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# WOAHINK LAKE ASSOCIATION



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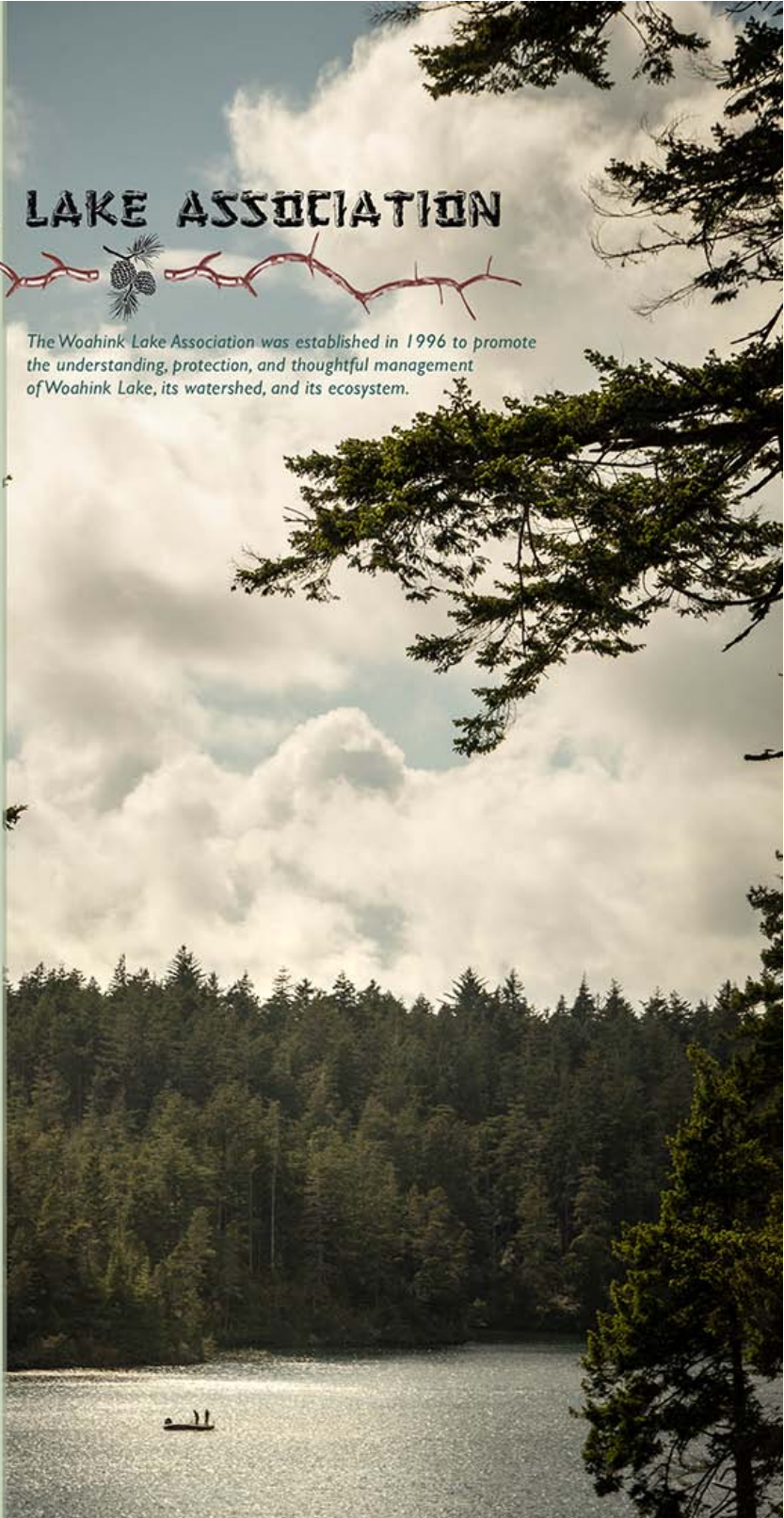
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*The Woahink Lake Association was established in 1996 to promote the understanding, protection, and thoughtful management of Woahink Lake, its watershed, and its ecosystem.*



## Woahink Camp and the CCC 1938 Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park



Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park was established in 1938 with the acquisition of 163 acres around Woahink Lake purchased by the state from Rena Robinson for just \$5000.00. Later an additional 359 acres were added to the park for a total of 522 acres of forested land for picnicking, camping, hiking and swimming.

Woahink Lake and Cleawox were both former estuaries that had been blocked by sand dunes. The lakes resulted from deglaciation during a rise in sea level. At that time sand dunes were emplaced, or put in position, thereby blocking the flow of several of Oregon's coastal rivers. Except for the state park, most of the shoreline and the land in the basin is privately owned. Rainfall averages 80 inches a year, and coniferous forest covers much of the undeveloped land.

Originally named Camp Woahink, the park was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The project was part of an ambitious program to improve recreational facilities across the country, while also attempting to alleviate the severe unemployment of the great depression.

Roosevelt was himself an avid conservationist and as governor of New York, he established a "tree army" of unemployed young men to restore the state's abused forestland. "Forests, like people, must be constantly productive," Roosevelt told the Forestry News Digest. After his presidential inauguration in 1933, at the depths of the Great Depression, with millions unemployed, he persuaded Congress to create a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) that, he said, would solve two crises at once, by employing "wasted human resources to reclaim wasted natural resources." The CCC left a vast legacy of superb rustic structures in national and state parks across the country, as well as wildlife refuges whose expansion and development during the 30s they were largely responsible for. Many CCC veterans recalled their service as among the happiest times of their lives and attributed it to successes later in their lives.

When visiting Honeyman Park you will see the handywork of the CCC in the many structures, as well as railings along the edges of Cleawox Lake and the stonework that borders the park roads. Young men serving six-month stints shaped and placed each rock and timber. These hand-built portions of the park are now listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The largest and most important of the structures within the park is the 1938 bathhouse, designed by J. Elwood Isted, located at the west end of Cleawox Lake. The design is in the Craftsman style, meant to invoke harmony with nature, from its rustic buildings to its naturalistic landscaped setting. The CCC also made other significant park improvements. Workers constructed a foreman's cottage/caretaker's house (1936-1937) and several rustic kitchen shelters (1937). Five hundred and ninety-three workers also built a day use area, shoreline trails, a water system, swimming beach and float, retaining walls, firebreaks, as well as roads and car parking areas. Furthermore, they planted 40,496 native trees and shrubs both in the park and along US 101 and Canary Road within the park's boundaries. Fir, spruce and hemlock trees, as well as salal, thimbleberry, huckleberry and abundant rhododendrons provide park cover for the slightly rolling terrain. "In spring Honeyman Park is a veritable jungle of 30-foot rhododendrons, each with hundreds of clumps of pink blooms." CCC laborers also constructed a water level control dam at the outlet of Woahink Lake.

Camp Woahink was later renamed in honor of Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman. She was the first president of the Portland YWCA, and president of the Oregon Roadside Council from its inception in 1931 until 1946. She died at the age of 96 in 1948. She also organized the Traveler's Aid Society and was its president for the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905. Mrs. Honeyman worked with Samuel Boardman, Oregon's first Superintendent of State Parks in the 1920s and 1930s, to preserve Oregon coastal lands.

In the 1950s, a new campground with electricity, water and hot showers was added and introduced many families to overnight camping. The park's facilities, so close to natural lakes, ocean and dunes, prompted LIFE magazine to name it



#### Also Of Interest:

*June 30, 2020 - Press Release*

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, released the following statement in support of the sweeping climate change plan unveiled by the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. The plan, titled Solving the Climate Crisis: The Congressional Action Plan for a Clean Energy Economy and a Healthy, Resilient, and Just America, is the most aggressive climate action plan ever put forth by the U.S. Congress. **The plan includes the 21st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act, legislation introduced by Rep. Kaptur to reestablish the historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The act would reduce unemployment while protecting America's natural resources and combatting the effects of climate change.**

“As Americans grapple with the economic fallout resulting from COVID-19, a federal jobs program like the Civilian Conservation Corps not only makes sense, it is desperately needed,” said Rep. Kaptur. “The dual challenges of putting Americans back to work following COVID-19 and taking substantive action to prevent further climate change will take bold, outside the box proposals and difficult conversations. The fact that my CCC bill was included in Democrats’ climate change plan proves that Congress is not only ready to have that conversation, it is ready to move forward.”

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They were our Woahink Warriors

R.I.P.

Susie Navetta, John Stead, William Evans & Joanne McMicken

Advocacy was their passion and the lake is their legacy...

Our Heartfelt Condolences are With Their Families and Loved Ones.



The Woahink Lake Association



## In Remembrance of Susie Navetta

By: Del Riesenhuber

I first became acquainted with Susie when she was a Dunes City Councilor. Barb and I were really impressed by her take-no-prisoners attitude and dedication to Dunes City and the welfare of Woahink Lake. She championed the present septic ordinance among other significant projects. She fought to control unpopular planned unit developments (PUD'S) and was successful in many worthwhile efforts to maintain and retain the quality of life in Dunes City.

One of her programs was sponsorship of Festival of the Lakes annual meetings. She was known as the "Lady of the Lake."

She was an original member of Woahink Lake Association and was a leader in efforts to prevent the development of a campground and trailer park that would have had drainage into Woahink Lake. She served as president of WLA for several years. She convinced me to join the Association, where I now serve as president.

## Wohink Lake Dive with Captain Kujo

Have you ever heard about the train cars at the bottom of Wohink Lake?

Michael Hollingshead from Eugene Skindivers Supply and Kim Johns dive the "Train Wreck" at Wohink Lake.

### Check this out:

From "The Oregon Coast Show" with Kim Johns. Produced by Jim Frandin



<https://youtu.be/NwIEqN7ejKI>



Please Let's Welcome Our Newest Members



Andree Phelps - March 2020

Henry and Laura Welsh - Jan. 2020

Carol Cheronas - Jan. 2021

**APRIL 10, 2021** 10:00am  
12:00pm

We would like to once again organize our bi-annual Wohink Lake Clean-up. Please join us at the East Wohink Day-Use Area of Honeyman Park, in the parking lot.

It should be easy to practice social distancing and the wearing of masks as needed.

We are always looking for more volunteers to assist us in this worthy project.

If you're interested please sign-up with either John or Pat.

Contact John at: [jhncolwell@yahoo.com](mailto:jhncolwell@yahoo.com) or Pat at: [briggs.pg1@gmail.com](mailto:briggs.pg1@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!!!

Thank you

WLA





## Woahink Lake Association News

### Woahink Lake Association Picnic Cancelled Until Further Notice

During a Zoom Board Meeting held on Jan 31st it was determined that we would put a hold on WLA general meetings until the CDC determines it is safe to meet as groups in close surroundings owing to Covid 19 concerns.

It was also determined that **all dues will be suspended until such a time as we can begin meeting as a group once again.** If you have already paid dues for this year we will forward that payment to cover the next period of dues collection.



### People can preregister for COVID vaccinations online

**Lane County announced the opening of COVID-19 vaccination preregistration.**

People can go to:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/LaneCountyCOVID/COVID19VaccinePreregistration>

While vaccine availability remains limited even among those that are currently eligible, the preregistration form will help Lane County get people scheduled to receive the vaccine. This will depend on eligibility and when supply is available. Information collected when using the preregistration form will allow vaccinating healthcare partners to contact people for scheduling of appointments when the vaccine becomes available for your phase/group eligibility. People will then be contacted either by phone or email based on information that you provide on the form.

Weekly, Lane County will send an email with updates about who is getting vaccinated in order.

*By: Chantelle Meyer/Siuslaw News - Posted Feb 5, 2021*

### Update:

Lane County Public Health Liaison Davis confirmed this morning that Florence would be the site for a mass vaccination clinic it will happen on March 3rd at the Florence Events Center, there are about 1000 vaccinations available and only those pre-registered are eligible for receiving the vaccine.

*By: George Henry on February 24, 2021*

