

Benefits of Environmental Education

- Creates enthusiastic students and innovative teacher-leaders
- Promotes better academic performance
- Helps build critical thinking and relationship skills
- Promotes real world problem-solving
- Fosters leadership qualities
- Makes school subjects rich and relevant
- Fosters “self-directed learners”
- Connects students to their community
- Helps to engage kinesthetic learners and integrates experiential activities into learning.

— from *National Environmental Education Foundation*



Seattle Parks Environmental Learning Centers Offer Dynamic Education Programs for K-12 Classes and Groups

The programs offered at Seattle Parks and Recreation’s Environmental Learning Centers (ELCs) provide opportunities for students, teachers, day camps, and other organized groups to experience age appropriate, hands-on adventures in learning about the natural communities where we live.

Each program is developed to give people a positive experience in the outdoors and build understanding and a sense of connection to nature in an urban setting.

Environmental learning opportunities are available citywide! Parks offers programs in parklands, public green spaces with amenities that make them ideal for group field investigations. Parklands are listed on the inside right panel. Please call for the selection of programs offered at each site.



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Seattle Parks
Environmental Learning Centers

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K-12 Field Investigations

Bringing hands-on science and environmental education to your local park



PROGRAMS align with WA Essential Academic Learning Requirements for core content areas and support science kits.

Season	Watershed Education K-12 2 hours	Urban Forest Education K-12 2 hours	Preschool Programs 90 min
autumn 	Geology Salmon in the Watershed	Bird Watching Forest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems • Habitats • Stewardship Owls Spiders	Forest Spiders 
winter 	Geology	Bird Watching Forest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems • Habitats • Stewardship Owls	Forest 
spring 	Beach Freshwater Habitats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pond • Wetland Geology	Bird Watching Forest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystems • Habitats Insects Owls	Beach Forest Insects Pond 

How to register for programs

To register for programs, please be prepared with the following information before calling, or include in email:

- Program topic, date and time plus two alternative dates and times
- Contact information: teacher name, school name, address, phone number, email address
- Grade, number of students and chaperones
- Desired location: Camp Long, Discovery Park or Parklands



Fees

K-12 Group: 15 students/naturalist

Preschool Group:
10 students/naturalist

Program Locations	Public and Private Schools in Seattle*	School Districts Outside Seattle
Camp Long ELC Discovery Park ELC	\$150 per Classroom (30 students; \$5/additional student)	\$200 per Classroom (30 students; \$5/additional student)
Parklands Carkeek Park Colman/Mt. Baker Parks Frink/Leschi Parks Northacres Park Pritchard/Be'er Sheva Parks Roxhill Bog Park Seward Park	\$75 per Classroom (30 students; \$5/additional student) Call for selection of programs at each parkland	<i>Please note:</i> Sorry, these classes are not offered to school districts outside of Seattle.

*Limited scholarships available to Seattle schools

Registration

E-mail: september.wilson@seattle.gov

Questions?

Please call us at
206-684-0877

For more information, visit us on the web at:
www.seattle.gov/parks/environment/learning.htm