

Environmental Learning Programs

Autumn 2016

All programs led by highly trained Seattle Urban Nature Guides

Seasonal Favorites



Mushroom Walk

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Free**

Have you ever been curious about the mushrooms that literally pop out of the ground in the fall? What do they do, anyway? This program reveals the big news about fungi – without them, there would be no plants. Discover the fascinating tale of fungus; learn about their role as the ultimate recyclers and natural fertilizers.

#152923 10/22/2016 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

Ft. Lawton Cemetery Adventure

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Free**

Experience a guided walking tour of the Ft. Lawton Military Cemetery in Discovery Park. Hear the history of the cemetery and the stories of those buried there including: two POWs, an unknown soldier, two base commanders and more.

#152919 10/29/2016 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.



Holly Day Decorations

Discovery Park

Ages: 5 and older **Fees:** \$9 per person

Don't miss this annual event! Spruce up your home for the coming winter the natural way. Create beautiful wreaths, garlands, and sprays using invasive plants that need removing from the park like English ivy, Scots broom, cherry laurel, and holly. Be the envy of the neighborhood and a habitat hero at the same time. Basic materials provided. You may want to bring any special ribbon, cones or other personal decorations.

#152922 12/03/2016 Sat 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Nature at Night

Full Moon Adventure

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$8 per person

Explore Discovery Park by the light of the moon! Join a Nature Guide on an adventure into the nocturnal world. Experience Seattle in a whole new light. Please come prepared with warm clothes.

#152920 10/15/2016 Sat 7 – 9 p.m.



Owl Prowl

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$8.00 per person

Who prowls the park after dark? YOU do... in search of resident and migrant owl species. We'll search meadow and forest to look for owls up close in their habitat. We'll also dissect owl pellets to piece together a food chain puzzle.

#152924 11/12/2016 Sat 4 – 6 p.m.

Stewardship Opportunity

Give Thanks for Habitat

Discovery Park

Ages: 6 and older **Free**

The rainiest time of year is the perfect time to restore the forest. Come to Discovery Park and join us in learning about how a forest works and what you can do to help restore forests in Seattle. Then make a difference by planting some native plants! Tools and instruction are provided. You bring enthusiasm and a desire to make a positive difference in your community.



#152921 11/19/2016 Sat 1 – 4 p.m.

Tot Treks & Nature Play

The following programs are an opportunity for the very young to explore outside in a safe environment and to share that experience with an adult who is important to them. Parents and others that share time with a toddler can learn tips and tricks for sharing the outdoors with a little one. These programs are also a great chance to make new friends.

Ages: 2 – 3 with an adult **Free**



Autumn Colors

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Join us for a colorful celebration of fall in the forest.

#152910 10/08/2016 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Happy Halloween Hike

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! Go for an exploratory hike with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide to learn about some of the animals associated with Halloween. Be sure to wear your Halloween costume to this hike!



#152925 10/22/2016 Sat 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Tree Houses

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! Hike in the forest with a Seattle Urban Nature Guide and learn who makes their homes in the trees. Then contribute a future home to the forest by helping to plant a tree!

#152926 11/12/2016 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Trees are Terrific

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Romp in the forest learning who lives in trees and uses them for everything.



#152911 11/19/2016 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Forest Walks

Discover the Fall Forest

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Free**

Experience the difference between evergreen and deciduous plants as they prepare for winter. Discover the survival strategies of wildlife as the weather changes. Finally, learn some ways climate change is changing these seasonal preparations.

#152918 11/05/2016 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

Fall Family Forest Adventure

Camp Long

Ages: 4 and older **Free**

Explore the forests of Camp Long. Find out about fantastic native plants and enjoy the autumn colors.

#152729 11/12/2016 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

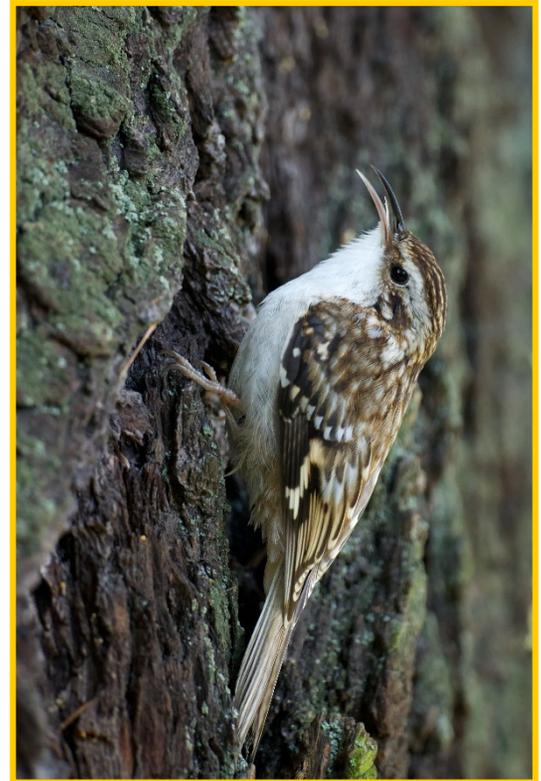


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Wildlife Walks

Bird Tours

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$3 per person **Time:** 8 – 10 a.m.

Discover the joy of birding. Join experienced leaders as we search for migrants and year-round residents within Discovery Park's varied habitats. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

#152913 09/17/2016 Sat
#152914 10/15/2016 Sat
#152915 10/22/2016 Sat
#152916 10/29/2016 Sat
#152917 11/12/2016 Sat



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Wildlife Walks cont.

Sensational Spiders

Camp Long

Ages: 6 and older Free

Is the spider your friend or foe? When someone mentions spider, many times people cringe. Explore the myths surrounding spiders and discover the facts about the important role spiders play in our community.

#152909 10/01/2016 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

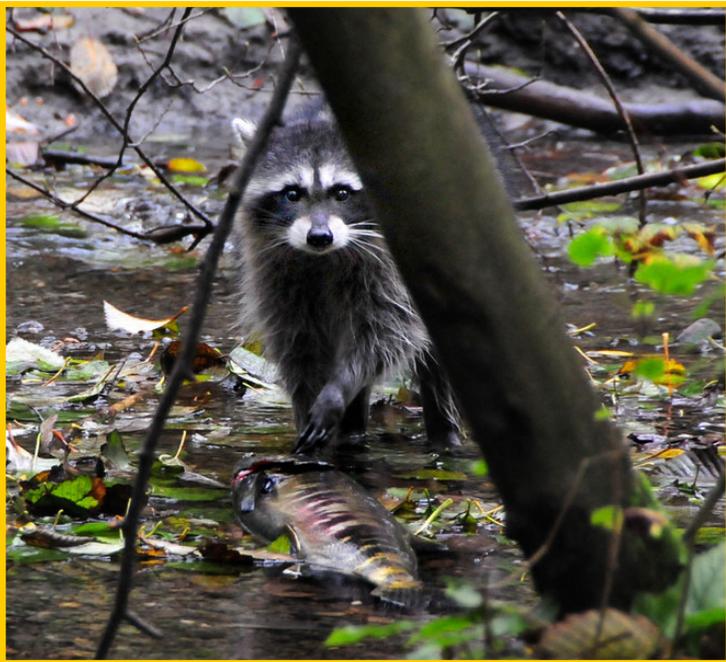


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Salmon Walk

Carkeek Park

Ages: 5 and older Free

Experience an urban salmon stream during the peak of the chum salmon run. Explore the lifecycle of the Pacific salmon and the hurdles they overcome to return to their home streams. **Meet the Seattle Urban Nature Guide at the east end of the lower meadow.**

#152912 11/19/2016 Sat 10 a.m. – Noon

Space is limited. Register for programs today!

Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation



Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They are developed to give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today. Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please take note of the location of a particular program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a particular place, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.

REGISTRATION

- Go to www.seattle.gov/parks and use the online registration system - SPARC. You need to sign up for an account and obtain a pin number in order to use the online system. This may take up to 24 hours, so plan ahead. Once you have your pin number, use the course code number listed in the program description to find the program in the SPARC system. The course code number is listed next to the program date.

- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.

Seattle's Environmental Learning Centers

Discovery Park

3801 Discovery Park Blvd. (formerly West Government Way)
Seattle, WA. 98199
Phone: 206-386-4237
Email: discovery.park@seattle.gov
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Camp Long

5200 35th Ave SW
Seattle, WA. 98126
Phone: 206-684-7434
Email: camplong@seattle.gov
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Road
Seattle, WA. 98177
Carkeek Park ELC was closed due to budget cuts in 2010. There are, however, programs still offered at the park. Contact Discovery Park ELC.

