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 Re:
 Free nature journaling event at Elk Creek

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The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is partnering with the North Olympic Land Trust (NOLT) to offer a free <u>nature journaling event</u> on Thursday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Elk Creek Conservation Area in Forks. Participants will spend the evening recording observations about plants, animals, and insects. Meet with staff from Forks Library and NOLT at the Elk Creek parking area to collect journaling supplies before heading out on the trail. Refreshments will be available at the pavilion near the creek. Participants are required to sign a waiver upon arrival.

The 255-acre <u>Elk Creek Conservation Area</u> offers beautiful regenerating forests along a tributary of the Calawah River called Elk Creek. From Highway 101 in Forks, head east on Calawah Way for approximately 2 miles to reach the parking area on the right. The trail is 2.6 miles out and back along a mix of gravel and natural surfaces, with a small section of 10% grade.

This event is part of a Nature Series offered by NOLS and the <u>North Olympic Land Trust</u>. The next topic in the series is <u>Mushroom Foraging and Identification</u>, which will meet on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 10 a.m. in the Forks Branch Library for a presentation by local expert David Rogers followed by exploration at Elk Creek Conservation Area.

For more information, visit <u>nols.org</u>, call 360-374-6402, or email <u>discover@nols.org</u>. This series is generously supported in part by <u>Friends of Forks Library</u>.



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