Wildflower & Wind Power Walks, Saturday April 4, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Location: Puget Sound Energy’s Wild Horse Windfarm, Vantage, WA.
Join us in celebrating the opening of our 8th season and the start of Earth Month! We will have snacks and coffee, nature walks, kid’s activities and contests, free native plants and trees, energy efficiency info, and awesome prizes! Information at 509-964-7815 or email wildhorse@pse.com

Earth Day Walk at Jacobson Preserve - Wednesday, April 22, 2015 6:00-7:30 PM
Location: CDLT Jacobson Preserve in Wenatchee
Come out for an evening walk to explore the springtime beauty at Jacobson Preserve on Earth Day! The group will be split into two groups while on the hike. Susan Ballinger and Julie Banken will lead sections of the walk. Susan will share her expertise in wildflowers and plant biology, while Julie Banken, an entomologist, will explore the hidden lives of insects at Jacobson. This event is free to the public and co-sponsored by WNPS. Please be advised that this event is a moderate to more difficult walk, with uneven terrain and an elevation gain of up to 500 feet. Participants should be prepared with sturdy shoes, water, and clothes appropriate for hiking. Please on the CDLT website, or contact Hillary at 509-667-9708 hillary@cdlandtrust.org. Participants will be emailed with more information the week of the hike. Limit: 14

Sam Hill Wildflower Walk - Saturday, April 25, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Location: CDLT Sam Hill Property in Leavenworth
This joint WNPS and Chelan-Douglas Land Trust walk will explore spring wildflowers at the Land Trust’s Sam Hill property, which is located outside of Leavenworth on the slopes above Icicle Creek. Even though the two-mile route is short, the terrain is rugged and suited only for people comfortable with off-trail travel. Wear hiking boots, bring water and snacks, and dress for the weather. Register online at www.cdlandtrust.org. For more information call the Land Trust office at (509) 667-9708. Limit 12. Leaders: Ann and Don Schaechtel

Shrub-Steppe Wildflowers, Quincy, Saturday, April 25, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: Beezley Hills Preserve, The Nature Conservancy
The Beezley Hills Preserve is an area of 4788 acres north of Quincy that is protected by The Nature Conservancy, which started buying up the land in 1998. Beezley Hills hosts an amazing flower display each spring, and the plethora of hedgehog cactus all seem to come in bloom at the same time. BLM Botanist and chapter member, Molly Boyter will co-lead the hike in a wild garden filled with phlox, Hooker's balsamroot, daggerpod, fleabanes and buckwheats. Both thin-soiled lithosols and deep soiled shrubby areas will be encountered. The views to the south sweep in the broad lands of the middle Columbia Basin and the greater Quincy area, while to the east you can see all the way to Moses Lake on clear days. We will be following a three-mile loop trail, traveling at an easy pace. Expect to encounter some hills, with approximately 400 feet in elevation change. Because of the presence of rare plants and cacti in this area, we will be encouraging the group to concentrate travel on the trail. Wear hiking boots, bring water and snacks, and dress for the weather. This area is without shade, so please prepare for a day in full sun. Sign up by contacting hike co-leader, Emily Orling, emorling@hotmail.com, 314-650-8115 Limit 12.

Leavenworth Ski Hill Scavenger Hike, Saturday, May 2, 10:00 AM - noon.
Location: USFS Ski Hill on Titus Road, Leavenworth
The Leavenworth Ski Hill provides a variety of habitats to explore with species from both east and west of the Cascade Crest. With luck we will see Brown's Peony, Common Camas, Oregon Anemone and many varieties of native shrubs. We will be on trails or in open areas around the
ski hill. A flower list will be provided and we will see how many of the known species we can locate. Please bring a pencil, flower book(s), water and appropriate clothing for the weather. Email Connie McCauley at ccmccauley@nwi.net to register. Limit 12.

**Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest - May 14-17**

WNPS is a sponsor of the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest. Of interest to members are several hikes that will look at wildflowers as well as birds, plus on Saturday, May 16 there is a wildflower walk at the Leavenworth Ski Hill from 1-3 pm. For details visit www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.com.

**Camas Meadows Preserve - Saturday, June 13 8:30am-3:30pm**

**Location:** Junction of SR 970 and US 97 (Blewitt Pass highway, 6 miles North of the “Y”)

We will get a rare opportunity to explore the flowers in Camas Meadows, including two rare plants; Wenatchee Mountain Checkermallow and Wentachee Mountain Larkspur. If time allows in the afternoon we can walk 2 miles up an old road to enjoy some great views of the surrounding area. The walk through the meadow will be an easy stroll, but over uneven terrain, while the road portion will be a gradual climb along a gravel road. This is a joint chapter hike with the Central Washington Chapter and the hike leader is Keyna Bugner, the Washington DNR Special Areas land manager. Wear hiking boots, bring water and lunch, and dress for the weather. Sign up by contacting Susan Ballinger (skylinebal@gmail.com 509.669.7820). Limit: 10 Wenatchee Chapter participants (will join 10 Central WA Chapter members).

**Beverly Creek Hike - Saturday, June 27, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Location:** North Fork Teanaway River Road

The Beverly Creek Trail starts in forest and ends in the subalpine meadows below Iron Peak. Depending on the interests and stamina of the group, we can hike up to Iron Peak or Fourth Pass for views and to see even more plant species. Bring hiking boots, water, lunch, and appropriate clothing and equipment for a day in the mountains. The basic hike is 7 miles round trip with 2,000 ft of elevation gain. Sign up by contacting leader Don Schaechtel at (509) 548-9967 or don.safety@nwi.net. Limit 12.

**Alpine Lookout Hike - Saturday, July 11, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Location:** Nason Ridge, accessed from U. S. Hwy 2

This is a strenuous hike with a reputation for beautiful flowers. We will start early to beat the heat and allow time to savor the flowers and views along Nason Ridge. The trip culminates at the Forest Service Lookout. Bring hiking boots, water, lunch, and appropriate clothing and equipment for a day in the mountains. The hike is 10 miles round trip with 2,400 ft of elevation gain. Sign up by contacting leader Don Schaechtel at (509) 548-9967 or don.safety@nwi.net. Limit 12.

**Headlight Basin Hike - Sunday, October 4, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Location:** Ingalls Lake Trail, North Fork Teanaway River Road

We will leave early to beat the crowds because this trail is popular when the alpine larch takes on its fall colors. Bring hiking boots, water, lunch, and appropriate clothing and equipment for a day in the mountains. It may be cold, but we will end up in amazing Headlight Basin among the golden larches. The hike is 7 miles round trip with 2,400 ft of elevation gain. Sign up by contacting leader Don Schaechtel at (509) 548-9967 or don.safety@nwi.net. Limit 12.