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Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series is hosted by the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) on Zoom. The free talks begin at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month from November through April. Access the Zoom link at [nols.org/ONP](https://nols.org/ONP). No registration required.

The series is sponsored by Olympic National Park, the Friends of Olympic National Park, and the North Olympic Library System.

### **November 8**

#### **Olympic Cougar Project**

*Kim Sager-Fradkin, Wildlife Program Manager, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe*

Kim Sager-Fradkin will discuss the Olympic Cougar Project, a collaboration of six Olympic Peninsula tribes and Panthera with the goal of understanding dispersal patterns of young cougars, cougar diets, cougar genetics, and habitat connectivity for all wildlife species on the

Olympic Peninsula. She will discuss project objectives and preliminary results, and will share an array of enticing photos and videos to give the audience an insight into the lives of cougars on the Olympic Peninsula.

### **December 13**

#### **Geologic Mysteries of Rialto Beach**

*Kathy Goetz Troost, Ph.D., L.G.; University of Washington and Shannon & Wilson, Inc.*

Kathy Troost will provide a snapshot of methods and findings from a UW-lead study at Rialto Beach. Rialto Beach is one of the most spectacular beaches within the Olympic National Park but it holds many secrets from a wild geologic past including glaciers, landslides, erosion, major wind storms, and earthquakes. Researchers have been trying to find all the puzzle pieces to unlock those secrets. In addition to the geologic history, it's important to assess how climate change will impact the beach. The team is evaluating rates of erosion using trees, frequency and types of landslides, landslide triggers, and whether or not the land was uplifted during a Cascadia subduction zone earthquake.

**Save the date for presentations on January 10, February 14, March 14, and April 11, 2023.** Speakers and topics to be announced.

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*Cougar in Olympic National Park; Photo by Sebastian Kennerknecht, taken as part of the Olympic Cougar Project. Olympic National Park's Perspectives Winter Speaker Series, hosted by the North Olympic Library System, begins on Nov. 8 with an Olympic Cougar Project presentation by Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Wildlife Program Manager Kim Sager-Fradkin.*



*On Dec. 13, Kathy Troost will speak about the geologic past of Rialto Beach, and impacts of climate change, with findings from a University of Washington-lead study.*

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