



## FRIENDS OF BOGGS MOUNTAIN

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### NEWSLETTER

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

With best wishes for a peaceful, healthy and prosperous 2011.  
As we begin the New Year, there are just a few things we would like to share with you.



### *THE GRINCH WHO STOLE THE WATER BARS*

On our November 14<sup>th</sup> trail maintenance work day, we were joined by 10 Boy Scouts from local BSA Troop 315. It was pre-arranged that instructing them to install water bars would be an interesting, hands on experience for them, so along with 7 adults we collected rocks, dug trenches and were able to install about 9 sturdy water diversions on the steep areas of the Scout Trail in approximately 3 hours. Everyone was pleased with the results and the scouts had a great time working together on them. After we finished, Devin Hoberg showed us a favorite place of his near by in the forest where he used to play when he was a youngster growing up here called “peek-a-boo rock”. It was a very productive and fun morning for us all.

About a week later when I was hiking Scout Trail, I was shocked and saddened to find that all the water bars we installed had been completely removed, the rocks thrown far from the trail, the trenches filled in and I could barely tell where they had been.

Obviously someone was not happy with what we had done and must have spent hours removing them so it appeared they never existed!

All the work we (FOBM) do in the forest is pre-approved by forest management and anyone doing trail alterations without permission is tampering with State property and could find themselves in a lot of trouble. If the person who removed the water bars did not like the way we did them, then they should have contacted us and offered to show us how they believe they should have been done.

We have installed them elsewhere on Boggs trails and not had any vandalism to them at all and they work beautifully. If you happened to be on Scout Trail and saw the person removing them, please contact FOBM or the Forest Manager, Gerri Finn.

=NEW MAPS= Our new upgraded map is now available. Pick one up next time you visit. We think you will enjoy the changes and additions. Always be sure to have one with you before entering the forest. We can all get disoriented or lost.

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## *Fungi Fun* by Darlene Hecomovich

It is Winter in Boggs Mountain State Forest and is the time we trade the charm of the Springs Wildflowers for the delights of Winter Mushrooms. There are numerous varieties to entertain us as we walk along the Forest trails from the Russulas and Boletes to the Turkey Tails and Jelly Fungi. One of the most delightful of the Jelly Fungus family is Witch's Butter *Tremella mesenterica*, and it can easily be found by the observant eye along trails throughout the Forest.

Witch's Butter is a striking almost transparent gelatinous and bright yellow to orange jellylike mass of convoluted or brainlike lobes which gives it its other common name of Yellow Brain Fungus. As it swells up with water, however, it often loses its original shape and appears more like a dollop of melting butter on a log. In dry weather the fruit body shrivels up and becomes inconspicuous, but it easily rehydrates again in moist conditions. With all our recent rain, Witch's Butter is now at its showiest. It's fun to find a Witch's Butter specimen and mark the spot and follow its transformation throughout the seasons.



Most jelly fungi are edible but not worth the effort. They are flavorless and consist of mostly water, so you end up with a puddle of water and a remnant of membrane in the pot.

It can be found alone or in groups on logs, stumps or fallen branches of dead hardwoods, usually oak, and is widespread and common in California. You

will find a signed specimen on the Interpretive Trail in Boggs Mountain State Forest.

### QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

On Wednesday, January 12, we will hold our Quarterly Board Meeting and election of officers. You are welcome and encouraged to attend if you are interested. The location and time have not been decided, so please check with us in a few days for the details.

TRAIL CONDITIONS: The trails in Boggs Forest are the most vulnerable to damage this time of year, and we ask that everyone be especially conscious of the impacts we are having and to look for ways to avoid damaging the trails that we all enjoy.

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## >> TRAIL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE <<

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Sunday, January 9 at 10 a.m.**

**Saturday, February 12 at 10 a.m.**

**Sunday, March 13 at 9 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m.**

Allow 2-3 hours; bring water, gloves and a hand tool.  
We'll have tools available also. We meet in the Boggs parking lot.

For more information:

email [mthome07@gmail.com](mailto:mthome07@gmail.com) or call David at 928-0465

MAINTAINING THE TRAILS WE USE IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY.  
IF YOU USE THE TRAILS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TOO.

Thanks to our most recent volunteers – David Thiessen, Ron Haworth, Boone Lodge,  
Sylvia Powers, Tim Battaglia, Jeffrey Reiser & BSA Troop 315.

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The Friends of Boggs Mountain is a 501C3 non-profit organization,  
and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

For the last quarter of 2010, renewing members include:  
Bill & Carol Lincoln, Hidden Valley Lake; Dan Desmond, Lower Lake;  
Jerry & Joanna Mann, Charlotte, NC; Joe Mathews, Calistoga; John &  
Mirthia Kaufman, Vallejo; Ken Roberts & Gary Goodwin, San  
Francisco; Michele Gonzalez, Kelseyville; Mike Kasper, Cobb; Nancy  
Perrin, Cobb; Paul Babwin, Fresno; Paul Jourdan, Birmingham, AL;  
Roger Duke, Alameda; Sharon Weeks & Barry Oselett, Kelseyville;  
Sieg Magenheim, Salinas; Sylvia Powers, Hidden Valley Lake; Tim  
Battaglia, Cobb; Vinnie & Kathy McEvoy, San Francisco.



**TAKE A HIKE !** The experience will get you started down the right path.

**Saturday, January 8 – 10:00 a.m. Moderate** 3.8 miles – Boggs, various trails  
Wear sturdy shoes – bring water and a snack. Neutered/spayed dogs on leash welcome. We meet in the Boggs parking lot. Rain cancels.

Leader – Boone Lodge [friendsofboggsmountain@earthlink.net](mailto:friendsofboggsmountain@earthlink.net) 707 928-5819

**Sunday, January 16 – 8:00 a.m. Strenuous** – 12 miles - Oat Hill Mine Trail - Calistoga  
Wear sturdy shoes - bring lots of water and lunch. Prior long distance hiking required. Neutered/spayed dogs on leash welcome. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

Leader – Carol Magill [c.magill@mchsi.com](mailto:c.magill@mchsi.com) 707 928-5423

**Wednesday, January 19 – 10:00 a.m. Easy** 1.3 miles – Boggs Interpretive Trail  
Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and binoculars if you like. Allow time for a leisurely walk, a little bird watching, discussion about native trees and shrubs. We meet in the Boggs parking lot. Rain cancels.

Leader – Darlene Hecomovich [heco@mchsi.com](mailto:heco@mchsi.com) 707-928-5591

**Sunday, February 6 – 10:00 a.m. Moderate** 6 miles – Boggs, various trails  
Wear sturdy shoes – bring water and a snack. Neutered/spayed dogs on leash welcome. We meet in the Boggs parking lot. Rain cancels.

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**Saturday, February 19 – 8:00 a.m. Strenuous** 10-14 miles – Glen Eden Trail – Scotts Valley  
Wear sturdy shoes - bring lots of water and lunch. Prior long distance hiking required. Neutered/spayed dogs on leash welcome. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

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**Saturday, February 26 – 10:00 a.m. Easy** 1.3 miles – Boggs Interpretive Trail  
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**Saturday, March 12 – 10:00 a.m. Moderate** 5.25 miles – Boggs Forest  
Wear sturdy shoes – bring water and a snack. Neutered/spayed dogs on leash welcome.  
We meet in the Boggs parking lot. Rain cancels.

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**Saturday, March 19 – 10:00 a.m. Easy** 1.3 miles – Boggs Interpretive Trail  
Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and binoculars if you like. Allow time for a leisurely walk, a little bird watching and discussion of native trees and shrubs. We meet in the Boggs parking lot. Rain cancels.

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**Saturday, April 2 – 10:00 a.m. Easy** 1.3 miles – Boggs Interpretive Trail  
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**Sunday, April 10 - 9:00 a.m. Moderate** 6 miles – Boggs, various trails  
Wear sturdy shoes – bring water and a snack. Neutered/spayed dogs on leash welcome. We meet in the Boggs parking lot. Rain cancels.

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**Sunday, April 24 – 8:00 a.m. Strenuous** 7-8 miles – Boggs Forest, various trails  
Wear sturdy shoes - bring lots of water and snack. Prior long distance hiking required. Neutered/spayed dogs on leash welcome. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

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