



Linn County Parks



NEWSLETTER

What's happening at Linn County (Or.) Parks

August 2022

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Welcome to Linn County!

The month of August is Linn County Parks busiest month of the year. This year we are fortunate to be having the best water year we have seen in 25 years.

Both Green Peter and Foster Reservoirs are relatively full. The Green Peter Reservoir water level has begun to drop, however, all of our boat ramps and docks remain in the water, at least for now. Providing as much access to water as we can is always a priority for us, so it is nice to see the water levels staying up this year.

Later this fall we will see a considerable drop in the level of Green Peter Reservoir down to a historic low. We will be talking with the US Army Corps of Engineers later this month as details become available.

Sunnyside County Park

Camping & Moorage Changes

This summer we are again experiencing staffing shortages in the parks. This has led us to making some changes in how we operate the county parks system. One of those changes is the closure of the Sunnyside County Park entrance



A guest examines the campsite reservation board at Sunnyside County Park. More campsites are now available through the county's on-line reservation system and not on a first-come, first-served basis.

booth. We have not been able to fully staff the booth, which has led to issues with administering the first come, first serve campsites at Sunnyside Campground.

In August 2022 — and for the foreseeable future — we will move more of the Sunnyside campsites to the County Parks reservation system including all but 20 campsites in the C-loop.

Campsites 41C through 48C and campsites 53C through 64C will remain first come first serve sites, however, all

other campsites at Sunnyside will be reservable.

Beginning at noon on August 8, 2022, campsites C-1 through C-40 at Sunnyside will be available for reservation on the Linn County Parks website at www.linnparks.com.

Rental of boat moorage slips at Sunnyside Park will also move completely to

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To make campsite reservations visit www.linnparks.com or call 541-967-3917

Willamette National Forest to restore access to fire affected areas

SPRINGFIELD — The Willamette National Forest has reopened its ranger stations and Supervisor's Office to in person business from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For the past two years, services were offered only online and via mail due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the Forest has lifted and reduced fire closures, increasing access to more than 188,641 acres of Forest Service land previously in fire closure areas.

"After addressing the most critical rehabilitation work and posting information for visitors about natural hazards, we now feel it is appropriate to re-open these areas," Acting Forest Supervisor Duane Bishop said.

The Knoll Fire and Deer Creek closure orders were rescinded on July 22, the Holiday Farm Fire closure order was reduced on July 29, the Beachie Creek and Lionshead Fire closure order was reduced on Aug. 1, and the Middle Fork Complex (Gales) Fire closure order will be reduced later in August. For details of each of these updated closures, including maps, visit our website at <https://tinyurl.com/46vfvfu3>.

For areas that were impacted by wildfire and have since reopened, visitors should expect a changed experience. This could include roads and trails blocked by fallen trees, hard-to-navigate stands of burned trees, eroded slopes that lack signage, and missing sections of trail. Play it safe by choosing activities that are within your comfort zone. As fire-impacted areas reopen, they may have unmarked hazards and may be more challenging in rescue situations. Learn more about safety in burned areas at <https://tinyurl.com/7eyykeh>.

Some trailheads, roads, and recreation sites remain closed due to the high con-

centration of risks and ongoing rehabilitation work that still exists. This includes a stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail that will remain closed for important trail rehabilitation work. Forest Service Road 46 is now completely open to non-motorized uses, such as biking or hiking; however, a portion of the road remains closed to motor vehicles. All other Forest Service roads included in these closure orders remain closed to both motorized and non-

motorized use. The Forest Service continues to work as quickly as possible to address safety risks and restore public access.

Although offices are open, the Detroit Ranger Station is temporarily closed due to necessary building maintenance. Visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/willamette, and follow us on Twitter and Facebook @willamettenf for the latest updates.

Linn County Parks is hiring

Linn County Parks & Recreation has immediate needs for Seasonal Rangers (\$18 per hour) and Seasonal Guest Service Staff (\$16 per hour).

Please visit co.linn.or.us/jobstemp.html to obtain an application or contact the Parks Office at 541-967-3917, option 5.

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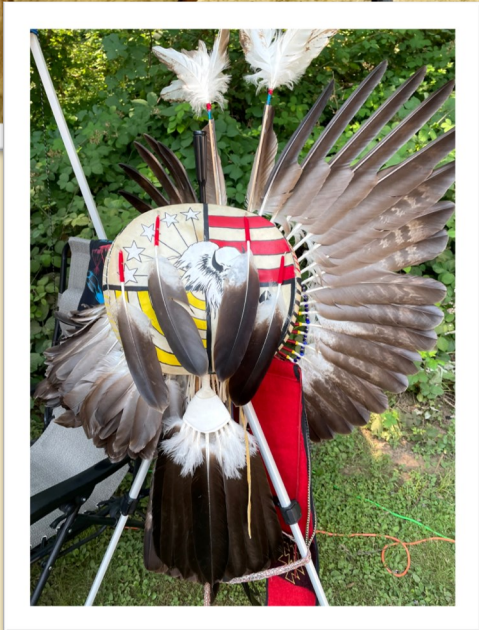
Free at Linn County Parks, the Parks Department and The New Era newspaper in Sweet Home.



Native Encampment held at Sunnyside Park

The fourth annual Native Encampment was held July 29-31 at the Sunnyside County Park Campground on Foster Reservoir. Native Americans from several tribes and communities gathered and shared music, dancing, crafts, storytelling and food. A second encampment will be held August 26-28 at Cascadia County Park. The public is invited and the event is free.





A second Native Encampment of the summer will be held August 26-28 at Cascadia County Park.



Meet a museum staff member

Barbara Andersen enjoys sharing mid-valley history

By Alex Paul

Communications Officer

BROWNSVILLE — How does a third-generation Portlander end up in Brownsville — population 1,600 — and working at the Linn County Historical Museum?

For Barbara Andersen, it involved her love of fabrics and the fact that Brownsville has textiles shops.

“I was planning to move from Portland and stumbled on Brownsville,” Andersen said. “I found fabric and yarn stores in such a little town and fell in love with the community.”

She moved to town eight years ago and a year later, started working at the Linn County Historical Museum. She is one of three part-time staff members including Mandy Cole and Cassi Johnson.

The museum — which focuses on the 1800s to early 1900s — is unique in that it is under the umbrella of the Parks & Recreation Department, which gives it a bit of a financial and infrastructure cushion, a rare thing for a small museum. Her liaison with the department is Ranger Blake Nightingale.

Andersen brought a broad range of work skills to her job including real estate sales, being a criminal defense investigator and being a location manager for commercials and films.

“The museum is the only place I could imagine myself working,” Andersen said.

“The people who work here and those who volunteer here are great people.”

Andersen praised the numerous volunteers who help at both the museum and the nearby historic Moyer House.

“The museum would not exist without our volunteers,” she said.

She added that the Linn County Museum Friends is vital in many ways, including



Barbara Andersen talks about an exhibit at the Linn County Historical Museum that outlines the history of the Kalapuya tribe of Native Americans in the mid-valley.

raising funds for projects. Roger Geeting is the group’s president.

“We’ve had several guests tell us we are as good as the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.,” she said.

Andersen said the museum focuses primarily on the migration west in the mid-1800s and into the early 1900s although there is a “Stand By Me” display that celebrates the community’s involvement in the 1980s film about life in a small town in the 1950s. Numerous scenes were filmed in and around the community.

Memorabilia includes an original script, signage, photos and even a sto-

ry board — drawings that depict how scenes should look and be set up.

Other key displays include a large area set aside to tell the history of the Kalapuyya tribe that is indigenous to the Brownsville and Crawfordville area and a refurbished woolen mill display.

Using the Calapooia River, founders of the community created a woolen mill and promoted “cottage” industries in homes throughout the area, Andersen said.

Mandy Cole has been instrumental in developing an exhibit about the black pio-

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neers who played important roles in settling the mid-valley, Andersen said.

“She has worked extensively with the Oregon Black Pioneers,” Andersen said. Andersen said she feels lucky that the museum is a part of the Parks & Recreation Department and has the full support of Parks Director Brian Carroll.

The museum was closed for 13 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Andersen said, so staff and parks crew used the time to install new carpet throughout the main building.

Community interest never wanes, Andersen said.

“We have people bring in historic items all the time,” Andersen said.

In addition to the main building, the museum boasts the boxcar theater which operates in a railroad boxcar.

The museum is at 101 Park Avenue. The main building is the community’s former railroad depot, plus six railroad cars.

It is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

In the fall and winter, the museum is not open on Sundays.

If Andersen could add one thing to the museum she said it would have to be, “more space.”

Call 541-466-3390 or visit <https://linnparks.com/museums/linn-county->



A display highlighting the history and importance of a woolen mill in Brownsville and the cottage industries it supported has been completely refurbished at the museum.

historical-museum/.

Museum history

In 1962, the Linn County Historical Society and the City of Brownsville worked together to create the Linn

County Historical Museum. Under the leadership of Floyd Jenks of Tangent and others, many county residents contributed time, talent, funds and artifacts to create the new museum.

Frieda and Ben Fisher of Brownsville and Elaine and Edward Poland of Shedd led

the search of the back rooms, barns and attics of Linn County for relics of its past. In only a few months they and others arranged for the June opening of the original store-front museum on Spaulding Avenue in Brownsville. Over the

years, the collection grew and expanded into an adjacent building and in 1984 was moved to the current facility at 101 Park Ave in Brownsville. The new facility in the old relocated Brownsville Railroad Depot and 6 Southern Pacific boxcars was dedicated on June 16, 1984. It captures the essence of early Linn County life with replicas of a general store, a bank, a barber shop and milliner’s shop among others. Visitors are charmed by the “Grandmother’s Attic” feel of the museum with it’s scenes of domestic life and Main Street ambiance. Our exhibits are rich with the artifacts, clothing and turn-of-the-century tools of the trade. Between Labor Day and Memorial Day the Moyer House is open for tours every Saturday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., during the summer months it is also open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Admission for adults is \$5 and children under 12 is \$1. There is no admission charge at the museum.

Weekday tours can be arranged by calling the museum at 541-466-3390.

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Changes made to Hands-On History events schedule

BROWNSVILLE — A few changes have been made to the Hands-On History Day schedule of events, August 27 at the Linn County Historical Museum according to coordinator Wendolyn Molk.

The Crazy Weasels will play Civil War era music from 10 a.m. to noon. Firelight Stories will tell Oregon Trail stories from noon until 2 p.m. and the Antiquity String Band will perform from 2-4 p.m.

There will not be demonstrations of sourdough baking.

The event was held in 2018 and 2019 and the went on hiatus in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Virtually everything is outdoors except for talks by Kalapuya elder Esther Stutzman,” Molk said.

Stutzman recently published the Kalapuya Dictionary. She will speak to small groups at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Kirk Room of the Brownsville Library.

All activities are free — although there will be items available for purchase — from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Brownsville park next to the museum.

“Most activities are participatory and very hands-on,” Molk said.

The first event was funded in part by a \$1,000 grant from the Linn County Cultural Coalition.

ACTIVITIES FOR HANDS ON HISTORY

Beeswax Candle Dipping: the Selby Family

Blacksmithing: Forrest Fenske

Cider Pressing: Donald Lyon, Paul



and Sheryl Lewis

Cordage Making: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Stephanie Craig,

Kalapuya Corn Husk Doll Making: Mandy Cole and Rhoda Fleischmann
Cross-cut Sawing: Paul Winther and Jeff Brown

Flint Knapping: Don Day,
Kalapuya Garden: pioneer era plants, Melissa

Selby

High Wheel Bicycle: Jerry Grulkey
MUSIC: The Crazy Weasels (Judy Arter and Loren Ford), 10 a.m. – noon; Antiquity String Band (Matt Neely and friends), 2- 4 p.m.

Kalapuya Song Keeper: Shannin Stutzman, in conjunction with her mother, Esther’s Kalapuya Stories, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Kirk Room Brownsville Library

Wandering Minstrel: Truman Price, three hours midday

Old-Time Photography: Jeff Smith and Nolan Streitberger



Oregon Black Pioneers: Gwen Carr
Panning For Gold: Mid-Valley Prospectors (Roy House and friends)

Phonograph: Old Edison wax cylinder phonograph, in museum, Kathy Rogers and Chenoweth Robertson
Pioneer Dress from 1867: Sandy Grulkey will be wearing this and be available to talk with folks.

Spinning and Carding Wool and Weaving: Barbara Andersen and friends

STORIES: Firelight Stories, Gordon Munro noon - 2 p.m. Kalapuya Stories, Esther Stutzman, Yoncalla Kalapuyan and Coos Elder with her daughter, Shannin Stutzman, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Kirk Room.

Treadle Sewing Machines: Mari Vanderstelt

Wagon Rides: Lizzy and Leslie Belgian draft mules, drivers Tom Marquette and Linda Walker

Wash Day: Kathleen Swayze and Stephanie Graves

Wheat Grinding on the Stone

Quern: Thompson’s Mill State Park, Cindy Engstrom

Wood Carving and turning: on a foot-powered pole-lathe, wooden bowls, cups and spoons, Kiko Denzer

Campfire Cookin'



Marinated chicken

Ingredients

1/2 c. plain yogurt
 2 cloves garlic, grated
 1 tbsp. grated fresh ginger
 1 tsp. garam masala
 1 tsp. ground turmeric
 2 tsp. lemon zest, plus 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
 1 1/2 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
 Canola oil, for grill grates
 1 medium-size red onion, cut into 1-inch wedges, then halved crosswise
 4 pieces flatbread or naan

Cooking directions

Combine yogurt, garlic, ginger, garam masala, turmeric, lemon zest and juice, and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper in a bowl. Add chicken and stir to combine. Let marinate 15 minutes.
 Heat grill to medium. Once hot, clean and lightly oil grill grates. Thread chicken and onions onto six large skewers. Grill, turning occasionally, until chicken is cooked through and onion is just tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Grill flatbread until lightly toasted, about 1 minute per side.
 Serve kebabs and flatbread



Some campers enjoying Sunnyside County Park on a recent weekend.

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the reservation system. Sunnyside boat moorage reservations can also be made by going to www.linnparks.com and clicking on the "reserve now" link and going to Sunnyside Park.

Cascadia State Park is now Cascadia County Park

The transfer of ownership of Cascadia Park from Oregon State Parks to Linn County is now complete. With that transfer, Linn County Parks will now be adding Cascadia's campsites, group camps and day-use areas to the Linn County reservation system. Beginning October 1, 2022, Cascadia visitors will be able to reserve campsites for the 2023 camping season.

The weekend of August 26-28, Cascadia County Park will host a Native American encampment. Members of the Native American community will be at Cascadia doing craft classes, storytell-

ing, flute music and traditional dancing throughout the weekend.

September Highway 20 Closure

Anyone traveling to eastern Linn County from the west should be aware that US Highway 20 will be closed for two weeks from September 9 through September 22.

If you are planning to visit Clear Lake Resort or any recreation areas east of mile post 55 on Hwy. 20 (see map) you will need to take an alternate route. This is a total closure of the highway, no vehicles will be allowed through the closed area so please plan accordingly.

Whether you are coming to Linn County for hiking, fishing, water sports, or just sitting around the campfire, we hope your stay is relaxing and pleasurable. While you are here, please take advantage of all the wonderful recreational opportunities and the many friendly business services available.

LCSO offers campsite theft safety tips

Camping season is in full swing and we once again wanted to remind everyone of some campsite theft safety tips. Follow these tips to help ensure you have the best camping trip possible.

- **Lock your vehicle.** When venturing off on an early morning hike, lock your personal belongings out of sight in your vehicle, or better yet, carry them with you. If you're tent camping, valuables can easily be stolen.
- **Get an extra set of eyes.** If you leave your campsite for a day trip, ask your neighbors to keep an eye on it for you.
- **Properly store your food.** Thieves can also take the form of furry critters. Store your food in airtight containers. This not only keeps it fresh; it prevents animals from noticing its scent and raiding your campsite.
- **Keep an eye on Mother Nature.** Mother Nature can quickly whip up a summer storm. Make sure your belongings are properly secured. Store expensive items in your car or RV. Properly stake items to help keep them secure from strong winds.
- **Dry your gear during the day.** If you have expensive camping gear that needs to air out, do it during the day. Never assume you can leave it out overnight and expect it to be there in the morning.
- **Leave it at home.** Camping provides an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. Leave the tablet or laptop at home and enjoy a simpler life.



U.S. 20 Landslide Repairs

FULL ROAD CLOSURE SEPTEMBER 9-22

About

We're working on a construction project to make U.S. 20 safer. We are building a retaining wall, realigning and reconstructing a portion of the road and repairing damage caused by landslides.

Work being done in 2022:

- Fixing the road surface from milepost 55.4 to milepost 55.6 and milepost 56 to milepost 56.2 to create a smoother ride and prevent water from pooling.
- Finish building the retaining wall and changing 1000 feet of road alignment in the slide area between milepost 56 to milepost 56.2.



Traffic & Construction Impacts

Expect daytime single lane closures Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers through the work zone. The travel lane will typically be 15 feet wide.

You can expect:

- Delays from lane closures.
- Construction noise.
- Flaggers between milepost 54 and milepost 57.
- **A two week full road closure September 9-22.** See the detour routes on the project webpage or the back of this flyer.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of October 2022. Schedules are subject to change and exact dates for closures will be shared when available. It's wildfire season and that may impact this project – check for road closures at www.fs.usda.gov/willamette/.



Stay connected – sign up to receive project alerts on the project webpage!

For ADA Title II or Civil Rights Title VI accommodations, translation or interpretation services or for additional information call 800-735-2900 or use the statewide Oregon Relay Service: 7-1-1.

Si desea obtener información sobre este proyecto traducida al español, sírvase llamar al 800-735-2900.

Access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles will be available and identified through or around work zones.

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Learn more!

For more information about the project visit the webpage. To do this, visit www.oregon.gov/ODOT/projects and type 20807 into the search field to find the project webpage.

This [project](#) is managed by Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands.

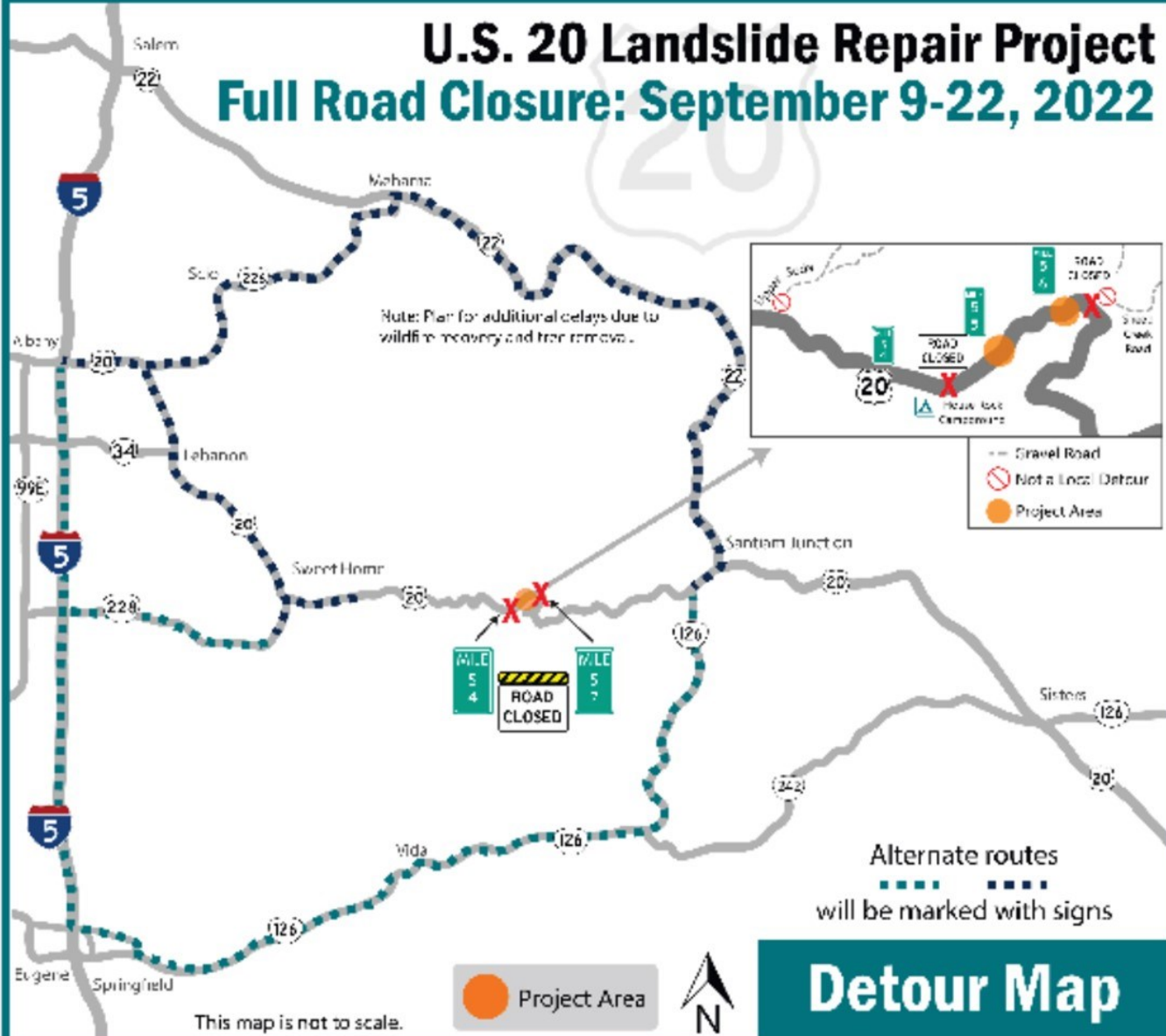
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Traffic Alert

U.S. 20 Landslide Repair Project Full Road Closure: September 9-22, 2022



Detour Map

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