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Friends of Olympic National Park Mission Statement:

Our mission is to support Olympic National Park in preserving the Park's natural, cultural and recreational resources for the benefit of present and future generations. Friends of Olympic National Park promote understanding of the Park's ecological, educational, economic and recreational importance and work with the Park on special projects.

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SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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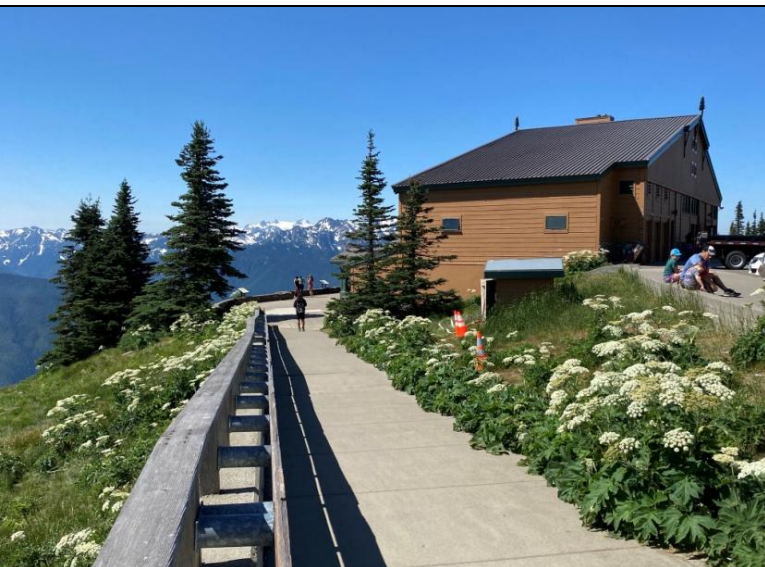
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Hurricane Ridge Lodge (circa 1950s, above; 2022, left). Photos from FONP Archive



Message from the President, Friends of Olympic National Park

Toni Harms
FONP President



Happy Summer to the Friends of Olympic National Park! What a bittersweet spring this has been, given the devastating loss of the Hurricane Ridge Day Lodge, offset by the exciting happenings within our Friends group.

In the wake of the Hurricane Ridge fire, the FONP Board met briefly with Superintendent Sula Jacobs at our monthly meeting on May 18th. A brief discussion ensued regarding how the Friends could best support Olympic National Park and staff at this time. Sula thanked the board for emotional support provided for the staff and administration to date. Given how early in the investigative process it is, and where we are in the tourism season, Sula verbalized that right now money is not the primary concern, but rather communication to our visitors that Olympic National Park is not closed due to this event. Instead, there are nearly a million acres to enjoy and explore this summer.

The FONP Facebook page offers a tremendous platform for disseminating this type of information. Our members have already graciously participated in discussions regarding alternative hikes that offer great views like Hurricane Ridge. We will continue to post in that vein throughout the summer, to offer alternative sights in the park and best ways to access them. This may help prevent the onslaught of visitors to the Lake Crescent and Marymere Falls parking lot, such as occurred over this holiday weekend.

We would like to make our members aware of two ways that you can help financially if you choose to do so. Washington National park Fund has a Fire Relief Fund: <https://wnpf.org/support-parks/give-support/> This is a large-scale

effort to offer financial relief related to the event. If you would prefer to donate on a smaller scale, you can use the new website donation page for the Friends of Olympic National Park: [Donate | friendsonp \(folym.org\)](https://folym.org)



Veranda at Lake Crescent Lodge. Photo from FONP Archive

Message from the President (continued)

I am excited to share with you the recent and upcoming FONP events for the summer:

- On April 29th, FONP participated in the National Junior Ranger Program Day at the Main Visitor Center, details of which are contained within this newsletter. Board members Dori Brogolino and Jenny Murphy organized a “Wilderness Camping” station which included a scavenger hunt for the 10 Essentials.
- On June 3rd, we held the annual Visitor Center Cleanup. We had a strong turnout, so we divided and conquered various projects: hedge trimming, removing horsetail, garden clean-up around the ONP welcome sign, etc.
- On June 7th, members of the Friends board will have a table at the Olympic Partner Fair event at the Clallam County Fairgrounds.
- We look forward to the celebration of park volunteers at the annual VIP picnic on August 23rd at Peninsula College.
- Finally, on September 9th, we will host our final Entrance Sign Garden Cleanup of the year.

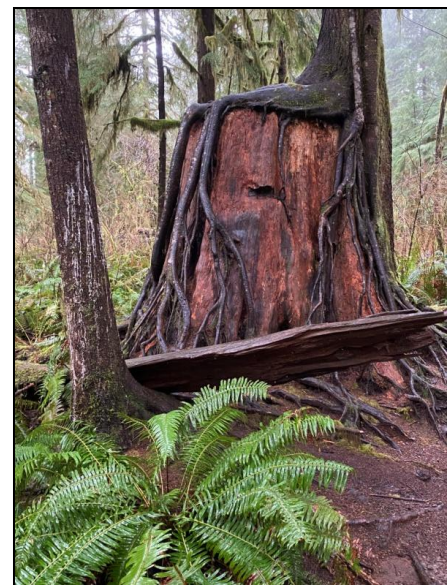
This year has been dedicated to securing the financial future of Friends of Olympic National Park, and we are excited about our progress. On 02/22/2023, we received our 501(c)(3) designation. Just this week we were able to add an electronic payment option for memberships and donations to our website. Our number of annual memberships continues to climb towards pre-pandemic levels. We would like to increase our community engagement through the local newspapers over the next couple months. All in all, it’s been a lot of work, but things are looking very positive for the organization.

As always, we welcome your feedback to the Friends
email: FONP2020@gmail.com.

Sincerely, Toni
Toni Harms, President FONP



Photos from FONP Archive.
Kalaloch (left); Quinault
Rainforest (right)



Friends of Olympic National Park Volunteer Activities



ONP entrance sign in Port Angeles. Photo from FONP Archive

Back in 2022, the Friends of Olympic National Park adopted the ONP Entrance Sign Garden. We advertised this as a volunteer opportunity to members of Friends and other interested parties and individuals in the community. We got a great turnout for our first garden cleanup event in 2022. Subsequently, we scheduled 3 cleanup events in 2023. The first was held on Saturday, March 4th, and the second was held on June 3rd (the latter was in conjunction with the visitor center clean-up). There is still one remaining **volunteer opportunity** for garden work. If you'd like to participate in the entrance sign clean-up, please register at the link, below:

Saturday September 9, 2023:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/entrance-sign-garden-cleanup-tickets-523868423557>

FONP and ONP appreciate your support!

2022 cleanup of ONP entrance sign in Port Angeles.
Photo from FONP Archive



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Volunteer Activity:

June 3rd clean-up at the ONP Visitor Center, Port Angeles



Photos by Toni Harms,
FONP President

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Historical Perspective: Hurricane Ridge Lodge

Hurricane Ridge sits at an elevation of 5242 ft and offers unparalleled views of the interior of the Olympic Mountains. It is a major attraction in Olympic National Park both summer and winter. In the summer, people visit for the spectacular views, wildlife, wildflowers, hiking trails, and picnicking. In the winter, skiing and snowshoeing are available 3 days/week (Friday – Sunday) on most weekends. Until recently, the main permanent facility at Hurricane Ridge was the day lodge. It provided general information about the park (displays, 3D map, and a short video), concessions (food service and gift shop), and park rangers (providing information and assistance to park visitors).

The Hurricane Ridge Day Lodge was designed by National Park Service architect, Cecil Doty. He created the design in 1949, and the Lodge was dedicated by Congressman Henry M. Jackson on September 22, 1952. The Lodge was part of a plan by Park Superintendent, Fred Overly, to increase park visitation. The lodge offered a nearly 270-degree panorama of the interior Olympic Mts. Doty's lodge design was reminiscent of Norwegian mountain lodges with added Native American art motifs from the Pacific Northwest.

Initially, the lodge was accessed via a gravel road that started near Whiskey Bend along the Elwha River and climbed to Hurricane Ridge from the west. Roughly 5 years later, the current paved road was opened, allowing much easier access to the Ridge. The original gravel road from the Whiskey Bend area was subsequently converted to a hiking trail, which still exists to this day.

Tragically, on May 7, 2023, the Hurricane Ridge Lodge was destroyed by a fire. The timing was especially unfortunate as the building was slated for an \$11 million renovation and structural rehabilitation that was just getting underway. The origin of the fire is still unknown; investigators continue to study the site in order to make that determination. The road to Hurricane Ridge will remain closed for the foreseeable future while investigations continue. Once investigations are complete, clean-up will begin in order to make the area safe for visitors. Only then will the road to Hurricane Ridge be re-opened to visitors. The timing of re-opening remains unknown.



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Historical Perspective: Hurricane Ridge Lodge (continued)



Black & white photos are from the FONP historical archive. They date from the 1950s and 1960s.



Modern-day photo of the Hurricane Ridge Lodge taken before the May 7, 2023 fire. Photo by Dori Brogolino.

Dedication of the Lodge on September 22, 1952. Left to right: Chas. Webster (Port Angeles Evening News), Henry M. Jackson (U.S. Congressman), and Fred Overly (Olympic Nat. Pk. Superintendent)





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National Junior Ranger Day ONP Visitor Center, Port Angeles April 29, 2023

On April 29 volunteers from Friends of Olympic National Park (FONP) participated in National Junior Ranger Day at the Olympic National Park (ONP) Visitor's Center in Port Angeles. National Junior Ranger Day is a one-day celebration that is part of the annual National Park Week and is also part of the National Junior Ranger Program. At the Junior Ranger Day event there were participants from ONP and several other organizations with fun activities to teach kids about the Park and how to protect the plants and animals of the Park.

FONP Volunteers had a booth that helped teach kids about the "10 Essentials" for recreating in the Park and other wilderness areas. Kids had to search around our FONP "campsite" set up in our booth and identify all of the 10 Essentials using a checklist. We also had several types of water filters on hand with buckets of water, so kids (and some parents) could learn about the importance of filtering water before drinking from streams and lakes in the Park. Our FONP volunteers enthusiastically shared their experiences of wilderness adventures and their knowledge of various tools that can be useful when camping.

For those kids that successfully completed the activity they were rewarded with a carabineer and a colorful bear sticker. The smiles on the faces of the kids was a real treat for all of us manning our booth. All of the kids were super excited to go into our tent, pump water from one bucket to another and be able to choose a sticker to take home.

Thanks so much to our volunteers Ray Weinmann, Rich Havel, John Hamlin and especially our most enthusiastic, young volunteer Caitlyn for making this event very fun and successful. FONP Board Members Jenny Murphy and Dori Brogolino also helped out at the booth.

This was a new volunteer event for FONP but we expect to participate in the future if the opportunity arises. We hope you will consider signing up to help out at this or other volunteer events in the future. Funding support for this event came from a donation made in the memory of John "Rod" Rodney Norvell.



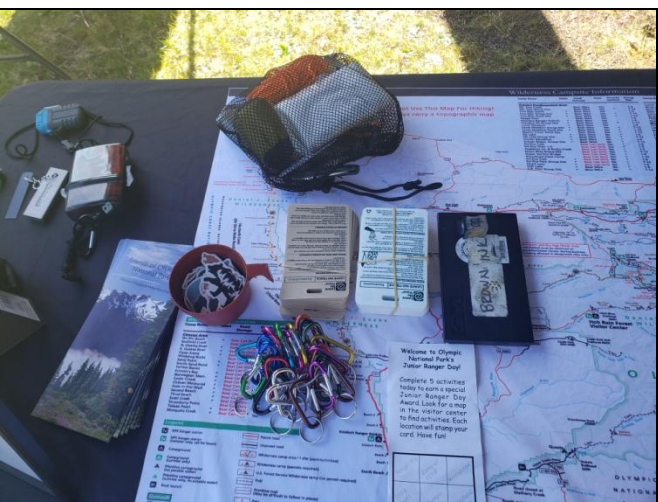
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National Junior Ranger Day (continued)











ONP Visitor Center, Port Angeles

April 29, 2023

Photos by Jenny Murphy.



Wilderness 10 Essentials

-  1. **Navigation** – map/compass/GPS
-  2. **Sun Protection** – hat/sunscreen
-  3. **Insulation** – Jacket/hat/gloves/rain coat
-  4. **Illumination** – Flashlight/headlamp
-  5. **First Aid Kit**
-  6. **Fire** – Matches/lighter/fire starter
-  7. **Repair Kit/TOOLS**- duct tape/multi tool
-  8. **Nutrition** – extra food/snacks
-  9. **Hydration** – water/water filter
-  10. **Shelter** – space blanket/tent

~Always Be Prepared~



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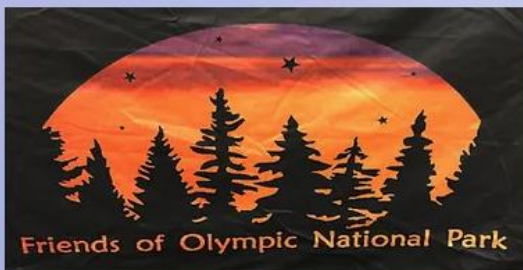
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Upcoming volunteer event Saturday, June 3rd-click Calendar for details

Purchase an annual FONP membership & receive an exclusive car decal as well as email updates and biannual newsletters. There are two ways to join. 1) To avoid processing fees, print the pdf below and mail a check to FONP, PO Box 3238, Port Angeles, Washington 98362 OR 2) Complete the online form below and checkout electronically.



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For those who wish to make a donation to FONP, you'll find a link on our webpage:: <https://www.folym.org/donate>

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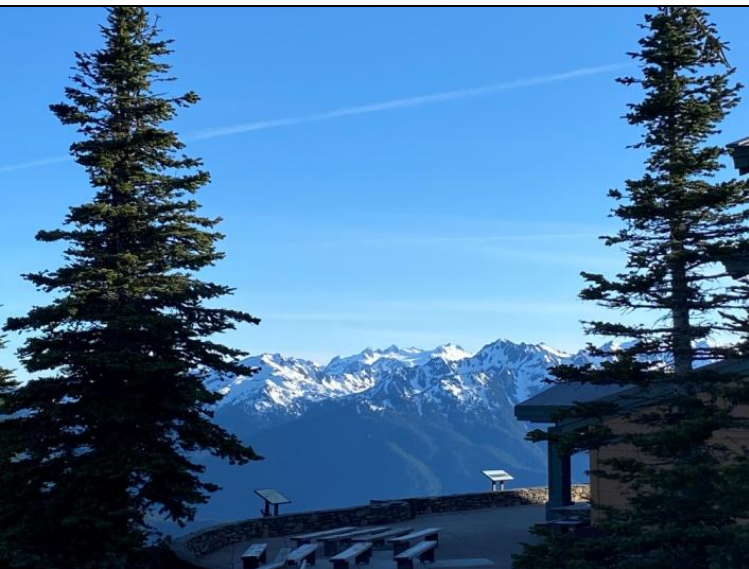
Where your membership money goes



Where your membership money goes...

- Sponsorship of annual Spring and Fall Membership Meetings and the Summer ONP Volunteers Picnic
- Sponsorship of the Perspectives Lecture Series
- Funding for special projects such as:
 - Landscape beautification of the Employee Entrance at the Visitor Center
 - Landscape clean-up around the Olympic National Park entrance sign on Race Street in Port Angeles
 - Landscape projects around the Park Administration building
- Funding for special events, such as:
 - Junior Ranger Day
- Funding of awards for Most Inspirational Park Employee and Most Inspirational Friend Volunteer
- Member newsletters (3-4 times/year)
- Routine business expenses, such as annual PO Box fees
- FONP Car Decals to share your pride, plus FONP neck gaiters and caps (for sale)!

Viewing plaza at the former Hurricane Ridge Day lodge. Photo from FONP Archive



Line-up of canoes at Lake Crescent Lodge. Photo from FONP Archive

