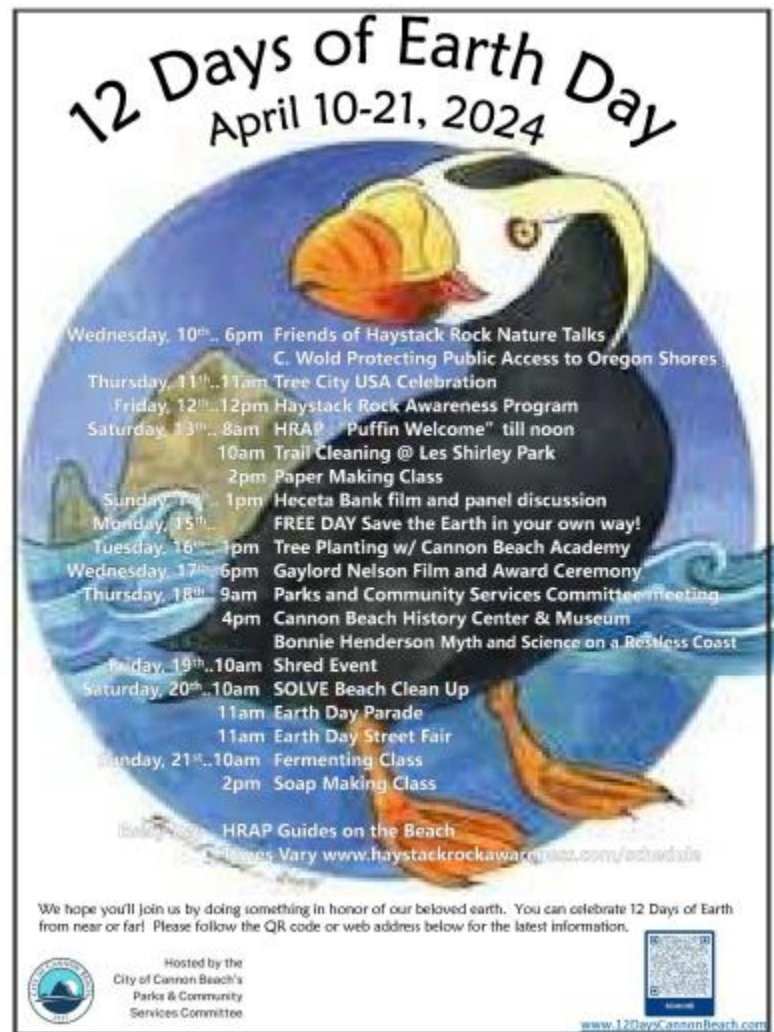
*"Plastic waste makes up 80% of all marine pollution and around 8 to 10 million metric tons of plastic end up in the ocean each year."*²

*"Plastic materials are carcinogenic and can affect the body's endocrine system, causing developmental, neurological, reproductive and immune disorders."*²

Everyone can do something to help solve the plastic pollution problem, and millions of people worldwide are already taking action to reduce their plastic use.

Here are 7 ways you can make a difference, starting today.³

- Reduce Your Use of Single-Use Plastics
- Support Legislation to Curb Plastic Production and Waste
- Recycle Properly
- Participate In a Beach or River Cleanup
- Avoid Products Containing Microbeads
- Spread the Word
- Support Organizations Addressing Plastic Pollution



In April 2024, our Parks & Community Services Committee members will once again host a **12 Days of Earth Day celebration** with a parade and street fair, as well as numerous other activities to honor our earth. We appreciate you, your family, and friends celebrating this important time of year right along with us!

- ¹[EarthDay.org](#)
- ² the Ocean Literacy portal (UNESCO)
- ³[7 Solutions to Ocean Plastic Pollution - Oceanic Society](#)

Lectures

Click the links below to watch these lectures at any point during the 12 Days of Earth Day celebration!

Wednesday, April 10 Monthly presentation, Friends of Haystack Rock²

Sunday, April 14 Heceta Bank film, Angela Barton, FOHR²

Thursday, April 18 Bonny Henderson, Cannon Beach History Center²

Thanks to Friends of Haystack Rock for sharing these lectures!

12 Days of Earth Day, April 10-21, 2024 - Every Day Activities

Haystack Rock Awareness Program:

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12 Days of Earth Day Photos -- 2024:

Each day of the Twelve Days of Earth Day will offer opportunities to experience nature. Use the ideas below -- and your own -- for pictures that show how you are helping the Earth and enjoying Nature during the Twelve Days of Earth Day 2024 in Cannon Beach and adjacent areas.

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- **Magnificent Trees -- Ancient, Big Little**
- **Flowers, Buds and Blooms**
- **Winged Friends -- Birds Bees Butterflies**
- **Life Below the Waterline -- Nudibranch, Sea Star, Anemones**
- **Creatures Big and Small -- Elk, Bunnies, and Others**
- **Life's a Beach -- Sand, Surf, Waves**

Submit your photos to Facebook by adding a comment to [**12 Days of Earth Day Photos**](#)

Follow the link below for more information:

[Twelve Days of Earth Day 2023 | Facebook](#)

Event Calendar

Wednesday, April 10 - *Friends of Haystack Rock Lecture*

- 6:00 PM
- Location: Cannon Beach Chamber Hall

"Protecting Public Access of Oregon's Shores" by Chris Wold Panel discussion to follow.

Since the early 1900s, Oregon has granted public access to Oregon's beautiful beaches. In the 1960s, however, that access was threatened when a Cannon Beach motel sought to privatize the beach in front of the hotel. The Oregon Supreme Court stepped in and, using a legal theory that has been used only in Oregon and Hawaii, guaranteed the public's access to beaches like Cannon Beach. While it is commonly said that the public has access to the entire 362-mile Oregon Coast, that is not true. This presentation reviews the history and limits of public access to Oregon's beaches and new challenges to Oregon's shores from the climate change.

Friends of Haystack Rock is a non profit organization focused on keeping Haystack Rock healthy and thriving. Our mission is to promote the preservation and protection of the intertidal life and

birds that inhabit the Marine Garden and Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock. We do this in cooperation with the Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) and other partnerships.

Chris World is a Professor of Law at Lewis & Clark Law School where he teaches Ocean and Coastal Law and other environmental and international law courses. He has represented governments at meetings of the International Whaling Commission, served as the legal advisor to Convention on Migratory Species, and advised nongovernmental organizations at international meetings relating to tuna fisheries and biodiversity conservation. He was appointed to the National Advisory Committee to provide the Environmental Protection Agency with advice on environmental cooperation among the three North American governments.

Thursday, April 11 - *Tree City USA Award Ceremony*

- 10:00 AM @ north entrance to Cannon Beach
- 10:30 AM @ south entrance

Join us in celebration of Cannon Beach' 16 Year Award as a Tree City USA.

Friday, April 12 - *Haystack Awareness Program*

- 11:45 AM - 5 PM

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Saturday, April 13 - *Puffin Welcome, HRAP*

- 8:00 AM to Noon
- Location: Haystack Rock

Puffin Welcome Celebration - Haystack Rock Awareness Program

- 8:00AM -12:00 PM : Open House
- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM : Puffinology 101 - Exploring the World of Tufted Puffin
- 10:00 AM -10:30 AM: Fuffin Pursuit - Master the Art of Spotting Tufted Puffins
- 10:45 AM -11:00 AM: Predator Game - Become a Tufted Puffin
- 11:30 AM Tufted Puffin Costume Contest

Trail Cleaning Work Party

- 10:00 AM - Noon
- Location: Les Shirley Park

We will meet at Les Shirley Park.

Please bring water, gloves and garden clippers. The City will also be providing tools and will be removing all the debris we create!

Spread the word, the more the merrier, those "invasives" don't stand a chance against us.

Paper Making Workshop

- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Location: Tolovana Hall
- *Transform Plants into Paper!*

In this workshop we will use harvested local plants and explore the process of turning fiber into paper: harvesting, beating, cooking, blending and sheet formation....from "*seed to sheet*."

- **FEE: \$12**
- **Advanced registration is required**

Register by email [tolovanaartscolony \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:tolovanaartscolony@gmail.com) or call 541-215-4445

Sunday, April 14 - *Heceta Bank: Oregon's Hidden Wonder Film presentation and panel discussion*

- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Location: Cannon Beach Chamber Hall

Film producers describe the Heceta Bank as one of the least known, but one of the most important natural features on the West Coast.

Hidden below the surface, 35 miles offshore from Cape Perpetua, this submerged feature has a huge impact on Oregon's coastal habitats.

"It transforms the water around it, driving biological productivity and making nearby habitats thrive," film narrators said.

It also attracts birds and marine mammals from across the globe to its' waters, and is unlike anything else on the Oregon Coast.

Monday, April 15 - FREE DAY, *Save the Earth in your own way!*

Tuesday, April 16 - *Tree Planting with Cannon Beach Academy*

- 1:00 PM
- Location: South End of Cannon Beach at Hwy 101 and Hemlock Street

Students from the Cannon Beach Academy will be planting trees starting at 1:00 pm.

Wednesday, April 17 - Gaylord Nelson Award Presentation - Film "Earth Days"

- 6:00 PM
- Location: Cannon Beach History Center

EARTH DAYS: The seeds of a revolution, PBS.

In December 1969, Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson hired 25-year-old Denis Hayes to organize a national teach-in about the environment. Just four months later, on April 22, more than 20 million Americans across the country participated in celebrations and demonstrations - the largest in American history - demanding political action to protect the environment. Their grassroots call to action led to groundbreaking national legislation and created a new consciousness, about the fragility of the earth's resources.

Thursday, April 18 - *Parks and Community Service Committee Meeting*

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- Location: Cannon Beach City Hall or Zoom

The Stories We Tell: Myth and Science on a Restless Coast by Bonnie Henderson

- 4:00 PM
- Location: Cannon Beach History Center

Bonnie Henderson is the author of two nonfiction books from Oregon State University Press: the critically acclaimed ***The Next Tsunami: Living on a Restless Coast*** and ***Strand: An Odyssey of Pacific Ocean Debris***, which was listed as a Best Book of 2008 by Seattle Times and was a finalist for the 2009 Oregon Book Awards. She has also written three hiking guidebooks for Mountaineers Books: ***Hiking the Oregon Coast Trail***, ***Best Hikes with Kids: Oregon*** (with co-author Zach Urness) and ***Day Hiking: Oregon Coast***. She is a former newspaper and magazine writer and editor and has provided communications for a variety of nonprofits, including North Coast Land Conservancy. She lives in Eugene.

Seating for this event is a limited capacity of 50 People, however people are welcome to stop by to donate. This lecture starts promptly at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024. Parking for this event is extremely limited and is encouraged to arrive early to find parking.

Friday, April 19 - Cannon Beach Shreds

- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Location: Midtown Parking Lot

This is a shred event for local residents and businesses from 10 am to 2 pm in the midtown parking lot.

Donations are gladly accepted!

Saturday, April 20 - Earth Day Parade

- 11:00 AM
- Location: Hemlock St. between 1st & 3rd St. (Downtown Cannon Beach)
- Parade participants may begin lining up at 10:00 am

The parade will take place on April 20, starting at 11:00. We will stage in the “Antler” public parking lot at Spruce and 3rd St., and will step off at 11:00, going briefly west on 3rd and then south on Hemlock to 1st St.

Saturday, April 20 - *12 Days of Earth Day Street Fair*

- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Location: 2nd St between Hemlock & Spruce St.

Join us as we learn more about the efforts of local non-profits and community organizations who are bringing positive change to our community while discovering creative ways to lessen your own Eco-footprint.

Exhibitors Include:

- Ecola Creek Awareness Program
- Haystack Rock Awareness Program
- North Coast Watershed Association
- CB Friends of the Trees
- Seaside Aquarium
- Wildlife Rescue Center of the North Coast (Birds)
- Sea Turtles Forever
- North Coast Land Conservancy
- Cape Falcon Marine Reserve (NCLC booth)
- Friends of Haystack Rock
- SOLVE
- Cannon Beach Garden Club
- Cannon Beach History & Museum
- Heart of Cartm
- Aldervale Native Plants: (503) 812-9965 (Open by appointment. Call, text, or phone): A PNW native plant nursery specializing in plants native to the coastal PNW and the Willamette Valley. Our business was started to encourage folks to invite nature into their yards by adding native plants. We also teach and promote nature scaping (a landscaping method that makes yards more pollinator and bird-friendly). We will have demonstration plants as well as plants for sale.
- Pacific Power has partnered with Dennis' 7 Dee's Garden Center to provide vouchers for trees as part of their commitment to Earth Day 2023! Eligible participants can qualify for a voucher towards the purchase of a tree or other planting supplies. A limited number of vouchers will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Representatives will be on hand to discuss Pacific Power's "Path to Net-Zero" Plan and other Green energy initiatives. Pacific Power invites you to tag them in social media posts
 - [Pacific Power](#) – Facebook

- [@PacificPower_OR](#) - Twitter
- [@pacific_power](#) - Instagram
- [Pacific Power](#) - LinkedIn

Demonstration Booths On:

- *Waste Not Want Not!* - We will be demonstrating how to create both a worm composting bin and a hot composting pile. Don't let your green 'waste' and food 'waste' go to waste - turn it into Garden Gold!
- *Eco-Friendly Gift Wrapping and a Gift to Mother Nature!* - We will be demonstrating how to recycle your newspaper, paper bags and magazines into creative gift wrapping paper and envelopes. Make your own envelopes using magazine pages and take home organic kale and parsley seeds in them.
- *It is Easy Being Clean!* - We will demonstrate how to make natural cleaners and how to turn your used plastic bottles into beautiful decoupaged containers to hold your cleaners. Natural cleaning recipes will also be shared.
- *Mother Nature needs you...Fairies, Elves, and Gnomes Unite!* - Create a Nature Crown and let the world know you are a "Friend of Nature"- Make your own Nature Crown using flower petals, leaves, twigs and more. Kids can wear them all day!

Saturday, April 20 - SOLVE Beach Cleanup

- 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
- Hauling, disposal and recycling services donated by Recology.
- [Click this link to register with SOLVE.](#)

Join **SOLVE**, the **City of Cannon Beach**, and **Pacific Alarm Systems** for a beach cleanup! Help us protect marine life and maintain the beauty of our coast.

This beach cleanup is family-friendly, and volunteers of all ages will find the event fun and rewarding. Remember our ocean shores can be dangerous. Avoid logs in the water. Keep your distance from marine mammals, and never turn your back on the ocean! If you find any hazardous material, please alert your Beach Captain. And remember, it's more fun to work as part of a team. Bring a buddy, stay safe and have fun!

[SOLVE I Cannon Beach Cleanup \(solveoregon.org\)](http://solveoregon.org)

Sunday, April 21 - Fermenting Class

- 10:00 AM - Noon
- Location: Cannon Beach History Center & Museum

- **FEE: \$20**, which includes fermenting materials. You will need to bring your own jars for fermenting.
- Space for each workshop is limited, and is expected to sell out, so get your tickets today! Tickets can be purchased at the museum, over the phone at 503-436-9301 or through our online gift shop at [Workshops - Cannon Beach History Center & Museum](#).

Funds raised from this workshop will go towards the museum's general operations.

Step back into a simpler time when DIY was an integral part of living. Led by our very own Museum Coordinator, Zoe Swain, learn the step-by-step process on how to ferment different vegetables such as cabbage and onions.

Soap Making Workshop

- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Location: Cannon Beach History Center & Museum
- **FEE: \$20**, which includes soap-making supplies. Please bring recycled containers to hold the DIY laundry detergent.

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Immerse yourself in the wonderful world of natural cleaning. Led by Betty Gearen, we will be creating a batch of handmade coconut oil soap to use in creating laundry detergent, both powder and liquid forms, adding pure essential oils to boost its cleaning power. Take home your own natural laundry detergent and do away with harsh chemicals and plastic jugs!

Parade Route

Parade Route 151.68 KB

Previous Earth Day Celebrations



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