

## **About my page banner photos**

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I'm happy to share with you a few nature photos that capture my discoveries—  
in my hometown Eugene, in Oregon's central Cascades,  
and near Oregon's central coast.

### **Home page**

The refreshing McKenzie River—my town's water source originating high in Oregon's central Cascades—is endlessly photogenic, and endlessly inviting. Especially in times of drought and raging wildfires, my beloved McKenzie reminds me that “water is life.”

### **About page**

The upper Dillard Loop on Eugene's Ridgeline Trail offers a distinctive quietude. The sway of tree canopy in the morning breeze washes over the distant hum of the freeway below. Forest rhodies thrive in filtered forest light. This amazing “outdoor cathedral” is a 15-minute bus ride to the south end of town.

### **Events page**

Just up from the Ridgeline Trail's Martin Street trailhead, I'm immediately immersed in the lush understory of uninterrupted forestland. Even in severe to extreme drought, the forest manages to remain lush and welcoming.

### **Spiritual Direction page**

This Douglas fir sapling sparkles in early morning sunlight through coastal fog. I love the way it stands alone and proud and full of vitality, yet in the company of its seasoned elders. The photo captures the feel of the western edge of Oregon's central Coast Range which rises up from the shores of the Pacific.

**Store page**

Another view, in fresh morning light, from the Ridgeline Trail near the Martin Street trailhead. A deep ravine is at my back as I face a steep and lush incline. This 12-mile trail is a world removed from the town below (population ~170,000).

**Blog page**

I am stunned by the vivid, raw wound of this freshly fallen tree along the West Amazon spur of the Ridgeline Trail. The fall came in a squall a few days earlier. The log's moist interior beauty is now broken open for all to see, and to reverently touch.

**Connect page**

Late-day sun warms the bark of tree trunks along West 12th Avenue. This cedar is one of Eugene's many legacy trees which continue to thrive in the rich river loam in the core downtown and north along the banks of the Willamette (pronounced "wih-lam-it") River. Every tree trunk, like every human face, bears a distinctive character.