

Explore More

PreK – 5th Grade Field Investigations in Seattle parks

Bring science, environmental education, and experiential learning to your parks

Seattle Parks and Recreation Environmental Education staff provide opportunities for PreK – 5th grade and organized groups such as scouts and summer camps, to experience age-appropriate, field learning experiences in green spaces near your school.



Now scheduling field trips!

*\$225 for up to 30 students
\$7.50/student after the first 30*

Scholarships Available

**Free bus transportation available for
Title 1 Seattle Public Schools**

*Free bus transportation available for up to 60 students
once per year.*

**Programs are offered Monday – Friday
K-5 programs - two hours
PreK programs - 1.5 hours**

For more information and to schedule school programs:
Call (206) 484-5994 or email PKSNatureFieldTrips@Seattle.gov



Seattle
Parks & Recreation

Preschool and Kindergarten Programs

Forest (All Seasons)

Camp Long, Discovery Park and many Seattle parks have rich forest habitats to explore. Venture through the trees looking for clues to animal habits, hiding places, and seasonal happenings. Forest programs empower participants to feel comfortable outdoors.

Birds (Fall, Winter and Spring)

Our feathered friends invite you to learn the ABCs, colors, and numbers. Fly outside to any green space for learning fun.

Insects (Spring, Summer, and Fall)

Insects are the keystone species for all habitats. This engaging program emphasizes Social and Emotional learning as well as interconnections and adaptations.



Ponds (Spring and Summer)

Experience the freshwater habitats at Discovery Park or Meadowbrook Pond. 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 soft, the quick and slow, and all the colors of the intertidal community at Discovery Park, Carkeek Park or West Seattle beaches. Students experience a unique habitat. Inspiring curiosity, stewardship, and learning. Please note that scheduling for this program is dependent on tide times.

Spiders (Fall)

Weaving webs, waiting, stalking, and pouncing: delve into a micro-world as we search for and observe spiders. 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 and exciting manner that inspires stewardship and appreciation.



Grades First – Fifth Programs

Forest (All Seasons)

The Pacific Northwest is famous for its evergreen forests. Explore forests and the wildlife that thrive in them, at Discovery Park, Camp Long, Carkeek Park or a forested parkland near your school. This is an exciting way to teach participants about forest stewardship, interdependence, the cycles of nature, and native plants.

NGSS:

LS1A Structure and Function
LS1B Growth and Development of Organisms
LS2A Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
LS4D Biodiversity and Humans
LS1A Structure and Function
ESS3A Natural Resources

Birds! 1st and 2nd Grade (Fall, Winter and Spring)

Experience the excitement of exploring a variety of habitats in search of birds. This program focuses on the behavior of birds.

Note: binoculars are NOT used during this program.

NGSS:

LS1B Growth and Development of Organisms
LS1C Organization of Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms
LS1D Information Processing
LS2A Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
LS2D Social Interactions and Group Behavior

Birdwatching 3rd grade and up (Fall, Winter and Spring)

Birdwatching! the fastest and funniest growing sport. Students will develop observation skills and learn how to correctly use birding tools.

Note: binoculars ARE provided during this program.

Grades 3 NGSS:

LS2A Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
LS4D Biodiversity and Humans

Grades 4-8 NGSS:

LS1A Structure and Function
ESS3A Natural Resources

Insects (Spring, Summer, and Fall)

Insects are the keystone species for all habitats. Emphasis is on Social and Emotional learning as well as interconnections and adaptations.

NGSS

LS1A Structure and Function
LS1B Growth and Development of Organisms
LS2A Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
LS2B Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems
LS4C Adaptations
LS4D Biodiversity and Humans

Beaches (Spring and Summer)

Explore the saltwater beaches of Discovery Park, Carkeek Park, or West Seattle beaches. Discover the challenges of life in the tide zone. Students 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.

NGSS

LS1A Structure and Function
LS1B Growth and Development of Organisms
LS2A Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
LS2B Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems
LS2D Social Interaction and Group Behavior
LS4C Adaptation
PS2A Forces and Motion
PS4A Wave Properties 1st, 4th, HS11th, HS12th
ESS2C The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes

Spiders (Fall)

Spiders are a fascinating group of animals with a bad reputation. Investigate spider characteristics and their adaptations. Search for different types of spiders while observing their important role in the ecosystem.

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LS2A Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
LS2B Cycles of Matter and Energy
LS3A Inheritance of Traits
LS3B Variation of Traits
LS4A Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity
LS4B Natural Selection
LS4C Adaptation

Ponds (Spring and Summer)

Available upon request at Discovery Park and Meadowbrook Ponds.