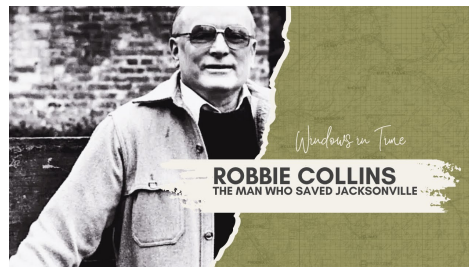
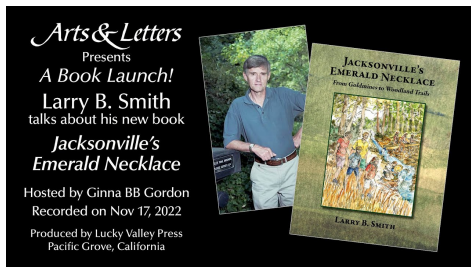


# The Emerald Necklace: Jacksonville Historical Walking Tour with Larry Smith

Step into the living history of Jacksonville with renowned local historian and author **Larry Smith** on an immersive journey through the landscapes that shaped Southern Oregon.

Larry's book: Jacksonville's Emerald Necklace

Video link to Larry's book introduction and JCLS piece on Jacksonville History:



This unique experience blends storytelling, gentle walking, and behind-the-scenes access to the region's most fascinating cultural and natural sites. From the legacy of pioneer photographer Peter Britt to the hidden infrastructure of Jacksonville's early water system, you'll uncover the stories written into the land itself.

Wander Forest Park's woodland trails— a rare, self-contained ecosystem where wetlands, flowing creeks, and mixed forests explore historic rail corridors, and stand at the site of a dramatic train accident brought to life through rare photographs and expert interpretation. Along the way, discover how Jacksonville's visionary "Emerald Necklace" of parks and trails came to be.

The day also includes visits to the **historic Jacksonville Cemetery** and the iconic **Beekman Bank**, offering a deeper look into the people, industry, and ambition that defined the gold rush era.

## Tour Highlights:

- Expert guidance by historian Larry Smith
- Britt Gardens and the legacy of Peter Britt
- Jacksonville Woodlands & Emerald Necklace trail system
- Easy, scenic walks (approx. 2 miles total, mostly level; optional steeper sections)
- Historic railroad grade and train accident site
- Forest Park wetlands and early waterworks
- Jacksonville Cemetery and Beekman Bank

## Details at a Glance:

- **Date:** June 8, 2026

- **Time:** 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- **Departure:** SOU Campbell Center
- **Cost:** \$79 per person (program only)
- **Group Size:** Limited to 24 participants
- **Tour Duration:** 5-6 hrs + transit

**Lunch-** Participants may bring their own picnic lunch or purchase on-line from the Roguetrotter website.