

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services
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MAY 2019

- May 2** **Garden Class: Pruning: Hackables, Shearables, and Untouchables,**
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
There are some plants that are cut to the ground each year. When you barely touch others, all chaos breaks loose. Find out which ones are which, as well as which plants are appropriately sheared every year. Learn how to prune butterfly bush, lavatera, heather, lavender, rockrose, and witch hazel. Taught by Anna Moore from Plant Amnesty. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and Plant Amnesty members; \$35/non-members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 3** **Tag-A-Long Tour,** 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Rise and shine! Adult and child teams will get a sneak peek at Kelsey Creek Farm life as they help the farmers with their morning chores. Help us prepare the animals' meals, make sure they have fresh water, and clean their stalls. After all that hard work, we'll reward ourselves with a farm-themed snack. Adult/child teams only; a team is one adult and one child. **Ages:** 3-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1921251.
- May 3** **Lewis Creek Story Time: "Feathered Friends"**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Flock together for May's story time as we read two fun books. We'll learn all the different shapes, sizes and colors birds come in before taking a close look as a family of chicks grow up and discover the world. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 3-11** **"Bobby's World of Adventure" (Bellevue Youth Theatre play),**
May 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m.;
May 5 and 11 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
What if you suddenly work up to find yourself in an entirely new world where the characters you read about were not what you thought? Piecing together the clues, Bobby must quickly figure out how to return home before being trapped forever. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.

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- May 4** **Eastside Fuchsia Society Show and Plant Sale**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Shop for fuchsia starts at this popular annual plant sale. **Cost:** Open to the public; no admission fee. **Info:** <http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com/dates.htm>
- May 4** **The 2019 Great SBCC Challenge**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center hosts this unique event where teams of three to five people compete in a series of fun challenges requiring athleticism for physical feats, smarts for mental tasks, and artistic abilities for creative endeavors. The team who successfully completes the challenges in the allotted time while earning the most points will be crowned the winner. Twists and turns can throw off the most talented, so beware! Each team must have one adult and child. Teams that register by April 17 will receive event t-shirts. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** \$10/registrant. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuwa.gov>, course 1902349. **Info:** 425-452-4240.
- May 4** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a 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. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 5** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park 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 will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuwa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- May 5** **Who's that Bird?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fly in this month to learn the who's who and what's what of our local bird species. We'll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- May 10** **Sensational Squirrels**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Who knew such a small animal could have such a big personality? As one of the area's most commonly-observed critters, the squirrel evokes many different emotions in those who come across them. We'll discuss the species present in our forests and backyards, and learn all about this adaptive animal. Join us for a fun time and a craft! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- May 10** **Toddler Trails**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a Park Ranger, and get out some wiggles on select Fridays this summer. We'll take frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park as we wander through. We'll learn how we can make hiking fun for everyone. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Distance:** Approximately a half mile. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 10** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- May 11** **World Migratory Bird Day Bash**, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Each year over 81 countries all over the globe come together to celebrate our wonderful migratory birds during World Migratory Bird Day. Flock to the park to celebrate this very special event where Park Rangers will lead drop-in programs throughout the morning. You can browse for birds during a Ranger-led hike, fly through the dangers of migration during a fun migration game, and create crafts for bird-friendly communities. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** This jubilee is fun for all ages. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- May 11** **Family Fun – Tea Time with Mommy and Me**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Come to our tea party dressed up in your party attire! Mommy and child will have fun together making art, nibbling on snacks, listening to stories and singing! **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1902683.
- May 12** **Mother’s Day at the Garden**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Celebrate this special day with your favorite Mom by bringing her to the beautiful Bellevue Botanical Garden! Live music, posy-making for Mom, ballroom dancing demonstration, Plein Air artists, refreshments at Copper Kettle Coffee Bar, and shopping at the Trillium Store will take place throughout the day. **Cost:** Free admission; open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/event/mothers-day-at-the-garden-2019/>
- May 12** **Mom and Me Play with Pigs and Ponies**, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Join us with your child for a fun Mother’s Day activity at Kelsey Creek Farm. Each child will get to feed a pig, go on a pony ride, and make a farm-themed craft to take home. Your child will also help us prepare a fun Mother’s Day surprise! Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 4-8 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course #1900801.
- May 12** **Creekside Caddisflies**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Have you seen a dragonfly nymph’s jaws snatch a tasty snack as it crawls along the creek bed, or a caddisfly snuggled up in its woven case? Find out all about these critters and what they tell us about Lewis Creek as we take samples and dive deeper into what we find. Please dress for the weather and wear clothes you don’t mind getting a bit wet. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 9 to 13 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for youth and adult participants by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 13-19** **National Public Gardens Week**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
A variety of events will take place at the Garden throughout the week. Check our calendar for developing details at <https://bellevuebotanical.org/events/>

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- May 15** **BBGS Lecture: The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration from Chanticleer**, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This lecture is presented by Dan Benarcik, Horticulturist at Chanticleer and co-author of *The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration and Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer*. Unlike many public gardens that seek to educate through plant labels and collections, Chanticleer in Wayne, PA is about innovation. Dan will give us a sumptuous pictorial tour of one of the most famous gardens in the world. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 17** **Garden Class: Mindfulness in the Garden**, 10:30 a.m. - noon
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
While we stroll slowly through the vibrant Spring Garden, we will focus on opening our senses and deepening our connection to nature, allowing ourselves to fully engage and awaken to the combined healing power of nature and present awareness. Utilizing elements of Mindfulness Meditation and Shinrin-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing), we will cleanse our mind, body and spirit while tuning in to our deepest Felt Sense, creating a feeling of inner spaciousness and stillness. Class leaders Psychotherapist Deborah Wilk, LMFT, and Naturopathic Physician Jessica Hancock, ND, are from Mindful in the Wild. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 17** **Story Time on the Farm**, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
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- May 17** **Story and a Stroll: “When Rain Falls”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
When rain falls, we scurry indoors. But what about all those animals in the forests and fields? Journey from your neighborhood to the woods and wetlands of Mercer Slough after enjoying this engaging story of animal habitats. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- May 17** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We'll learn all about our Northwest bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites to forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1902082. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 17-26** **“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” (Bellevue Youth Theatre play)**,
May 17, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m.;
May 19, 25 and 26 at 2 p.m.
Bellevue Youth Theatre, 16051 NE 10th Street
Join us for Shakespeare’s journey into a world of fairies and mystery. This play, the most popular of his work, comes to life at the Bellevue Youth Theatre. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** \$15. All seats are reserved. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- May 18-19** **Chinese Floral Art Exhibit**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Members of the Hua Yuan School of Chinese Floral Art create exquisite floral arrangement displays, on view all weekend in the Gathering Place at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. **Cost:** Free admission; open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 18** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- May 18** **Chinese Tea and Culture Presentation**, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Enjoy Chinese cultural and arts presentations while learning about Chinese tea. Taste traditional tea and learn about the tea plant. **Cost:** Free admission; open to the public. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- May 18** **American Crow: The “Feathered Ape?”** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Do crows “talk” to each other? Can they distinguish peoples’ faces? Where can you see a nightly “river of crows”? Learn about the surprisingly smart American Crow, selected as the Species of the Year for Bellevue Parks. Join the Master Naturalists for a slideshow, activity or game, and a crow-inspired habitat walk around Lewis Creek Park. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adult participants by 4 p.m. the day before the program. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- May 19** **Garden Class: Ferns for All,** 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by George Lasch. Ferns are ancient and overlooked – despite being everywhere. George will have a list of the best ones and maybe a few to avoid. He will also touch on fern propagation and on the recent popularity of the fern-focused stumpery. Slides and handouts will start the class, followed by a walk and talk in the Garden to appreciate how ferns are used in the landscape. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- May 19** **Living with Wildlife – Crouching Bobcats,** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
How 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. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 23** **Garden Class: Irises for Every Garden,** 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This workshop will be taught by Daniel Mount. Learn about the many different irises available to gardeners today! After a short introductory session, we will walk through the NPA Border, observing irises for wet and dry situations and learning how to cultivate, propagate and care for these plants. There will be irises from the Border available for purchase at the end of the class. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>

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- May 25** **Who's that Bird?** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Fly in this month to learn the who's who and what's what of our local bird species. We'll learn about some new friends, and participants will choose their favorite for an art piece to be displayed at Lewis Creek Visitor Center. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 25** **Evening Wildlife: An Owl Prowl!** 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
When darkness falls, nocturnal animals are just waking up! From bats to owls in the air, and raccoons to coyotes on the ground, the night is ever so active! Discover which of these creatures live in Bellevue, and come listen for them in a special Ranger-led night hike! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- May 26** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Highlands Open Space,** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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. Groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 3.5 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (680 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- May 27** **Holiday Farm Tour: Memorial Day,** 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
If you've always wanted a tour of the farm to meet our resident farm animals, this is your opportunity! You will get to meet our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, and even pet some of them, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:**
KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1902118.
- May 31** **Movies at Mercer Slough: "Winged Migration"** 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Enjoy the natural world as you fly along with some of the world's most amazing birds. This awe-inspiring film takes you to 40 different countries on each of the seven continents to capture a wide variety of bird migrations. Together, the experts, cinematographers and pilots lead you on a rare journey to follow these birds from a variety of unique perspectives. We'll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 1** **The Seattle Garden Club Flower Show: Nature's Poetry**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Join us in celebration of the beauty of nature. Explore exhibits showcasing floral design, horticulture, photography, and conservation. The Seattle Garden Club aims to encourage and assist in civic beautifications as well as charitable, scientific, and educational activities. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.seattlegardenclub.org/public-events/>
- June 1** **Hop into Spring**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Bunnies love Spring because the carrots are growing everywhere! Your child will get to meet our adorable bunnies, go on a pony ride, do a bunny-themed craft, and find out what's growing in the garden. Adult/child teams only. A team is one child and one adult. **Ages:** 3-6 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1902122.
- June 1** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a 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. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 2** **Family-Friendly Ranger Hike**, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., rain or shine
Meet at: Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Bring the whole family to join a Park 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 will be able to continue on to further explore the rich diversity the park has to offer. **Distance:** 1.5+ miles. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (30 feet elevation change). **Ages:** Family event; all ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 7** **Tag-A-Long Tour, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Rise and shine! Adult and child teams will get a sneak peek at Kelsey Creek Farm life as they help the farmers with their morning chores. Help us prepare the animals' meals, make sure they have fresh water, and clean their stalls. After all that hard work, we'll reward ourselves with a farm-themed snack. Adult/child teams only; a team is one adult and one child. **Ages:** 3-5 years old. **Cost:** \$30/resident and \$35/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921252.
- June 7** **All about Amphibians, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Ribbit! Ever wonder about the incredible chorus of frogs heard on warm evenings, or maybe even the sleek salamanders that find refuge under logs and leaves? Learn all you need to know about the amphibians that inhabit our natural spaces, take home a fun craft, and head out on a park ranger-led walk for a chance to spy a few! **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.
- June 7** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “Beautiful Buzzing Bees”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! When Mason meets a native bee for the first time, he learns why they're amazing and that bees need his help! Discover how you can be a bee's superhero too, just in time for National Pollinator Week. This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- June 8** **8th Annual Lake to Lake Bike Ride, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Robinswood Park, 14915 SE 22nd Street
Enjoy a non-competitive, recreational ride for the whole family. The ride has two unique loops – the mostly flat, nine-mile Greenbelt Loop, and the Lake Loop, which is a more challenging 22-mile route. Routes are approximately 80% on-road and 20% off-road gravel. The routes take riders to and through Bellevue's award-winning park system, exploring hidden treasures of Bellevue. All participants will receive a custom “buff,” and there will be goodies at the post-ride fest. **Ages:** Main ride is recommended for ages 9 and older. Kids under 9 out on the course should be on a trailer, tagalong or tandem. New in 2019 is a kids ride in the park for children under age 8, at 12:15. **Cost:** \$15 if pre-registered or \$20 on day of event, if space is available (registration begins at 8 a.m.). **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for activity code 1902424. **Info:** bikeride@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4882.
Social media: #coblk2lk
Web page: <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/lake-to-lake-bike-ride>

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- June 8** **Bugs, Beetles and Worms – OH MY!** 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24th Street
Parent and child go “buggy” together into the fascinating world of creepy crawly creatures. Join us for crafts, music, snacks and a good time. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$21/resident and \$26/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** NWAC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4106, course 1902691.
- June 8** **Garden Class: The Smartphone Gardener,** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by David E. Perry. Choose to attend either the lecture or the lecture and workshop. **Lecture** (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) – Author/photographer David E. Perry demonstrates the amazing potential of smartphone cameras. **Workshop** (12 p.m. to 4 p.m.) – Practice what you’ve just learned in the morning lecture and expand on it in this hands-on workshop with individual and small group help from David. **Cost for both Lecture and Workshop:** \$65 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$85/non-BBGS members. **Cost for Lecture only:** \$10 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 8** **Family Discovery Series: Who Let the Bugs Out?** 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
We can find insects in almost every habitat, yet insects are underappreciated for their role in the food web. Without insects to help break down and dispose of wastes, dead animals and plants would accumulate in our environment. Other animals rely on insects as their primary food source. Without them, they would starve. Join a Park Ranger for a nature walk in search of bugs. Enjoy some hands-on activities and crafts as well. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5-10 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 8** **Frog Hop!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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 the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join a Park Ranger to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- June 11** **Washington Native Plant Society Lecture: Butterflies and Garden Habitat,**
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
With Julie O’Donald. Meet some of the butterflies found in the Puget Sound Lowlands. Learn the best native flowering shrubs and wildflowers for attracting butterflies. Julie will also cover practices that help butterflies survive throughout the year and in all stages of their life cycle. Be part of the garden connection needed to keep butterflies in our neighborhoods. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <https://www.wnps.org/events>
- June 14** **Story Time on the Farm, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come enjoy story time in a farm setting. Each story session will involve a different farm animal-related theme and will include a visit by one of our resident farm animals. The stories will come alive for children as they see the featured animal characters from the stories in real life. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and doors close when the program begins. **Ages:** 3-6 years old; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- June 14** **Evening Nature Walk, 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a Bellevue Park Ranger for a (grown-ups only) hike where we’ll explore some of the park’s nocturnal species, as well as strategies for seeing these shy animals at night. Please bring a flashlight or headlamp, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** This program is for adults. **Distance:** Approximately one mile. **Level of Difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. To register: <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course 1902087. **Info:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- June 15** **A Day of Play with Dad, 8:30 a.m. - noon**
South Bellevue Community Center, 14509 SE Newport Way
South Bellevue Community Center hosts an event that celebrates Father’s Day by inviting Dad to a delicious pancake breakfast, then challenges him to fun family adventures that include the SBCC climbing wall, outdoor scavenger hunt, Bellevue Challenge Course and disc golf! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** \$8/registrant 4 years and older; free for ages 3 and under. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov>, course 1902328. **Info:** 425-452-4240.

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- June 15** **Garden Class: Summer Dry Gardening in the Pacific NW**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Jason Jorgensen. We will cover an introduction to our Pacific NW climate, summer dry gardening history and inspiration, suitable plan choices, planting techniques, and gardens of inspiration. Hands-on practice to follow. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 15** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- June 19** **Garden Class: How to Prune and Renovate the Overgrown Garden**,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This workshop will be taught by Shawna van Nimwegen. This is one of Plant Amnesty’s most popular classes, because we have all seen landscapes that are overrun and seemingly beyond control. In this class, you will learn about the different types of cuts that you should (and shouldn’t) make, including topping, shearing, and undoing past horrors. Come to the class and earn credit toward your Master Pruner Certificate and/or WSNLA CEUs. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 21** **Story and a Stroll: “A Log’s Life”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
This book introduces young readers to the life cycle of a tree, inspiring them to look at logs in their own backyards. After the story, head out with a Park Ranger to investigate some fallen logs on the forest floor of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.

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- June 22** **Garden Class: Ethnobotanical Sketchbook**, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Dorota Haber-Lehigh. Explore creative and meditative ways to draw and learn about native forest plants. Connect with nature through careful observation and study of native plants and through keeping an ethnobotanical sketchbook. We will begin with loose and meditative sketching exercises, then practice creating a personal sketchbook page combining sketches, ethnobotanical information and reflections. The class will include a short presentation on a few native plants and their historical uses as well as ecological significance. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- June 23** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lakemont Community Park**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Meet at: Lakemont Community Park, 5170 Village Park Drive SE
This lovely trail winds alongside a creek as we ascend and descend throughout the park. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. For groups of 10 or more, please call. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (700 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- June 27-29** **Vintage and Collectables Sale**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
This sale will feature both old and new, from antiques to mid-century modern and beyond. Proceeds from the sale will benefit our educational programs for both children and adults. **Cost:** Free admission; open to the public. Costs vary for items for sale. **Info:** <https://bellevuebotanical.org/vintage-collectables-sale/>
- June 28** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Learning to See the World of Insects,”**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Insects are everywhere. They are by far the most common animals on our planet. In fact, more than 1.5 million species have been named. Yet there are many more to be discovered. Enjoy one man’s transformational journey as he immerses himself into the world of the Amazon’s strangest creatures. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 29** **Evening Wildlife: Great Blue Herons**, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16th Street
Did you know that Bellevue is home to great blue heron rookery? These patient fishers can be seen all year round in our lakes and streams. Come learn about what makes a wetland such a magnificent home for these long-legged birds. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** 425-452-6993.

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- June 30** **Summer Science: Water You Know**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Join a Park Ranger for this new summer pre-teen program to investigate the water of the Mercer Slough and learn more about what factors influence the quality. This inquiry-based program involves observation, critical thinking, and hands-on learning with chemical water testing kits to be used at various locations within the nature park. **Ages:** Best for children ages 10-13 years old. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- June 30** **Frog Hop!** 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
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 the kinds of frogs that live in Western Washington. Then join a Park Ranger to explore Lewis Creek using your ears to guide the way. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5 to 10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- July 4** **Bellevue’s Family 4th – presented by The Bellevue Collection,**
2 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Celebrate our nation's birthday with friends and family in Bellevue Downtown Park at the Eastside's largest 4th of July event! Enjoy live music, children's activities and entertainment, inflatable rides, a variety of foods at the Outdoor Food Court, and enjoy the park! The evening concludes with a spectacular fireworks show synchronized to a live performance by the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra at 10:05 p.m. Bring a flashlight for safety. Free event parking is available at The Bellevue Collection after 6 p.m. (Bellevue Place, Lincoln Square, and Bellevue Square). **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free admission! Costs vary for food and activities. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-453-1223 or <https://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/family-4th>
- July 5** **Lewis Creek Story Time: “The Hiding Tree”**
Two sessions, choose one – 11 a.m. –noon OR 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Look, listen and create during an hour of stories and crafts! Dive in for a closer look at the role trees play in hiding all sorts of forest critters during this story time. We’ll read about smallest beetles to the great horned owl that call hiding places in trees “home.” This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 3-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.
- July 6** **Ranger-Led Hike at Lewis Creek Park, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join a 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. **Distance:** Approximately 1 mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy (50 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 7** **Street Smart Raccoons, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Finding masked bandits in your garbage can be startling, but there’s no need to be afraid! Come learn more about our problem-solving neighborhood raccoons and how they’ve learned to navigate our urban environments. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- July 9** **Space Dog from Planet K-9 Show**, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Robinswood Park, 2432 148th Avenue SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents a fabulous performance by Eric Ode. It is a fun space adventure when Benjamin D Dog pretends to be a space alien who has crash landed his cardboard spaceship on Earth. Can he get back to Planet K-9? **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 9** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Hotel Transylvania”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. [See web page for more information.](#) **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 12** **Toddler Trails**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Explore the trails at Lewis Creek Park with a park ranger and get out some wiggles on select Fridays this summer. We’ll take frequent stops while we investigate the different environments of Lewis Creek Park as we wander through and learn how we can make hiking fun for everyone. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 18 months to 3 years with accompanying adult(s). **Distance:** Approximately a half mile. **Level of difficulty:** Easy. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 13** **Wilderness Tea Party**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Join us for a tea party where you never know what new friends you’ll make! Learn who lives in our forests, and listen to the sounds of nature as we sip beneath the trees. Wear that dress or tie that you don’t mind getting a bit dirty, and sip on a selection of decaffeinated teas. This is an outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 4-7 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- July 13** **Eat or Be Eaten**, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Predator and Prey relationships are essential to creating a healthy and balanced ecosystem. The Mercer Slough Nature Park is home to many creatures, both predator and prey. Join a Park Ranger to learn more about these critical interactions and enjoy some fun activities and crafts. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 14** **Ranger-Led Hike at Coal Creek Natural Area**, 10:30 a.m. – noon
Meet at: Cinder Mine Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Course Road, west of Redtown Trailhead)
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. **Distance:** Approximately 2 miles. **Level of difficulty:** Moderately difficult (240 feet elevation change). **Ages:** All ages welcome; we encourage families to join us! **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 16** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “A Dog’s Way Home”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. [See web page for more information.](#) **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 17** **Evening Summer Farm Tour**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921181.

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- July 17** **Garden Class: Basic Tree Pruning, including Fruit Trees and Japanese Maples**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Ingela Wanerstand from Plan Amnesty. This class will cover basic cuts and tree physiology, followed by some basics on fruit trees and Japanese maples. Learn how to approach and look at some of your favorite trees, how to encourage or slow growth, and how to know when to put the pruners down and appreciate their natural beauty. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 19** **Story and a Stroll: “Under One Rock”** 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
Have you ever peeked under a rock? A whole community of creatures lives there! One of the world’s most fascinating habitats is right at your feet. After the story, venture out with a Park Ranger to uncover some rocks and investigate these hidden creatures. **Ages:** Best for 3-6 years. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 19** **Batty Nights at Lewis Creek Park**, 8:30 p.m. –10 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Come test your echolocation with a Park Ranger. We’ll learn all about our Northwest bat species before taking a dusk hike to watch for bats as they leave their roosting sites to forage for insects! Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as sturdy shoes for the journey. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for children ages 5 years and older with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required for children and adults. **To register:** <https://register.bellevuewa.gov> for course 1902083. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 20** **Fraser Cabin Heritage Program**, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130th Place SE
The Fraser Cabin, built in 1888, comes to life with hands-on activities that relate to 1880s settler life. This program is presented by the Eastside Heritage Center in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** www.eastsideheritagecenter.org or 425-450-1049.
- July 20** **Street Smart Raccoons**, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Finding masked bandits in your garbage can be startling, but there’s no need to be afraid! Come learn more about our problem-solving neighborhood raccoons and how they’ve learned to navigate our urban environments. This is an indoor/outdoor program. **Ages:** Best for ages 5-10 with accompanying adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** RSVP required for children and adults. **Info and to RSVP:** LCVC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4195.

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- July 21** **Living with Wildlife – Backyard Bats**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE
Washington is home to 15 species of bats! Every fall these bats find a place to hibernate, hopefully avoiding human structures in their search. Find out which species live in Bellevue and how to prevent your home from becoming a bat cave! This is an indoor program. **Ages:** Best for adults, but ages 13 years and older are welcome with accompany adult(s). **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- July 23** **Alien Invasion Concert**, 11 a.m. – noon
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Amphitheatre, 410 130th Place SE
Bellevue Friends of the Library, in partnership with Bellevue Parks & Community Services, presents entertainer Rick Huddle – storyteller, dancer, and musician. Little blue creatures are coming to take over our planet and eat all of our pizza! Join us for a mini-musical with songs, comedy and puppets! **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688.
- July 23** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “Smallfoot”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
Join us at Bellevue’s Downtown Park for Downtown Movies in the Park, presented by Charles Schwab and Viome. Enjoy free popcorn and watch family-friendly movies on a giant 40-foot inflatable screen. This annual movie series runs for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings throughout July and August, with each movie preceded by an hour of pre-movie activities and entertainment for all ages. Every movie features a local non-profit organization. Movie-goers are encouraged to bring items on the non-profit’s wish list to support their cause. [See web page for more information.](#) **Ages:** All ages; movie is rated PG. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** outdoormovies@bellevuewa.gov, 425-452-4240, or <https://parks.bellevuewa.gov/special-events/outdoor-movies/downtown-movies-in-the-park/>
- July 24** **Evening Summer Farm Tour**, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Kelsey Creek Farm Park, Education Barn, 410 130th Place SE
Come spend a warm summer evening learning about Kelsey Creek Farm and meeting our resident animals. Visit with our ponies, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits, all while discovering what it takes to be a farmer. Each person who attends the tour must register and pay. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Ages:** 2 years and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$8/resident and \$10/non-resident per person. **Pre-registration:** Pre-register to guarantee your spot. Day-of registration will be accepted if space allows. **Info and to register:** KelseyCreekFarm@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-7688, course 1921182.

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- July 26** **Movies at Mercer Slough: “Clash Encounters of Bears and Wolves”**
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118th Avenue SE
In this documentary the grizzly and the wolf, two fierce competitors, test their strategies for survival. In a complex and vast region such as Yellowstone National Park, where predators, scavengers and opportunists fight to survive, each one plays a vital role. We’ll provide the popcorn! **Ages:** All ages welcome, but best for 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Please RSVP. **Info and to RSVP:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-2565.
- July 27** **Garden Class: Watercolor – Birds of the West, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street
Taught by Molly Hashimoto. Learn how to sketch and paint birds in watercolor and gouache in this fun workshop designed for all levels. We’ll use pencils to draw and to establish good proportions, and then add watercolor and gouache to finish our sketches in full color, working on high quality watercolor paper as well as toned paper. As we work, you’ll learn about a wide variety of bird habitats and where to go to see the colorful and remarkable birds of the west. Supplies included. **Cost:** \$45 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$55/non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/>
- July 30** **Downtown Movies in the Park: “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World”**
Free popcorn and entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.; movie begins at dusk.
Bellevue Downtown Park, 10201 NE 4th Street
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