



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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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!



Special Events

ARBOR DAY-EARTH DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Visitor Center

This year's celebration will mark the city's 29th year of being recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation and will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day! Join us at this fun, environmental celebration, where local environmental stewardship organizations will host free activities and eco-demonstrations. Plant a tree with your family! Kids can grab an Arbor Day-Earth Day activity passport from a ranger and journey through various eco-stations: Completed passports will be entered into a prize-drawing. At 11:30 a.m., Bellevue park rangers and elected officials will plant a ceremonial tree and recognize environmental volunteers. **Ages:** All ages. **Cost:** Free. **Registration:** Pre-registration is not required for the family festival. **Info:** 425-452-4195.



Local Area Hikes

RANGER-LED HIKE AT LEWIS CREEK PARK

Saturdays, January 4, February 1, March 7, April 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join a Bellevue Park Ranger to explore the natural and cultural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call 425-452-4195. **No pre-registration or RSVP required.**



Distance: 1 mile.

Level of Difficulty: Easy (50 feet elevation change)

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

RANGER-LED HIKE AT LAKEMONT HIGHLANDS OPEN SPACE

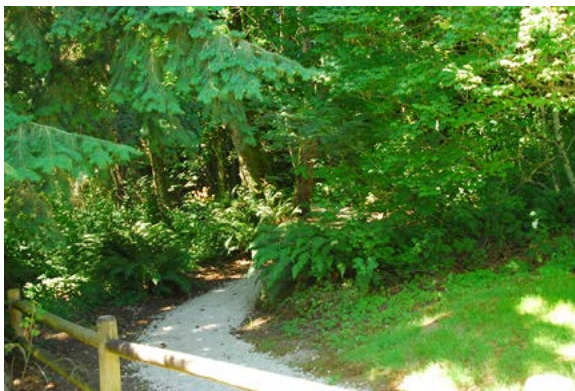
Sunday, January 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Join a Bellevue Park Ranger at the Lewis Creek Visitor Center to explore the Lakemont Highlands Open Space trail system. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call 425-452-4195. **No pre-registration or RSVP required.**

Distance: 3.5 miles.

Level of Difficulty: Moderately Difficult (680 feet elevation change)

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



RANGER-LED HIKE AT COAL CREEK NATURAL AREA

Sunday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Explore Coal Creek at the Cinder Mine Trailhead to discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife you'll learn about while being guided by a Bellevue Park Ranger. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call 425-452-4195.

No pre-registration or RSVP required.

Distance: 2 miles.

Level of Difficulty: Moderately Difficult (240 feet elevation change)

Meeting Place: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)



MERCER SLOUGH RANGER WALKS

Sundays, January 5, February 9, March 8, April 5, 2-3:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family to join a Ranger on a guided hike through the Mercer Slough Nature Park. This kid-oriented program aims to educate kids and their parents about the Nature Park while discovering the birds and animals that call the Mercer Slough home. The hour-long nature walk ends at the channel bridge in the middle of the park. From there you can continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Cost:** FREE!



Distance: 1.5+ miles.

Level of Difficulty: Easy (30 feet elevation change)

Meeting Place: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center
1625 118th Ave SE

Registration: RSVP at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov

Mercer Slough Private Group Ranger Walks:

Available by appointment.

Contact: 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov



LAKE HILLS GREENBELT RANGER WALKS

Every Saturday, 2-3 p.m.

Interested in a weekend activity that's both fun and educational? Bring the whole family to the Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station for a ranger-led walk! Every Saturday from 2-3PM, join us for a mild 1-mile hike through the Greenbelt's trails and discover the season's myriad of flora and fauna. Wear your favorite weather-appropriate outdoor clothing and shoes, and feel free to bring personal wildlife-viewing gear (e.g. binoculars or magnifying glasses) to further enjoy the park. If you're feeling especially energized, continue on to the Larsen Lake trail loop and use your newfound knowledge to explore. We'll be heading out rain or shine, so come prepared to learn and have a great time! Ages: Great for all ages. **Cost:** Free! **No pre-registration or RSVP required.**

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





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.

Programs

MERCER SLOUGH NIGHT HIKE: A "SLOUGH" OF SENSES

Friday, January 10, 5:30-7 p.m. OR Friday, March 13, 7:30-9 p.m.

Awaken your senses and step into the nocturnal world for a guided hike into the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Exploring the park after the sun has set will certainly prove to be a unique and memorable experience for the whole family. Afterwards, warm up in our community room with a cup of hot cocoa.

Dress warm and don't forget a headlamp or flashlight.
Hot cocoa provided!

All are welcome but best for ages 5yrs and UP

Cost: FREE! **Pre-registration required:** RSVP at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov

Meeting Place: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center
1625 118th Ave SE



RANGER PROGRAM: A LONG WINTER'S NAP

Saturday, January 11, 2-3 p.m.

Can you imagine sleeping all winter and waking up in the Spring? Wouldn't you get hungry. While some animals can adapt to winter conditions others will hibernate right here in our own backyards do jus Join a park Ranger find out what happens to their bodies that allows them to survive without any food. **Ages:** Best for children 5-10yrs old.

Cost: FREE! **Pre-registration required: RSVP** at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov



THE LOWERING OF LAKE WASHINGTON

Sunday, January 12, 2:00 pm

Local educator and Eastside Heritage Center staff member, Jane Morton details the effects of the lowering of Lake Washington in 1916 on the economic growth of the region. This fascinating presentation examines the shaping of our world and economy through the varying effects that the exposure of new land had on individuals and businesses all over the Eastside of King County. Join Eastside Heritage Center as we discover what this change in geography meant for the towns surrounding Lake Washington. **Ages:** Best for adults.

Registration: No registration required. Info: 425-452-2565

STORY AND A STROLL: BABY BEAR IS NOT HIBERNATING

Friday, January 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

This story captures baby Black Bear's winter adventures with his friend's moose, owl, and rabbit. He soon realizes that life outside his warm cozy den may not be all that fun. With the help of his friends he makes his way back to shelter to spend a long cozy winter with his mom and dad. **Ages:** Best for children 3-5yrs old. **Cost:** FREE!

Pre-registration required: RSVP at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov

MOVIES: EARTH II-MOUNTAINS

Friday, January 24, 5-6 p.m.



In this episode we climb high into the world's great mountain ranges. Only a few pioneering animals have what it takes to survive up here, they are amongst the most elusive and mysterious on the planet. Popcorn Provided! **Ages:** All are welcome but best for 5yrs and up. **Cost:** FREE! **Registration requested: RSVP** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov

HOW SETTLERS ACQUIRED LAND

Sunday, February 9, 2:00 pm

Historian Tom Hitzroth presents a lecture which explains the complex legal history of land claiming in Washington. This presentation shows how global forces affected settlement through the Land act of 1820 which came about as the result of a declaration of peace between Great Britain and France in 1815. Between the early 1870s and late 1890s European Immigrants to Washington claimed land all over our region. Often, we refer to them as “homesteaders” today but, the term homesteader refers to only a specific group of people claiming land under a very specific legal rules. Join Eastside Heritage Center as this presentation explains the development of these land laws—from the Land Ordinance of 1785 that set up the public land survey system to the Homestead Act of 1862--and how they shaped our King County. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Registration: No registration required.** **Info:** 425-452-2565

RANGER PROGRAM: BEAVER FEVER

Saturday, February, 15 2-3 p.m.

Beavers’ ability to change the landscape is second only to humans. These amazing rodents are so valuable to the ecosystem that Native Americans often referred to them as the “sacred center.” Not only do they create a healthy habitat for a number of aquatic species, but they also provide essential natural services for humans as well. Come learn more about these nocturnal creatures that call the Mercer Slough home. **Ages:** Best for children 5-10yrs old. **Cost:** FREE! **Pre-registration required: RSVP** at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov



STORY AND A STROLL: I'M DONE

Friday, February 21, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

This story explores the value of perseverance at a level perfect for very young kids. The darling illustrations capture the sweetness of Little Beaver's attempts at perfecting his dam—and the triumph of his eventual success. **Ages:** Best for children 3-5yrs old. **Cost:** FREE! **Pre-registration required: RSVP** at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov

MOVIES: BEAVERS, THE BIGGEST DAM MOVIE YOU EVER SAW

Friday, February 28, 5-6 p.m.

Have you ever seen a beaver lodge or dam and wondered "how did they do that?" Take an intimate swim with Beavers to explore an amazing diverse aquatic habitat that is home to one of Nature's greatest engineers. This film is a heartfelt story about following a family of beavers as they grow, play and transform the world around them. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** All are welcome but best for 5yrs and up. **Cost:** FREE! **Registration requested: RSVP** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov



WILBURTON NEIGHBORHOOD

Sunday, March 8, 2:00 pm

Join Eastside Heritage Center as Carla Trserk shares her unique research into our neighborhood. For about a decade, Wilburton was a larger town than nearby Bellevue. It had a large sawmill, four hundred people, and a busy atmosphere. This presentation tells the story of Wilburton from its roots as a small logging camp to the development of our neighborhood. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Registration:** No registration required. **Info:** 425-452-2565

RANGER PROGRAM: WILDLIFE IN THE CITY

Saturday, March 14, 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 environment and together we must coexist. Learn more about the animals living in these areas and how we can avoid negative

interactions. **Ages:** Best for children 5-10yrs old. **Cost:** FREE! **Pre-registration required: RSVP** at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov

STORY AND A STROLL: CRITTER LITTER

Friday, March 20, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Let the kids giggle as they learn what animals have left behind on the forest floor. From animal tracks to food and scat (yes poop)! They will love this engaging introduction to wildlife right in their own backyard. **Ages:** Best for children 3-5yrs old. **Cost:** FREE! **Pre-registration required: RSVP** at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov

MOVIES: THE PLANET EARTH II-CITIES

Friday, March 27, 5-6 p.m.

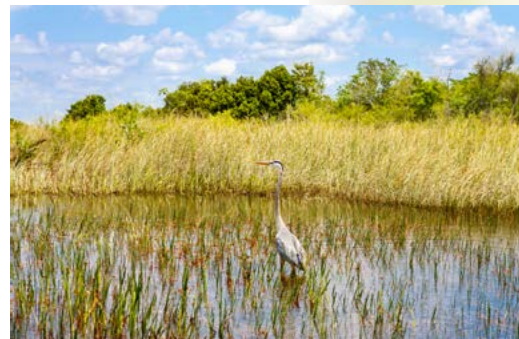
Cities are growing at a faster rate than any other habitat on Earth. They may seem an unlikely place for animals to thrive, but for the bold this is a world of surprising opportunity. Popcorn provided! **Ages:** All are welcome but best for 5yrs and up. **Cost:** FREE! **Registration requested: RSVP** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov



RANGER PROGRAM: WAKE UP WETLAND

Saturday, April 11, 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. **Ages:** Best for children 5-10yrs old. **Cost:** FREE! **Pre-registration required: RSVP** at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov



STORY AND A STROLL: GOODBYE WINTER, HELLO SPRING

Friday, April 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

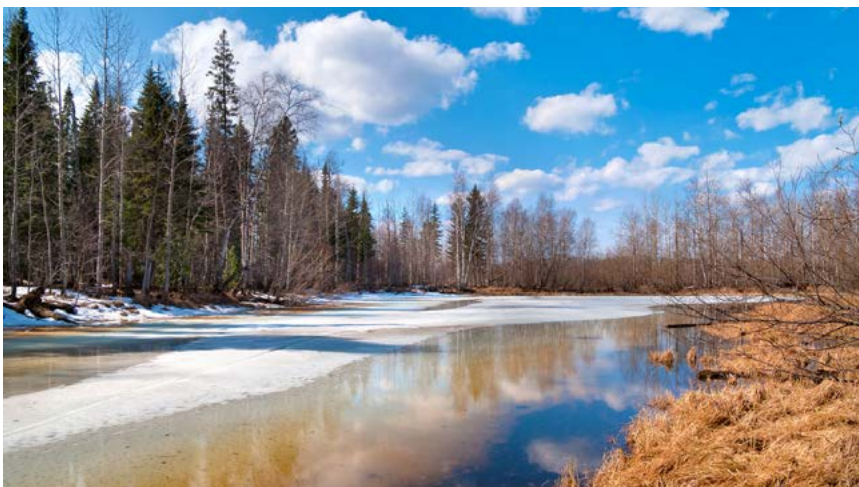
Join a boy and his dog as they explore nature and take a stroll through the countryside, greeting all the signs of the coming season. In a series of conversations with everything from the melting brook to chirping birds, they say goodbye to winter and welcome the lushness of spring. **Ages:** Best for children 3-5yrs old.

Cost: FREE! **Pre-registration required: RSVP** at 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov

MOVIES: MYSTERY SHARKS OF SEATTLE

Friday, April 24, 5-6 p.m.

One of the world's largest and most elusive predatory sharks, the sixgill, suddenly appears in Seattle's waters. These creatures typically dwell in darkness several thousands of feet beneath the surface. Little is known about them. What would make them appear in the shallows of Puget Sound? Popcorn provided! **Ages:** All are welcome but best for 5yrs and up. **Cost:** FREE! **Registration requested: RSVP** 425-452-2565 or mseec@bellevuewa.gov



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 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:** 425-452-6993

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.

Programs

WINTER WINGS

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



While many of the other animals in our region are tucked away, we still often notice plenty of different birds—even ones we don't usually see! On a Ranger-led walk, we'll discuss why this is, how migration works, and learn which species to look for (and who knows, maybe we'll even see a few)! Back at the Ranger Station, use your creative side for a craft to take home! **Ages:** Best

for ages 3-8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration required:** 425-452-6993 or parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov

NIGHT HIKE WITH A RANGER

Saturday, January 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m. OR April 11, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Most of us have taken walks or hikes during the day, but what about at night? A whole different world of creatures awakens in the evenings at our parks, ready to be discovered! Take a relaxed hike through the Lake Hills Greenbelt with a Ranger to look and listen for these mysterious animals. Bring warm clothing and a reusable cup for some free hot chocolate! **Ages:** Great for all ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration required:** 425-452-6993 or parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov





WONDROUS WOODPECKERS

Friday, February 7, 10-11 a.m.

Bellevue is home to a myriad of woodpecker species, from the striking red-breasted sapsucker to the brightly-patterned pileated woodpecker. Spend a morning learning how these birds fit into our parks, and what you can do to help them thrive. We'll gaze into the forest on a Ranger-led walk to discuss them (and maybe even spot a few) and enjoy a craft at the Ranger Station! **Ages:** Best for ages 3-8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration required:** 425-452-6993 or parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov

CURIOUS COYOTES

Friday, February 28, 10-11 a.m.

Very few animals of the Pacific Northwest invoke stronger feelings than the native coyote. Together, we'll discuss these canines' unique place in our ecosystem and clear up misconceptions during a mild hike, along with information on living with this unique animal! As we conclude the program, enjoy creating a coyote-themed craft to take home. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration required:** 425-452-6993 or parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov



WILD WEATHER

Friday, March 13, 10-11 a.m.

The phrase 'in like a lion, out like a lamb' has long been used to describe March's weather, bringing to mind the reasons for these crazy conditions. Become an expert by learning how we get rain, wind, and our other types of weather. Take a stroll outside with a Ranger during the lesson and stay for a weather experiment to demonstrate your newfound knowledge! **Ages:** Best for ages 3-8. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration required:** 425-452-6993 or parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov



BLACK BEARS

Friday, March 27, 10-11 a.m.



Bears are becoming an increasingly common sight in our parks and neighborhoods, but why? Join our program to learn all about bears and better understand the reasons behind their often-surprising appearances, as well as some ways to ensure a safe and beneficial coexistence. We'll be venturing out on a Ranger-guided walk through the Greenbelt's trails, and end with a bear-y fun craft! **Ages:** Best for ages 3-8.

Cost: Free! **Pre-registration required:** 425-452-6993 or parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov

POLLINATORS: HUMMINGBIRDS

Saturday, April 25, 12-1 p.m.

Who hasn't heard the soft hum of wings or felt a slight breeze pass them as a small bird flies by? Hummingbirds are plentiful in this region as the months warm, and some even stay around for wintertime. This program will introduce one of our most charismatic pollinators and teach you about the species found in Bellevue's parks and neighborhoods. Fly out to start on a walk, and swoop back to the Ranger Station for a creative craft! **Ages:** Best for ages 9 and up. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration required:** 425-452-6993 or parkrangerprogram@bellevuewa.gov





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.

STORY TIME: OVER AND UNDER THE SNOW

Friday, January 3, choose one: 11 a.m.-noon OR 1:30-2:30 p.m



Look, listen, and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Many animals burrow down into the subnivean zone to stay nice and toasty from the worst winter weather. Read along with us as we discover this hidden refuge under our feet! **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **RSVP required** for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program at 425-452-4195 or lcvc@bellevuewa.gov. Indoor program.

WHAT'S UP? THE CANOPY!

Sunday, January 5, January 18, January 25, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

There's an entire world hiding within the layers of Bellevue's forests. We'll learn what makes up the canopy and why each layer of the forest is important to our resident wildlife. Afterwards, we'll go out on a short walk to put our new forest knowledge to the test. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **RSVP required** for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the program at lcvc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195. Indoor/outdoor program.



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE: CROUCHING BOBCATS

Saturday, January 11, 2-3 p.m

Can you tell the difference between a bobcat, cougar, and a housecat? Bobcats are reclusive and sneaky, but sometimes we're lucky enough to see them! Find out how to recognize these short-tailed cats and how we can coexist with our shy neighbors. **Ages:** This program is best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **No registration required.** Indoor program.



NIGHT HIKE AT LEWIS CREEK PARK

Friday, January 17, 6:30-8 p.m.

Friday, March 20, 7:30-9 p.m.

When the sun sets and the dark of night creeps in, Lewis Creek Park comes alive! Learn about the different nocturnal and crepuscular species that call the park home, and join a park 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. **Pre-registration required** for children and adults at register. bellevuewa.gov. **Ages:** 5 and up. **Cost:** Free. Indoor/outdoor program.



STORY TIME: COYOTE MOON

Friday, February 7, choose one: 11 a.m.-noon OR 1:30 -2:30 p.m.

Look, listen, and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Join Coyote in her search for food to feed her family. She'll take us on a midnight tour as she trots along roadways and creeps through a golf course, encountering wildlife along the way. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **RSVP required** for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program at 425-452-4195 or lcvc@bellevuewa.gov. Indoor program.

HISTORY OF EASTSIDE LOGGING

Presented by the Eastside Heritage Center
Saturday, February 15, 2-4 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. Presented in partnership by the Eastside Heritage Center and Bellevue Parks & Community Services.

Ages: This program is best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **No registration required.** Indoor program

MAKING TRACKS IN LEWIS CREEK PARK

Saturday, February 8, February 23, February 29, 2:30-3:30 p.m.



Join a park ranger to learn Bellevue's animal signs, then head outside on a hunt to see what animals have been wandering through Lewis Creek Park! We'll look for prints, feathers, and even scat to see what's been happening in the park. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **RSVP required** for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the program at lcvc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195. Indoor/outdoor program.

STORY TIME: IF SHARKS DISAPPEARED

Friday, March 6, choose one: 11 a.m. -noon OR 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Look, listen, and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Sharks might seem scary, but they do a very important job for our oceans! In this story time program, we'll discover what would happen without sharks and take a closer look at Puget Sound's prehistoric sixgill sharks. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **RSVP required** for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program at 425-452-4195 or lcvc@bellevuewa.gov. Indoor program.



STEP SOFTLY MOUNTAIN GOATS

March 8, , March 14, March 21, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Mountain goats are lovable icons of the Cascade Mountains, but when it comes to visiting new environments, even our sure-footed friends can have an impact. Join a park ranger to learn more about mountain goats and step into their hooves to find out how we can follow leave no trace principles when visiting the subalpine environment. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **RSVP required** for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the program at lcvc@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195. Indoor/outdoor program.



TODDLER TRAILS

Fridays, March 13, April 10, 10-11 a.m

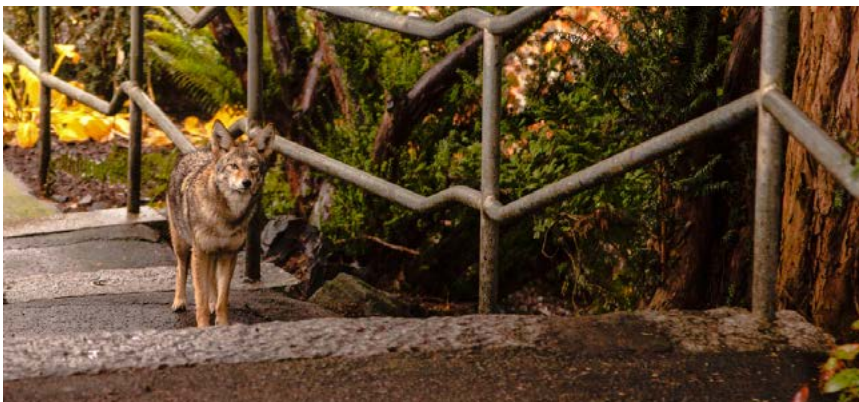


Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a park ranger and get out some wiggles on select Fridays. We'll make frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park we wander through and learn how nature can be fun for all ages. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months-3 years with accompanying adult(s). This hike's difficulty is rated as very easy (.5 miles). **RSVP required** for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program at 425-452-4195 or lcvc@bellevuewa.gov. Outdoor program.

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE: NOT SO COY COYOTES

Sunday, March 15, 2-3 p.m.

So...there's a coyote in the yard. Should I be worried? Nope, but there are definitely some tips and tricks to keep this fascinating urban creature as wild as possible. Join us to learn how! **Ages:** This program is best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **No registration required.** Indoor program.



STORY TIME: NATURE'S YUCKY!

Friday, April 3, choose one: 11 a.m.-noon OR 1:30-2:30 p.m



Look, listen, and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Sometimes the things we discover about nature can gross us out, but in this story time we'll discover that even the strangest things in nature have a purpose!

Ages: Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s).

RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program at 425-452-4195 or lcvc@bellevuewa.gov. Indoor program.

APRIL'S SHOWERS MAKE...WATERSHEDS?

Sunday, April 5, April 25, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

We know that April means rain showers, but what happens after the rain falls? Join a park ranger to learn the ins and outs of watersheds and the important role part they play in our lives. We'll start our own mini rain showers and then discuss different ways we can help our watersheds. Indoor/outdoor program. **RSVP required** for children and adults by 4 p.m. the Friday before the program at 425-452-4195 or lcvc@bellevuewa.gov. Indoor/outdoor program.



FROG HOP!

Friday, April 24, 8 – 9:30 p.m.



One of the earliest sounds of spring is the constant rib-bit song of frogs. Learn about the amazing life cycle of these amphibians, as well as which species of frogs 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! **Pre-registration required** for children and adults at register.bellevuewa.gov. **Ages:** 5 and up. **Cost:** Free. Indoor/outdoor program.

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE: THERE'S A BEAR IN THE YARD!

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

Springtime in south Bellevue means roaming bears. Learn all about black bears in our area...including how to prevent conflicts in your neighborhood, and what to do if you see one! **Ages:** This program is best for adults. **Cost:** Free! No registration required. Indoor program.



Visitor Centers



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

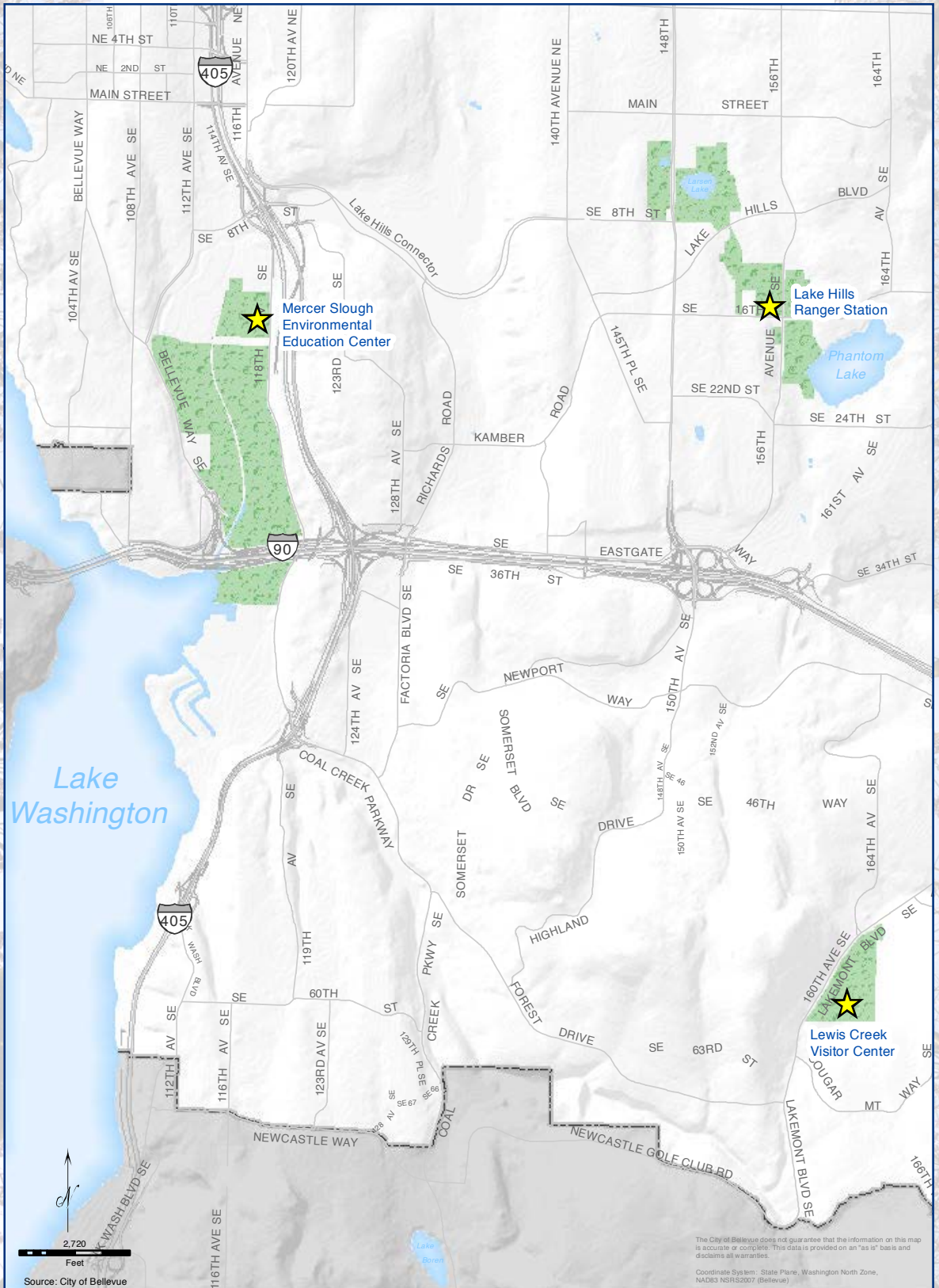


***Lake Hills Greenbelt
Ranger Station***
425-452-6993
15416 SE 16 Street
(15500 SE 16 Street:
Parking Location)



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

Visitor Center Locations



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Coordinate System: State Plane, Washington North Zone, NAD83 NSRS2007 (Bellevue)

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