

## Adult Enrichment Series

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### Aquatic Plant Identification

**Cost:** Free

Want to learn how to identify aquatic plants? Become a Lake Weed Watcher volunteer or join us to learn how to identify both native and non-native aquatic plants. The goal of the project is to watch for populations of invasive aquatic weeds. Detecting these weeds early will allow us to stop them before they get too entrenched to remove. To register or for inquiries, please contact Katie Messick at [Katie.messick@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Katie.messick@kingcounty.gov) or call 206-263-6461.

**When:** Saturday, July 9, 10am - 1pm

**Where:** Douglas Fir Community Room



### Learning to See by Looking – Digital Photography

**Cost:** \$5

Accomplished photographer, Chad White explores how humans interact with nature through photography. This introductory course teaches nature photography techniques, provides one-on-one instruction and time to practice your skills in Mercer Slough Nature Park. Participants must bring their own digital camera. Pre-registration required. Ages 18+.

**When:** Saturday, July 16, 1-3pm

**Where:** Douglas Fir Community Room and Trails

**Course #:** 57870

### Nature Printing

**Cost:** \$5; \$10 materials fee at door

Buds, bugs, birds, and more. Explore your surroundings and document the changing season with nature prints. Beginner and veteran artists enjoy this medium. We will experiment with non-toxic water-based inks, papers, an etching press, and several different techniques to start a collection of Mercer Slough images. All tools and materials provided. No experience necessary. Pre-registration required. Ages 18+.

**When:** Saturday, August 13, 1-3pm

**Where:** Douglas Fir Community Room

### Group Tours

**Cost:** Free

Looking for an engaging program for a group? Park Rangers offer outdoor interpretive walks and talks. Learn about flora, fauna, and natural and cultural history of Mercer Slough Nature Park. We schedule groups of 5-25, for this one hour program. First-come first-serve and a suggested donation of \$1 per person. Call or email to reserve your spot today. 425-452-2565 or [MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov).

## Family Discovery Series

### Ranger Programs

**Cost:** Free

Join a Park Ranger at 2:30pm in the Douglas Fir Community Room for a FREE 30-minute program. A portion of the program may be outside. Dress for the weather. No registration necessary.

#### Map & Compass

**Free**

From backyard to backcountry, navigation is an essential skill. Learn to use map and compass to better explore your surroundings and challenge your navigation skills!

**When:** Sunday, June 5



#### Animal Tracking

**Free**

Learn 5 techniques for animal tracking so you can identify who made the tracks, what direction they were going, how fast they were moving, and what they were doing when they made the tracks.

**When:** Sunday, July 3



#### Knots in the Outdoors

**Free**

Knots have been fundamental to human survival since prehistoric times. They are still used today for practical and recreational purposes, including boating, fishing, climbing, and camping. Try your hand at common and complex knots.

**When:** Sunday, August 6

### Canoe the Mercer Slough

**Cost:** \$14 (R) \$16 (NR)

Bellevue Park Rangers lead this 3-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Children must be 5 years and older to participate. 1 adult must be present for every 2 children. Limit 3 people per canoe (550 lbs). Pre-registration is required.

**When:** Every Saturday, May-Sept, 8:45am - 12:00pm

**Where:** Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE



### Local Area Hikes: Mercer Slough Nature Park

**Cost:** Free

Get connected to your local greenbelts and parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the summer. Explore Bellevue's largest wetland in this 2-hour walk. Please dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. **Distance:** 2.1 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Easy. Soft-surfaced trails and raised boardwalk. Info: 425-452-4195.

**When:** Saturday, July 23, 10am - 12pm

**Where:** Meet at the Visitor Center

### Movies at Mercer Slough

**Cost:** Free

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.

#### Beavers: The Biggest Dam Movie You Ever Saw!

Plunge in and meet your illusive neighbor, the beaver. This movie showcases several beaver families in their wild habitats. With breathtaking underwater photography, you travel inside the lodge for a rare look at these charming and industrious creatures. See them evade predators and build their homes. Approximately 60 min. Best for ages 8+.

**When:** Friday, March 25, 5 - 6:30pm

#### Baby Tales

Every creature begins life in the same way - as a baby. But growing up is different for each of us. These are the stories of babies across the animal kingdom, and their daunting journeys into a grown-up world. Approx. 60 min. Best for age 8+.

**When:** Friday, July 29, 5:00 - 6:30pm

#### Life of Birds: Signals and Songs

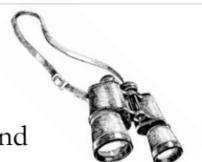
Experience the colorful and intriguing life of birds! Learn how birds communicate with one another using signs, signals, and occasionally a bit of mimicry in this amazing documentary. Approx. 60 min. Best for age 8+.

**When:** Friday, August 26, 5:00 - 6:30pm

### Mercer Slough Discovery Backpacks

**Cost:** \$5 Suggested Donation

Track wildlife, become a birdwatcher, or identify water creatures with one of our new Discovery Backpacks! Backpacks include all the materials you'll need for launching a fun, self-guided tour through Mercer Slough Nature Park, like binoculars, magnifying lenses, easy-to-use nature guides, and more! Discovery Backpacks are great for families, groups, and individuals of all ages. Birding, Wildlife, and Wetlands Backpacks now available. Check-out daily between 10am - 3:30pm. Bring a valid drivers license or passport.



**To Register**

online: [MyParksAndRecreation.com](http://MyParksAndRecreation.com)  
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