



Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center

Spring Programs 2011

Adult Enrichment Series

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Bellevue, WA 98005

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Plants, Native Americans and Survival

Cost: \$5

Join Barb Williams, Bellevue Botanical Garden Society school programs manager and Eastside Heritage Center volunteer, for a fun, hands-on, indoor/outdoor interpretive program about local Native Americans and their ingenious use of Mercer Slough plants to support survival needs. Ages 12+. Pre-registration is required.

When: Saturday, March 19, 11am-12:30pm
Where: Douglas Fir Community Room

Course #: 56217



Group Tours

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.

Family Discovery Series

Mercer Slough Nature Walk

Cost: Free

Did you know that Mercer Slough Nature Park is 320 acres? Join us for a free guided tour exploring the park and Environmental Education Center. No registration necessary. All ages welcome. Dress for the weather.

When: Every Saturday, 2:00 - 3:00pm *No walk April 16
Where: Visitor Center



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.

Beavers

Did you know you can find beavers at Mercer Slough? Learn about nature's architect, the beaver, their amazing adaptations, how they shape the habitat around them, and why Mercer Slough's beavers are unique.

When: Sunday, March 6

Free



Life Under Water

Did you know an animal can live its entire life in a small pond? Ponds are a unique and important habitat. Learn about the different animals that live in and around ponds, their survival techniques, and how some have adapted to live under water.

When: Sunday, April 3

Free

Great Migrations

Wildlife migrations are among the most fascinating events of the natural world. Did you know that a monarch butterfly migrates 2,500 miles or the tiny Ruby-throated Hummingbird migrates 620 miles? Find out who travels here and around the world. All ages welcome.

When: Sunday, May 1

Free

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



Mother's Day Canoe Tour

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

Spend Mother's Day canoeing the Slough with your family. Bellevue Park Rangers lead this 3-hour canoe trip from Enatai Beach Park. Find out about different strategies wildlife mothers have for raising and protecting their young, while paddling Mercer Slough. 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: Sunday, May 8, 9:00am-12:00pm
Where: Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Ave SE

Course #: 57868



Movies at Mercer Slough

Cost: Free

Join us for fun and engaging environmental movies. 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.

Birds - Fishing for a Living

Discover how birds have become experts at finding food in water. Over time, they've developed many ingenious methods - from diving to dancing, skimming to spearing, to reap the rich bounty of Earth's waters. Approx. 55 min. Best for age 8+.

When: Friday, March 25, 5pm
Where: Douglas Fir Community Room



Blue Planet's - Tidal Seas

The sun and moon move billions of tons of water around the world with every turn of the tide. With the strongest and weakest of tides, the coastal landscape changes, and strand sea creatures and control their movements. Approx. 50 min. Best for age 10+.

When: Friday, April 29, 5pm
Where: Douglas Fir Community Room

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 phone: (425) 452-6885
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