

Family Discovery Series (continued)

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Movies at Mercer Slough

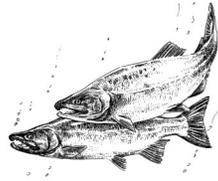
Join us for fun and engaging environmental movies in the Douglas Fir Community Room. Bring a comfy blanket or pillow and we'll pop the popcorn. Help reduce waste and bring your own cup or bowl. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary.

The Great Salmon Run

Free

Natural forces drive a spectacular migration for some animals every year. The great salmon run in the Pacific Northwest is one of great opportunity and danger. See what happens. Approximately 60 min.

When: Friday, September 30, 5-6:30pm



The Secret World of Bats

Free

This film captures all aspects of bat behavior with remarkable slow motion photography. Merlin Tuttle, Bat Conservation International founder, and world renowned cinematographer, Dieter Plage travel across five continents in this 48-minute film.

When: Friday, October 28, 5-6:30pm

Visitor Center Features

Art in Nature Exhibit

Free

The ability to interpret nature through art is an extraordinary talent. These exhibits will display local artists' work inspired by the natural world. The artwork is available for viewing in the Visitor Center. New artwork will be featured throughout the year. Come and be inspired by these extraordinary pieces of work.

When: Daily, 10am-4pm

Where: Visitor Center



Mercer Slough Discovery Backpacks

Discovery Backpacks include all the activities and materials you'll need for launching a fun, self-guided tour through Mercer Slough Nature Park.: binoculars, magnifying lenses, easy-to-use nature guides, and more. Discovery Backpacks are great for families, groups, and individuals of all ages. Discovery Backpacks now available: Birding, Wildlife, and Wetlands.

All Discovery Backpacks are available first-come, first-serve for a \$5 suggested donation. For check-out times and requirements, please call 425-452-2565 or e-mail MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov.



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Fall Programs

Bellevue Parks & Community Services
September - December



Visitor Center Open Daily, 10am-4pm

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Adult Enrichment Series

Lake-to-Lake Greenway Trail Walk

Free

Join Bellevue Parks and Northwest Striders to hike one of the nation's most spectacular urban greenway trails. Both 15K and 6K routes available. Cost: Free for the general public, \$3 per person for Volkspoint members. Registration: All participants must register the morning of the event at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm. 15K between 8-10am and 6K open until 12pm. Pre-registration is not available. Parking: South Bellevue Park & Ride, 2700 Bellevue Way. Route is not suitable for strollers or small children. No dogs allowed. Information: 425-452-2565

When: Saturday, September 17

Where: Starts at the Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm, 2380 Bellevue Way SE

Using the Field Indicators for Hydric Soil

Cost: \$75

This class will teach you to effectively use the Hydric Soil Indicators in the Regional Supplements to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual. You will learn the basic processes that take place in saturated soil, and how to "read the story" in a soil profile.

Pre-registration required: www.coastaltraining-wa.org.

When: Wednesday, September 27, 9am-4pm

Where: Douglas Fir Community Room



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Mushrooms of Mercer Slough

Free

Mushrooms are fascinating organisms that display a striking variety of shapes, colors, and sizes. Some are delicious and some are deadly. But what exactly is a mushroom? Why do we need fungi and how do they affect our everyday lives? Learn how fungi are essential to the ecosystem at Mercer Slough, and how to identify some common mushrooms that grow in this area. Best for ages 10+.



When: Sunday, October 9, 1-3 pm

Where: Douglas Fir Community Room and Trails

A Night With Bats

Cost: \$5

Bats affect our lives in more ways than we realize. They contribute to our quality of life on Earth and the welfare of humans. Join bat specialist, Barbara Ogaard from the Sarvey Wildlife Center, to learn facts from myths as we meet some live bats at the Mercer Slough. All ages welcome. Pre-registration required.

When: Friday, October 14, 7-8pm

Where: Douglas Fir Community Room

Course #: 59320 (Register at www.MyParksandRecreation.com or call 425-452-6885).

To Register:

Phone: 425-452-6885 or Online: www.MyParksAndRecreation.com

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Mercer Slough Nature Walk

Free

Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour, and learn about the fascinating natural and cultural history of the Mercer Slough. No registration necessary. All ages welcome. Please dress for the weather.

When: Every Saturday, 2-3pm

Where: Starts from Visitor Center

No walk September 17.



Canoe the Mercer Slough

Cost: \$14 (Bellevue Residents) \$16 (Non-Residents)

Explore beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water. Bellevue Park Rangers lead this 3-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Prior canoeing experience is strongly recommended. Participants paddle the entire distance of 4 miles and are responsible for staying with the group. Basic safety talk and equipment provided. Children must be 5+ years to participate and 1 adult must be present for every 2 children. Limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). Pre-registration is required.



When: Saturdays, August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 24

8:45am-12pm

Where: Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE

Ranger Programs

Join a Park Ranger at 2:30pm in the Douglas Fir Community Room for a FREE 30-minute program. No registration necessary. All ages welcome. Best for ages 8+.

Raptors

Did you know Mercer Slough Nature Park has raptors? Learn who these predators are, then roll up your sleeves to learn how and who they hunt by dissecting owl pellets.

When: Sunday, September 4, 2:30-3pm



Salmon of Mercer Slough

The iconic salmon of the Pacific Northwest end their journey with a dangerous migration back to their home waters. Learn more about how, when, and where you can see salmon travel up Mercer Slough to their spawning grounds in Kelsey Creek.

When: Sunday, October 2, 2:30-3pm



Winter Wildlife

What happens to all the wildlife in winter? Discover how our year-round wildlife survive the Pacific Northwest winter, and who migrates to Mercer Slough during the winter months.

When: Sunday, November 6, 2:30-3pm