

LICHENS OF THE SADDLE MOUNTAINS

Day/Time:

Saturday, April 4, 2015;
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Pick-Up Location:

Columbia Basin College (CBC),
North Parking lot

Cost: Free, though participants will need to carpool and share gas costs.

Leader: Jenny von Reis



The group may visit two different areas within the Saddle Mountains about 35 miles north of Pasco. Options may depend on availability of 4-wheel drive vehicles for carpooling. If 4WD vehicles are available, we will visit Wahatis Peak (elevation 2696 feet) and the northern end of the Saddle Mountains overlooking the Columbia River. Depending on vehicles, the trip may also visit the north side of the Saddle Mountains by traveling west on Crab Creek Road with multiple stops to look at undisturbed biological soil crusts, rocky outcroppings, or to higher elevations via a hike. Hiking boots are advisable. This trip may coincide with the emergence of rattlesnakes from their hibernacula – and we will teach safe techniques to avoid them. Travel time from CBC is approximately 1 hour and 35 minutes to the crest of the ridge, and a little over an hour to reach the north side of Saddle Mountain via Crab Creek.