

Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation

Spring 2016 Programs

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Registration

See back page for details on registering online, over the phone or in person at one of Seattle's environmental learning centers.



Spring 2016 Programs, at a Glance

Date	Program	Location	Time	Age	Cost
March 26	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8am-10am	8+	\$3
April 2	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8am-10am	8+	\$3
April 5	Tot Trek – Colors of Spring	Camp Long	10:30-11:45am	2-3	Free
April 9	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8am-10am	8+	\$3
April 9	Exploring Tidepool Life	Carkeek Park	12-1:30pm	All	Free
April 16	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8am-10am	8+	\$3
April 16	Birding Basics	Discovery Park	8am-10am	12+	Free
April 23	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8am-10am	8+	\$3
April 23	Earth Day Beach Cleanup	Discovery Park	2-4pm	All	Free
April 23	Tot Trek – Tidepool Trek	Discovery Park	11:30-12:45pm	2-3	Free
April 30	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8am-10am	8+	\$3
April 30	Owl Hoot	Camp Long	7:30-9pm	6+	\$5
May 3	Tot Trek – Search for Salamanders	Camp Long	10:30-11:45am	2-3	Free
May 7	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8am-10am	8+	\$3
May 7	Low Tide Beach Safari	Me-Kwa-Mooks	11am-12:30pm	5+	Free
May 7	Tidepool Investigations	Discovery Park	10:30-12:30 pm	6+	Free
May 8	Low Tide Beach Safari	Me-Kwa-Mooks	11:45-1:15 pm	5+	Free
May 8	Tidepool Investigations	Discovery Park	11:15-1:15pm	6+	Free
May 14	Are You Bloomin' Mad?	Discovery Park	1-3pm	5+	Free
May 14	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	7-9am	8+	\$3
May 14	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10am	8+	\$3
May 21	Bird Tour	Discovery Park	8-10am	8+	\$3
June 4	Low Tide Beach Safari	Me-Kwa-Mooks	10-11:30am	5+	Free
June 4	Tidepool Investigations	Discovery Park	9:30-11:30am	6+	Free
June 5	Low Tide Beach Safari	Me-Kwa-Mooks	10:45-12:15 pm	5+	Free
June 5	Tidepool Investigations	Discovery Park	10:15-12:15pm	6+	Free
June 7	Tot Trek – Water Babies in the Pond	Camp Long	10:30-11:45am	2-3	Free
June 16	Tot Trek – Froggy Frolic	Discovery Park	10:30-11:45am	2-3	Free



Tidepool Explorations

Exploring Tidepool Life

Carkeek Park Beach

All ages Free

Explore one of the most unique parts of the planet – tidepools! Explore Carkeek Beach with a nature guide. Search for anemones, moon snails, and clams during a great low tide. Learn more about life in the Puget Sound. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet. **Meet the nature guide at the kiosk next to the bridge over the railroad tracks in the beach parking lot.**

#148712 4/09/2016 Sat 12 – 1:30 p.m.



Low Tide Beach Safari at Me-Kwa-Mooks

Emma Schmitz Viewpoint/Me-Kwa-Mooks

Ages: 5 and older Free

Search for tidepool animals during some of the best low tides of the year. Learn a bit of beach ecology and which animal is the most colorful – a sea star, a sea anemone, or a sea slug. **Dress for windy weather and wear shoes that can get wet and handle slippery surfaces.**

#148742 5/07/2016 Sat 11 – 12:30 p.m.

#148743 5/08/2016 Sun 11:45 – 1:15 p.m.

#148745 6/04/2016 Sat 10 – 11:30 a.m.

#148747 6/05/2016 Sun 10:45 – 12:15 p.m.

Tidepool Investigations

Discovery Park

Ages: 6 and older Free

Explore a great low tide with a nature guide at Discovery Park! Search for moon snails, crabs, sea anemones and more! Learn low tide survival strategies of intertidal plants and animals. Due to a long walk and rocky beach, this program is best suited to ages 6 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#148751 5/07/2016 Sat 10:30 – 12:30 p.m.

#148762 5/08/2016 Sun 11:15 – 1:15 p.m.

#148765 6/04/2016 Sat 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

#148766 6/05/2016 Sun 10:15 – 12:15 p.m.

Tot Treks and 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 that 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**

Colors of Spring

Camp Long

Trek through Camp Long searching field, forest, stream, and pond. Discover the colors of spring.

#148709 4/05/2016 Tue 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Tidepool Trek

Discovery Park

Search for tidepool animals on the beach during low tide.

#148773 4/23/2016 Sat 11:30 – 12:45 p.m.

Search for Salamanders

Camp Long

Discover life under logs and leaves; be part of your child's first encounter with a salamander.

#148710 5/03/2016 Tue 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Water Babies in the Pond

Camp Long

Take a dip in the ponds and see what new life is springing up.

#148711 6/07/2016 Tue 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Froggy Frolic

Discovery Park

Discover the world of frogs, dragonflies and turtles at the Discovery Park ponds.

#148771 6/15/2016 Wed 10:30 – 11:45am



Nature at Night



Owl Hoot

Camp Long

Ages: 6 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Join us for a dusk-to-dark owl prowl through Camp Long's forest.

#148708 4/30/2016 Sat 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Stewardship Opportunities

Earth Day Beach Clean Ups

Celebrate the earth by making a difference in the health of Puget Sound. Puget Sound beaches get trashed (literally) during the winter months. We need your help in cleaning them up. All needed supplies and safety instructions provided.

Discovery Park

All ages Free

Please meet at the Environmental Learning Center.

#148737 4/23/2016 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.



Wildlife Walks & Talks

Bird Tours

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fee:** \$3 per person

Discover the wonders of birding. Join experienced leaders to explore for migrants and year-round residents within Discovery Park's varied habitats. **Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them.**

#148714	3/26/2016	Sat 8 – 10 a.m
#148715	4/02/2016	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#148722	4/09/2016	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#148723	4/16/2016	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#148725	4/23/2016	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#148727	4/30/2016	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#148729	5/07/2016	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#148730	5/14/2016	Sat 7 – 9 a.m.
#148733	5/14/2016	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#148734	5/21/2016	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.



Birding Basics

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Free**

Interested in birdwatching and have no idea where to start? If your answer is yes, this class is for you. We teach participants how to use binoculars and a few bird identification techniques. We visit various habitats to practice our skills and witness some bird behavior. **Dress for the weather. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.**

#148736 4/16/2016 Sat 8 – 10 a.m.



International Migratory Bird Day Events



Bird Tours

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$3 per person

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day and discover the wonders of early morning birding. Join experienced leaders as we welcome home migrants within Discovery Park's varied habitats. **Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them.**

#148730 5/14/2016 Sat 7 – 9 a.m.

#148733 5/14/2016 Sat 8 – 10 a.m.

Are You Bloomin' Mad?

Ages: 5 and older **Free**

In celebration of migratory birds, learn about the places they inhabit here in the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy the beauty and wonder of spring; learn some of the local plants that make our habitats healthy.

#148713 5/14/2016 Sat 1 – 3 p.m.



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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 8:30a.m. to 5p.m.

Camp Long

5200 35th Ave SW
Seattle, WA. 98126
Phone: 206-684-7434
Email: camplong@seattle.gov
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10a.m. to 6p.m.
Closed Sundays beginning November 1

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 for anything pertaining to Carkeek Park.

