



2017 Malheur Field Station WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

Fixed-date

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

These intense, field-based 2-3 day workshops offer up a great way to educate yourself about this fascinating area- variety of disciplines, passionate instructors, grounded expertise.

Astronomy Nights! APR 21 & APR 22 Come join us under the spectacular gem-filled night sky over Malheur. Contemplate the cosmos, learn some constellations, and take a peek at Moon peaks. Introductory lecture followed by telescope viewing. A great opportunity to get an answer to that perplexing question from a professional astronomer. \$10 adult/\$5 child per session. Why not attend multiple nights? Doug McCarty, Guest Instructor



Field Sketching! APR 21 - 23* Good observational skills are fundamental in many disciplines- Enhance yours by connecting what you see with what you draw. Let's keep our medium options open (charcoal, pencil, ink, chalk pastels). Work on reference sketches or finished field drawings. Wildlife, natural history subjects and scenic views abound. Customized attention -what's holding you back?! Lyla Messick, Instructor



Mindful Birding! APR 21 - 23* This workshop is designed to encourage participants to integrate their birding skills and knowledge base to expand their field experiences. Active rather than meditative approaches emphasize heightened field awareness (detection, observation & contextual inspection) and recollection techniques that combine to clarify birding moments. Discover how natural pacing, responsiveness, & optimal positioning will help you bird with more amusement & less delusion. Fun 1st, serious 2nd! Duncan Evered, Instructor



Birding Malheur! MAY 12 - 14* Celebrate the arrival of Malheur's myriad of migratory birds in beautiful Malheur NWR. Advance your interest beyond 'the list' in this workshop emphasizing bird biology along side field identification. All experience levels. Bring your binocs, scope, & especially your passion for all things Aves! Duncan Evered, Instructor



Field Sketching! MAY 12-14* Be inspired! See description above.

Astronomy Nights! MAY 19 & 20
See description above.



Birding Half Day! MAY 27 Join us on for a rollicking good birdwatching outing. Look, listen, and learn. A popular offering! Cost: \$55 per person/day. MFS Staff



Astronomy Nights! JUN 2 & 3 See description above.

Mindful Birding! JUN 2-4* See description above.

Field Sketching! JUN 9-11* Why not? See above.



NEW! Historical Birding! JUN 16 - 18* You know the names: Franklin's Gull, Wilson's Snipe, Cassin's Finch, Forster's Tern. But do you know the story behind each of those names? Come to birdwatch at Malheur, but with a unique and educational twist in this new MFS workshop. Learn of the danger and excitement that filled the adventures of the men and women who first explored America's natural world and brought new birds and other organisms into the world of science. Let's forge our own historically inspired birding adventure! Guest Instructor, Harry Fuller & Duncan Evered, Instructor



Flexible-date

SPECIALIST WORKSHOPS

Connect with Malheur through these creative and immersive flexible-date workshops. Call (541) 493-2629 for more details

- ONGOING SESSION
 CHOSE YOUR DATE!

Music Malheur! Come explore the relationship between spectacular landscapes & the classical music they inspire. We will listen, look & discuss. Serious music lovers, don't miss this unique fusion of Harney County & state-of-the-art sound technology! Duncan Evered, Instructor. Enrollment 2 - 4.



Painting Malheur Plein-air! Absorb the stunning landscape of Malheur and it's tantalizing colors, shapes and sounds. This out-of-doors painting workshop will focus on field techniques and observational skills. Composition and color-mixing as customized options. Break out of your studio & go Live (plein-air)! Lyla Messick, Instructor. Enrollment 2-5.

Great Basin Natural History! JUNE 30 - JUL 2* This workshop is dedicated to engaging participants in a bigger picture view of this incredible landscape of extremes and the organisms that inhabit it. Bring your interest in birds, mammals, reptiles, butterflies, geology and weather and come away with a deeper understanding of this expansive yet, relatively under-appreciated region. Duncan Evered & Lyla Messick, Instructors



Butterflies of Malheur & Beyond! JULY 7 - 9* Venture into the fascinating world of the four-winged gems of Malheur. Identification, behaviors, food plants & butterfly techniques will be covered in both the field and laboratory. A good introductory workshop- Beginners welcome! Duncan Evered & Lyla Messick, Instructors



Birding Malheur! SEPT 1 - 3* -See description above left.

Field Sketching! SEPT 1-3* See description above left.

Photographing Malheur! SEPT 29 - OCT 2 Need help with those manual settings or why you may want to use them? Want to learn more about equipment or field techniques? Develop your artistic eye? Confused about workflow from camera to printer? Enjoy a Malheur sunrise, capture a great wildlife shot, & become a better photographer in this comprehensive workshop. Guest Instructor, Michael Montgomery & Lyla Messick, Instructor (\$380/person for this special 3+ day workshop).



Workshop Information

ALL WORKSHOPS ARE DESIGNED TO BE TOP-NOTCH EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES- Informative & Enjoyable!

COST \$285/PERSON, The symbol denotes an Extra day option TO EXTEND COURSE AN EXTRA DAY, ADD \$95.

Cost covers instruction and transportation during the course. Contact MFS for lodging/meal options (not included). Workshops are built around an evening session and two full days in the field (instructor contact averages 25 hrs.). Enrollment limited to a max. of ten participants (unless noted). All Instructors have been living or studying in this location for decades.

10% Member Discount