

Explore More

PreK – 12th Grade Field Investigations in Seattle parks



Bringing science, environmental education, and experiential learning to your parks. Seattle Parks and Recreation Environmental Education staff provide opportunities for PreK – 12th grade and organized groups such as scouts and camps, to experience age-appropriate, hands on learning experiences in natural communities in an urban setting.

\$150 for up to 30 students, \$5/student after the first 30
\$75 for up to 30 students for low-income schools/classrooms
(50% or more receive free or reduced lunch)
Scholarships Available

Programs are offered Tuesday – Friday am and pm
K-12 programs - two hours
PreK programs - 1.5 hours

For more information and to schedule school programs:
Call 206-684-0877 or email masha.shtern@seattle.gov

Preschool and Kindergarten Programs

Forest (Year-Round)

Camp Long and Discovery Park have lots of forest habitat to explore. Venture through the trees looking for clues to animal habits, hiding places, and seasonal happenings. Forest programs empower participants to feel comfortable in the outdoors.

Ponds (Spring and Summer)

Experience the freshwater habitats at Camp Long or Discovery Park. Waddling ducks, wriggling tadpoles, and dancing dragonflies are some of the creatures we may see as we explore these special places.

Beaches (Spring and Summer)

Search for the hard and the soft, the quick and the slow, and all the colors of the intertidal community at Discovery Park or Carkeek Park.

Spiders (Fall)

Weaving webs, waiting, stalking, and pouncing: delve into a micro-world as we search for and observe spiders at Discovery Park or Camp Long. Discover beautiful and fascinating spiders as we explore fields and forests. Learn web construction and spider anatomy. Spider programs allow participants to explore the natural world in a safe, hands-on manner that inspires stewardship and appreciation.

Grades 1 – 12

Forest

The Pacific Northwest is famous for its evergreen forests. Explore these forests and the animals that make their homes in them, right here at Discovery Park or Camp Long. This field program is an exciting, hands-on way to teach participants about forest stewardship, interdependence, the cycles of nature, and native plants.

Stewardship for Students

Classrooms improve habitat for wildlife through hands-on service projects at Discovery Park. Naturalists guide students through intensive instruction with interactive games, invasive plant removal, fall native plantings or spring beach clean-ups.

Spiders (Fall)

Spiders are a fascinating group of animals with a bad reputation. Investigate spider characteristics and how their adaptations help humans to survive. Search the park for different types of spiders. Observe how spiders catch their food and their important role in the ecosystem. Participants explore nature and the lives of spiders in an experiential manner that inspires respect, stewardship, and curiosity.

Beaches (Spring and Summer)

Explore the saltwater beaches of Puget Sound at Discovery Park, Carkeek Park, or Me Kwa Mooks during low tide. Learn to find, touch, and handle, gently and safely, the unusual life forms that live between the tides. Discover the challenges of life in the tide zone and the adaptations these animals develop to survive. This field program allows students to experience a unique habitat in a hands-on manner that inspires curiosity, stewardship, and learning. Please note that scheduling for this program is dependent on tide times.

Ponds (Spring and Summer)

Experience the freshwater habitats of Camp Long or Discovery Park. Delve into the world of invertebrates and the magic of metamorphosis. Water quality and habitat essentials are explored along with the experience of seeing pond animals up close.