

2016

Winter/Spring
January-April

NATURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station

Lewis Creek Visitor Center



Bellevue Parks & Community Services
Natural Resource Division

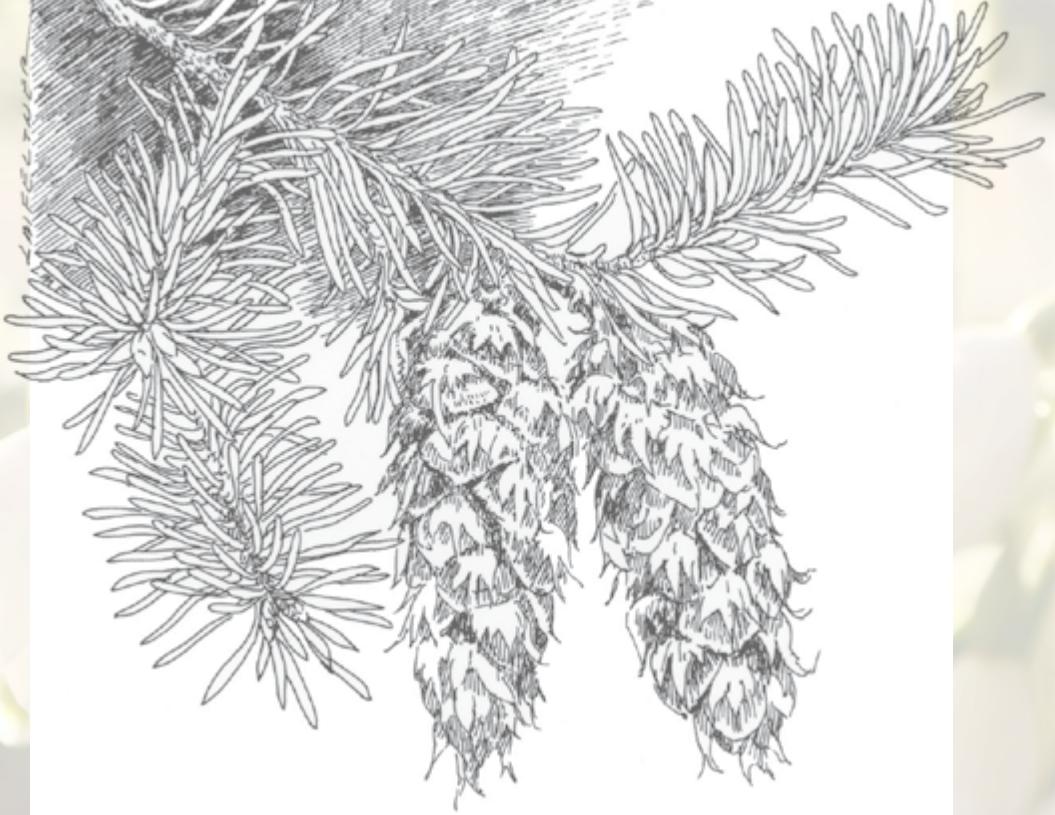


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Program Registration: www.myparksandrecreation.com

Let us know how we're doing!

Bellevue Parks & Community Services wants to know how we can make our environmental education programs better. We invite you to give us feedback about programs you've attended and suggestions for future programs. You can do this two ways:

1. Ask for an evaluation card at a visitor's center that you can fill out on the spot, or
2. Simply send us an email at program_feedback@bellevuewa.gov.

Any thoughts you have about our programs are welcome, but we're specifically wondering;

- Did the program you attended increase your knowledge of the natural world?
- Did the program you attended increase your respect for natural areas?
- What would the ideal length be for a ranger program?
- Do you prefer programs on animals, plants, ecosystems, natural resources, or something else?
- Do you/your family prefer programs outdoors/in parks or indoors with photos and videos?

Thank you for your help in shaping the future of our educational programs!





Program Registration: www.myparksandrecreation.com

Special Events

BELLEVUE'S 2016 SPECIES OF THE YEAR

Each year, the Bellevue Master Naturalist corps features a native species that is local to our area. The Species of the Year for 2016 is the Pacific treefrog (*Pseudacris regilla*), also called the Pacific chorus frog. You've likely heard the calls of these amphibians as they compete for territories and advertise to potential mates.

Look for this frog icon  next to program titles in this guide. These programs will feature information on Pacific treefrogs and amphibians in general. Come explore what makes the Pacific treefrog so special, and how you can help conserve Bellevue's amphibians. We'll even be going on some guided frog hikes! Join us at all three visitor centers to learn about the Pacific treefrog!



ARBOR DAY –

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AND FAMILY FESTIVAL 2016

Bellevue's annual Arbor Day-Earth Day event, scheduled for Saturday April 16th, will be held at Lewis Creek Park, located at 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE. This year's celebration will also mark the city's 25th year of being recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation. The event will include volunteer projects, a tree-planting ceremony, and family festival.

Volunteer Projects – 9-11 a.m.: Approximately 400 volunteers will participate in park enhancement projects at Lewis Creek Park and several other parks across the city. Projects will include planting, trail resurfacing, and removing invasive species. Space is limited, so register today at Parks_Stewardship@BellevueWA.gov!

Family Festival – 11a.m. -1:30 p.m.: Held at Lewis Creek Park Visitors Center. Local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities, ranger walks and eco-demonstrations. All ages are welcome! Kids can grab an Arbor Day-Earth Day Passport from a ranger and journey through various eco-stations. After learning about each station, children can have their passport stamped. Completed passports will be entered into a raffle.

Arbor Day-Earth Day Ceremonial Tree Planting – 11:30 a.m.:

Bellevue Park Rangers and elected officials will participate in the ceremony and recognize many wonderful volunteers and community groups. A ceremonial tree will be planted.

For more information about the City of Bellevue's Arbor Day-Earth Day event, contact us at 425-452-4195.



LOCAL AREA HIKES

Did you know Bellevue has almost 100 parks and over 90 miles of trail to explore? Get connected to your local greenbelts and neighborhood parks as rangers take you on hikes throughout the year. Dress for the weather, bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Hikes vary in theme and length. See details below.

Cost: FREE! **Registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

MERCER SLOUGH RANGER HIKES

Saturday, 2-3:30 p.m., rain or shine

Join a ranger to take a short hike through the wetlands of Mercer Slough Nature Park. We begin with an overview of the LEED Gold education center and end at the bridge that spans the channel of Mercer Slough. Hear about the natural and cultural history of the slough. Afterward, you are free to explore further on your own, or return to the education center with the ranger.

Distance: 2+ miles.

Level of Difficulty: Easy (30 feet elevation change)

Meeting Place: *Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Ave SE* **Info:** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov

LEWIS CREEK PARK RANGER HIKE

Saturdays, January 2, February 6, March 5, April 2
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join a Ranger in exploring the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. All ages welcome. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

Distance: approximately 1 mile.

Elevation Change: 50 ft.

Meeting Place: *Lewis Creek Visitor Center 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE* **Info:** 425-452-4195 or lcvc@bellevuewa.gov



Local Area Hikes Continued

LAKE HILLS RANGER STATION RANGER WALK

Saturdays, 2-3 p.m., rain or shine

Explore the Lake Hills Greenbelt with a Ranger and learn about the natural and cultural history of the area, discover the diversity of native plants and the wildlife that live here. All ages welcome. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

Distance: approximately 1 mile.

Level of Difficulty: Easy, gravel path.

Meeting Place: *Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th St.*

Info: 425-452-6993 or ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov



COAL CREEK PARK HIKE

Saturdays, January 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife.

Distance: 5 miles.

Elevation Change: Moderate (100 feet elevation change)

Meeting Place: *Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)*

Info: 425-452-4195 or lcvc@bellevuewa.gov



SWEETHEART HIKE

Sunday, February 14, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Get outside before your dinner date! Bring your sweetheart or best friend and join a park ranger on a hike to celebrate Valentine's Day. Learn about native animal pairs, and much more, as we wander through Lewis Creek Park.

Distance: Approximately 1 mile

Elevation change: 50 ft.

Meeting Place: *Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*

Info: 425-452-4195



LAKEMONT COMMUNITY PARK HIKE

Sunday, March 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This lovely trail winds through green corridors alongside Lewis Creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park.

Distance: 4.5 miles

Level of difficulty: Difficult (350 feet elevation change)

Meeting Place: Lakemont Park,
5170 Village Park Drive Southeast

LEWIS CREEK WOOF WALK

Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Come explore Lewis Creek Park with your furry friend and learn about the natural history and wildlife of the park and how we can keep our pets safe. Please limit one dog per guest with leash no longer than 6 feet, and bring a doggy waste bag.

Distance: 2 miles

Level of Difficulty: Moderate (350 feet elevation change)

Pre-registration: Required. **Info:** 425-452-4195. **Course #103276**

RANGER STATION WINTER WOOF WALKS

January, 15, 10-11 a.m., Kelsey Creek Park, Meet at kiosk near lower parking lot, 410 130th Place SE.

February, 26, 10-11 a.m., Wilburton Park, Meet at kiosk at south end of parking lot, 12400 Main St.

Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Families are encouraged to attend.

Ages: All ages welcome. **Cost:** FREE **Pre-registration:** Required.

Info: 425-452-6993. **Course #** 102251 (1/15/16);

Course # 102252 (2/26/16)





MERCER SLOUGH

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118 Avenue SE

Hours: Daily, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Phone:** 425-452-2565

Email: MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov

Overlooking the 320 acre Mercer Slough Nature Park, the Visitor Center offers remarkable view of the forest canopy and swampy wetlands below. Inside, enjoy an interactive library and interpretive displays for adults and families. Park Rangers provide information and free weekly programs. Pick up trail maps, brochures, and program information today.

Family Discovery Series

Ages: All ages. **Cost:** FREE! **Pre-registration:** RSVP at 425-452-2565

WONDERING ABOUT WILDLIFE

Sundays, January 10 & 24, 2-3 p.m.



Have you ever wondered about the elusive wildlife that surrounds us? Discover some of the features that make these animals unique. Enjoy a rare opportunity to touch some of their pelts and skulls. Test your knowledge and see if you can guess the animals based on their habitat needs, diet, and structural features. We will have an assortment of pelts and skulls to see and touch temporarily on loan to us by the Waskowitz Outdoor School.

BECOME A GARBOLOGIST

Sundays, February 7 & 21, 2-3 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what happens to our garbage once it leaves our homes? Does it ever really go away? Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive hands on workshop to learn more about the 4 R's, how our landfill in King County works, and what we can do to help make better earth smart choices.

Program Registration: www.myparksandrecreation.com

LIVING WITH URBAN WILDLIFE

Sundays, March 6 & 20, 2-3 p.m.

For many of us living in King County and the surrounding areas, nature is our backyard. While we enjoy the tranquility of our parks in urban areas, humans are not the only ones taking advantage of these natural spaces. Many animals are adapting and thriving in an urban environments and together we must coexist. Learn more about the animals living in these areas and how we can avoid negative interactions.



SPRING INTO NATURE

Sundays, April 3 & 17, 2-3 p.m.

As the seasons change, so does nature. Many creatures big and small are emerging from their long winters nap in search of food and friends. Branches and shrubs are coming to life. Learn more about the plants and animals that indicate the first signs of Spring.



Movies

Popcorn provided! **Ages:** All ages are welcome.

Cost: FREE! **Registration:** RSVP requested. **Info:** 425-452-2565 or msec@bellevuewa.gov.

THE ANIMAL HOUSE

Friday, January 29, 5-6 p.m.

Animals build their homes for a variety of reasons that include safety from predators, availability of a nearby food source, and protecting their young. These places are often the site of great drama and extraordinary behaviors. The Animal House provides a fascinating look at the "homelife of wildlife".



HOW THE EARTH WAS MADE

Friday, February 26, 5-6 p.m.

"How the Earth was made" plots the twisting course of Earth's amazing journey. Using groundbreaking special effects and traveling to remote locations where our planet still bears the scars of its violent history. This compelling story reveals the unimaginable timescales, world shattering forces, and mass extinctions.



RACCOON NATION

Friday, March 25, 5-6 p.m.

Is your trash can making raccoons smarter? Scientists use radio collars to track one family of urban raccoon's movements through the city over the course of six months. High-definition, infrared footage takes viewers deep inside the hidden world of these elusive and witty creatures. Find out why we may be enhancing their brain development and sending them down a new evolutionary path.

WILD AMERICA, TENDER TIMES

Friday, April 29, 5-6 p.m.

Enjoy this magical time as we journey into the delightful world of baby wild animals where everything is new and the world awaits. Laugh at their inhibited playful tactics, cheer for them and their narrow escapes, hope for a life full of adventure. This heart-warming movie is guaranteed to leave you feeling inspired by the beauty of nature and its newest animal members.

Adult Enrichment Series

Pre-registration: RSVP at 425-452-2565

MYTH VS FACT: THE GREAT PACIFIC PETROLEUM PATCH

Sunday, February 26, 2-3 p.m.

The Great Pacific Garbage patch also known as the pacific trash vortex, is a collection of marine debris of massive amounts. This debris is often transported from urban areas through smaller bodies of water eventually finding its way to the North Pacific Ocean. For many people, the idea of a "garbage patch" creates an image of a floating island of trash. In reality most of this "trash" is made up of microplastics often not visible to the naked eye. Join us to discover more about the myths and facts of the great petroleum patch.

THE BEAR ESSENTIALS

Sunday, March 27, 2-3p.m.

As population increases, and urban sprawl becomes inevitable, we will undoubtedly continue to encroach on bear habitat. Learn from an expert with the Department of Fish and Wildlife how we can co-exist in a safe and peaceful way with the black bears in our area.



BIRDING OUT

Sunday, April 24, 10-11a.m.

Join a Master Birder from the Eastside Audubon Society for slideshow presentation of both residential and migratory birds in our area. Then enjoy a guided walk through the Mercer Slough Nature Park to identify some of these birds both by sight and song.



Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center is a collaboration between the City of Bellevue and the Pacific Science Center. For information on programs provided by Pacific Science Center, please visit www.pacificsciencecenter.org.





LAKE HILLS GREENBELT

R A N G E R S T A T I O N

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16 Street

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 12-4p.m. **Phone:** 425-452-7225

Email: ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov

Surrounded by community farms, gardens, and beautiful wetlands, you will find interpretive displays, trails, environmental program information, and friendly Park Rangers to answer your questions.

Family Discovery Series

Pre-registration required. Register: MyParksAndRecreation.com

Info: 425-452-6993 or ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov.

GARDENING WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Fridays, March 18, March 25, April 1, 10-11 a.m.

Explore the world of gardening through hands-on experiences with soil, plants, and water. Discover the wonders of seeds, growing plants and plant care. As we investigate the world of plants, parents and their children can also grow together. **Ages:** All ages welcome.

Cost: \$2 suggested donation at the door.

PLAN AND PREPARE YOUR GARDEN

Friday, March 18, 10-11 a.m.

Learn about ideas to make your garden fun for the entire family. How to pick a location, utilize the materials you may already have and prepare the soil for a successful garden. Learn about what seeds and plants can go in the ground early spring and which need to wait for the warm sun of June. You will make a fun craft to bring home to your very own garden. **Course #** 102956



Program Registration: www.myparksandrecreation.com



MAINTAIN YOUR GARDEN: WATERING, WEEDING, AND TRELLISING

Friday, March 25, 10-11 a.m.

Learn some fun and environmentally friendly ways to keep your plants growing throughout the summer. And learn which plants need a little help along the way with supported structures and how you can make some easy and fun trellises. Bring a plant home to start your own garden! **Course #** 102957

ATTRACTING POLLINATORS AND DETERMINING HELPFUL BUGS FROM HARMFUL BUGS

Friday, April 1, 10-11 a.m.

Bees, butterflies and hummingbirds are all important pollinators for a vegetable garden. Learn about the process of pollination and how to attract these essential garden helpers. We'll also talk about other beneficial bugs and the harmful bugs and how to tell them apart. You will get to plant your own flowers to attract pollinators in your garden. **Course #** 102958



WHAT IS THE WEATHER?

Friday, April 8, 10-11 a.m.

There sure has been a lot going on with the weather this last year! But what causes the changes in weather? Come learn from a local Park Ranger what causes changes in weather, and come see a demonstration of how to make your very own cloud in a jar! \$2 suggested donation at the door. Registration required. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 donation suggested at door for program supplies. **Course #** 102961



Living with Wildlife

Pre-registration: Required. **Info:** ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6993. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door.



WINTER WILDLIFE ADAPTATIONS

Friday, January 8, 10-11 a.m.

When winter brings snow to the mountains of the Northwest, animals like the Snowshoe Hare have amazing features to keep them safe in the changing environment. Come learn how some animals have certain adaptations that help them weather through the cold months of the year. **Course #** 100785



AS SNUG AS A... BEAVER?!

Friday, February 12, 10-11 a.m.

During the chilly winter months of the year, beavers keeps warm and snug in a wooden lodge. Come learn how beavers builds their warm home, and why they build river dams!

Course # 102221

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP BEAR

Friday, March 11, 10-11 a.m.

Did you know that many animals sleep through the winter? Join a park ranger and learn which animals do this, and why they sleep through the cold! Cost: \$2 donation suggested at door for program supplies.

Course # 02222





LEWIS CREEK

VISITOR CENTER

Lewis Creek Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

Hours: Wednesday - Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m Phone: 425-452-4195

Email: lcvc@bellevuewa.gov

This beautiful park offers ample opportunity to wander through forests, meadows, and wetlands. Come inside the Visitor Center to pick up trail and park maps for the area, attend a Natural Resource program, or simply enjoy the relaxing atmosphere.

Family Discovery

Story Time

Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts with a park ranger on the 1st Friday of every month. Parents and children will explore together the diverse animal world with animated fiction and fun.

Ages: 3+. **Pre-registration** is required for each participant-adult and youth. **Cost:** \$2 Resident \$3 Non-Resident. **Pre-registration required** at: www.MyParksAndRecreation.com or 425-452-6885. **Info:** 425-452-4195. Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE.



WINTER WONDERLAND

Friday, January 8, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

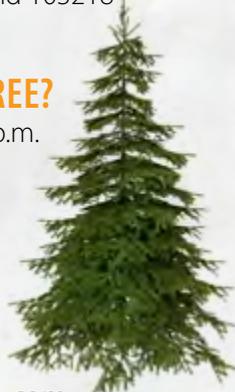
What do the wolves of winter find? Come follow Gray Wolf by the light of the full moon on his journey through a winter wonderland! **Course #** 103217 and 103218

WHERE WOULD I BE IN AN EVERGREEN TREE?

Friday, February 5, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Who lives in an evergreen tree? Come learn the many creatures and plants who depend on evergreens for their home!

Course # 103219 and 103220



HIPPITY HOP

Friday, March 4, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.



Frank wasn't satisfied doing ordinary frog things. He wanted to fly, but he was a frog. Follow along as Frank jumps, runs and leaps until he finally finds his place in the pond. **Course #** 103222 and 103221

I WISH I WERE A BUTTERFLY

Friday, April 1, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

How grand it would be to be a butterfly! Come learn how the little cricket dreams of wings only to discover he has a beautiful gift of his own.

Course # 103224 and 103223



Explorers' Club

MEET THE HABITATS OF LEWIS CREEK: FANTASTIC FORESTS

Saturday, January 16, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

What kind of wildlife lives in the forest? How can you use clues, like leaves, flowers, and bark to solve the tree mystery at Lewis Creek? Come discover the forest habitat as the first program of this three part series. **Ages:** 5+ **Cost:** FREE **No registration required.**

Info: 425-452-4195.

OWL PROWL

Friday, January 22, April 8, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5+ **Cost:** \$5 Resident \$6 Non-Resident

Pre-registration required.

Info: 425-452-4195.

Course # 103253 (1/22/16)

Course # 103254 (4/8/16)





MEET THE HABITATS OF LEWIS CREEK: MISTY MEADOWS

Saturday, February 20, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

How do meadows form? What type of animals use meadows as part of their home range? Come discover an important habitat of Lewis Creek in the second program of this three part series. **Ages:** 5+

Cost: FREE **No registration required. Info:** 425-452-4195.

NIGHT HIKE

Friday, February 26, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in Lewis Creek comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call Bellevue home, and join a Ranger on a hike through the woods after dark! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5+ **Cost:** \$2 Resident \$3 Non-Resident.

Pre-registration required. Info: 425-452-4195. **Course #** 103255



MEET THE HABITATS OF LEWIS CREEK: WONDERFUL WETLANDS

Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

During the rainy spring season wetlands play a very important role in cleaning water that travels to local lakes and rivers. Discover riparian zones, and how they impact the ecosystem around them in the third and final program of this three part series! **Ages:** 5+ **Cost:** FREE

No registration required. Info: 425-452-4195.



FROG HOP

Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.



One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the intricate life cycle of these amphibians, as well as the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join us to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes and warm clothes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5+ **Cost:** \$2 Resident \$3 Non-Resident.

Pre-registration required. Info: 425-452-4195. **Course #** 103256

Movies

Kids! Join us for fun, educational nature movies at Lewis Creek! Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 3+. **Cost:** Free!

Registration: Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

WILD KRATTS: WHALE OF A SQUID

Sunday, January 17, 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Runtime 30 mins.



STRANGER IN THE WOODS

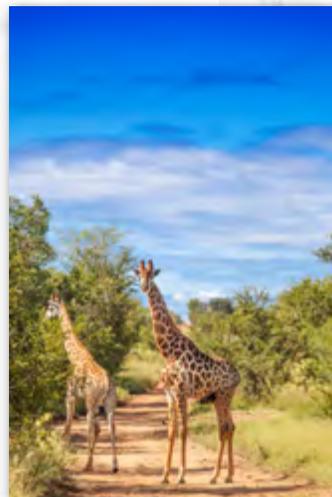
Sunday, February 21, 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Journey deep into the winter woods and meet two snowdrifts, Pierre and Janine who will introduce you to their forest friends and reminisce about the time a mysterious stranger came to visit. Run time 30 mins.

WILD KRATTS: VOYAGE OF THE BUTTERFLIER

Sunday, March 20, 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Run time 30 mins.



BEAVERS

Sunday, April 24, 1 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Take a swim with beavers and rich aquatic habitat of one of nature's greatest engineers. This film follows the lives of a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them. Run time 70 mins.



ADULT ENRICHMENT

HOT TOPICS IN WASHINGTON STATE: FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES

Saturday, March 19, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Did you know fall and early winter floods are produced by heavy rainfall on wet ground, whereas winter and early spring floods typically are caused by rainfall and a melting snowpack? Come learn about flooding and landslides in Washington State and what the recent trends have been. **Ages:** 12+. **Cost:** Free. **No registration required.** **Info:** 425-452-4195

HISTORY OF EASTSIDE LOGGING

Saturday, March 26, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Did you know that most of the east side of Lake Washington was clear-cut by 1920? Or that nearly all of the big trees that we see today are less than 100 years old? (It will take another 400 years for our evergreens to reach 'maturity'!) Come and see the equipment that evolved from two men working one tree all day with a hand-saw, to sky-line cable operations that could clear a whole Cougar Mountain valley in a single day. Join Eastside Heritage Center volunteer and former Cougar Mt. Park Manager Steve Williams for this wonderful presentation. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

Ages: 13+. **Cost:** Free. **No registration required.** **Info:** 425-452-4195



WILDFLOWERS OF WASHINGTON

Saturday, April 30, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.



It is an exciting time of year for naturalists and flower lovers in Washington. Come join Master Naturalist Franja Bryant, a Native Plant Steward of the Washington Native Plant Society, to see what kinds of wildflowers we have here in the Puget Sound region and when we will see them. Then take a walk in Lewis Creek Park to see the beginning of blooming season! **Ages:** 12+.

Cost: Free. **Pre-registration required.**

Info: 425-452-4195. **Course #** 103261

Living With Wildlife Series

How do I get the deer to stop eating my rose bushes? What do I do about mountain beavers in my yard? Just how smart are those crows and ravens going through my garbage? How fortunate we are to live in a city full of wildlife! But this also leaves us with the responsibility of learning how to live with our furry and feathered neighbors. Learn about the wildlife that lives in and around Bellevue and how to live in harmony with wild animals.

Ages: 12+. **Cost:** Free! **Registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

AMPHIBIANS AMONG US

Saturday, January 30, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.



Did you know that the Pacific Tree Frog is the Washington State Amphibian? There are many species of amphibians in Washington coming in all shapes and sizes. Learn about frogs, salamanders, newts, and toads, the adaptations that help them thrive and the dangers that they are facing

RISE AND SHINE BLACK BEARS

Saturday, April 23, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

After a long state of modified hibernation called torpor, black bears come out of their dens typically in April. Come learn about black bears in the area and their behavior in and out of hibernation time.



VISITOR CENTERS



***Mercer Slough Environmental
Education Center***
425-452-2565
1625 118 Avenue SE

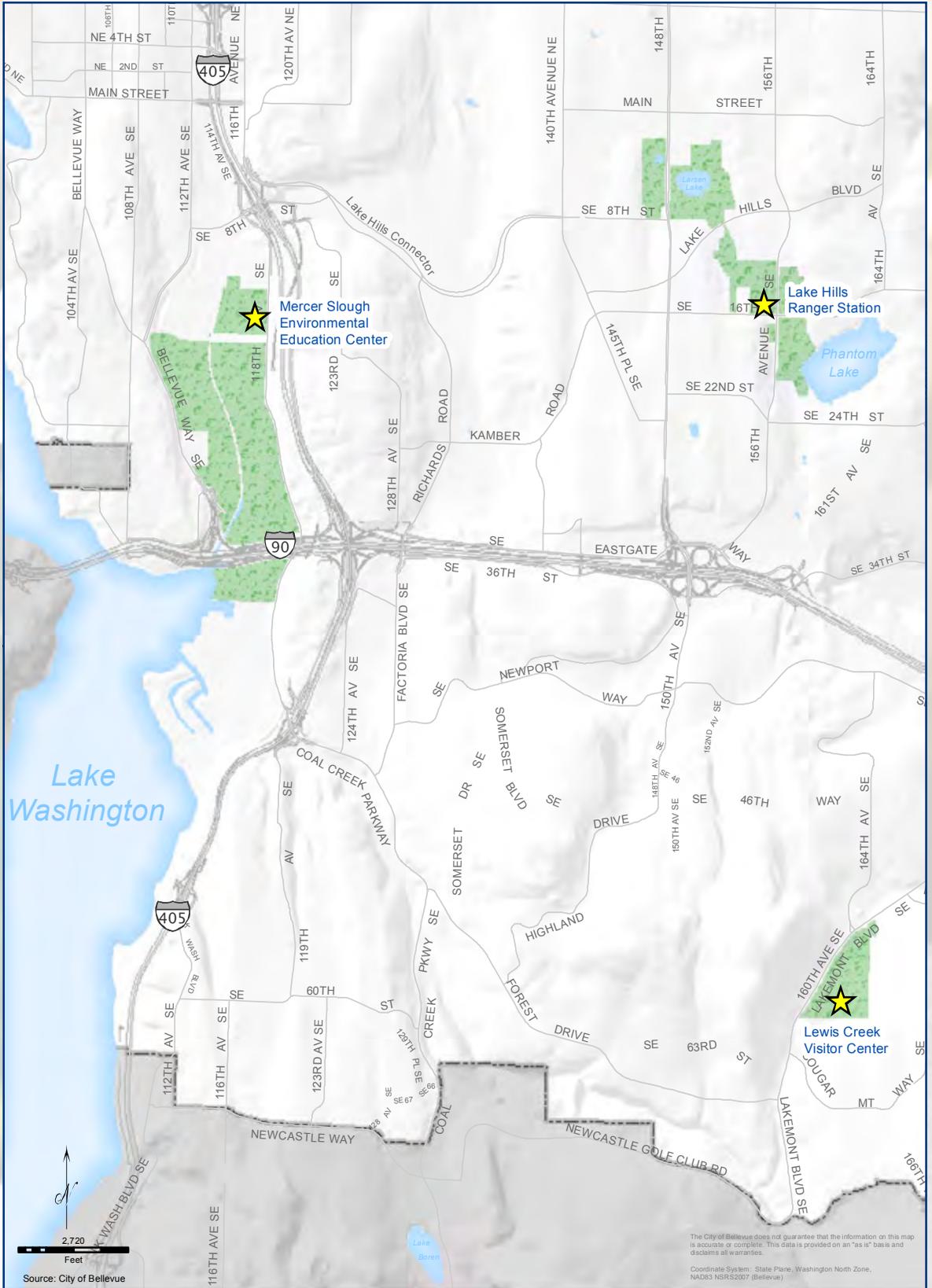


***Lake Hills Greenbelt
Ranger Station***
425-452-7225
15416 SE 16 Street
(15500 SE 16 Street:
Parking Location)



Lewis Creek Visitor Center
425-452-4195
5808 Lakemont Blvd SE

VISITOR CENTER LOCATIONS



Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center

425-452-2565

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Bellevue Parks & Community Services



MyParksandRecreation.com
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Wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language (ASL) or other interpretation available upon request. Assisted listening devices available. Call at least 48 hours in advance for any request. 425-452-6884 or Relay Service 711.

