

Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program



Fall Drop-in Work Parties

Lend a hand keeping Bellingham Parks green Saturdays this fall. We provide the gloves, tools and direction.

Whatcom Creek Trail September 26th 9am-noon

Join the Bellingham Kiwanis on the Whatcom Creek Trail behind City Hall. The club holds regular work parties at the site, removing invasive plants & mulching. Park in the City Hall lot between Grand & Commercial.



Squalicum Creek Park October 3rd 10am-noon

Help the new urban forest on the hillside by shearing and mulching around the newly planted trees. Park in the parking lot off Squalicum Parkway across from West Street or take the bus WTA #10 to Birchwood Park and follow the trail to the park.



South Bay Trail October 3rd 1pm-3pm

Join Village Books staff as they continue to improve the wildlife habitat along the trail by removing invasive species. Park in Fairhaven, catch the trail at 10th & Mill and walk to site or take the WTA #401 bus to Boulevard Park and follow the trail towards Fairhaven.



Bloedel Donovan Park October 10th 10am-noon

Lend a hand with phase II planting of the watershed demonstration garden at Bloedel Donovan Park. Park in the lot off Electric Ave or take the WTA #525 bus.



Padden Creek Trail at 6th Street October 10th 1pm-3pm

Help remove invasive plants and plant natives to improve wildlife habitat along this trail. Head west on Harris Street then turn left on 6th. Park on the street right-of-way and look for our work party signs at the northeast intersection of the Padden Creek Trail & 6th Street or take the WTA bus #401 to the Fairhaven Station.



Connelly Creek at Happy Valley Park October 17th 9am-noon

Join the Parks Volunteer Program & Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) as we work to improve wildlife habitat by removing invasive plants, replacing them with native vegetation and mulching. Park on the west end of the Food Pavilion parking lot; follow signs west along Fairhaven Pkwy.



Whatcom Creek Trail October 31st 9am-noon

We will join forces with NSEA and you to improve wildlife habitat along this new trail by removing invasive plants, planting native vegetation and mulching around the new plantings. Enter new trail where Meador Street cross Lincoln Street, just west of the freeway underpass. Watch for parking signs.

Woodstock Farm November 7th 10am-noon

Come enjoy this unique historical site while helping to keep it beautiful and wildlife



friendly by planting native vegetation where invasive plants have been removed. There is no parking on site; park at the North Chuckanut trail head and take the van/shuttle to Woodstock Farm.

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Racine Trail November 21st 9am-noon

Help restore the wetland long the Racine Trail by planting native vegetation to improve wildlife habitat. The Parks Volunteer Program and NSEA are joining forces with you to improve this popular trail connector to the Whatcom Creek Trail! Park in the lot at the corner of Frasier and Puget Streets; follow the signs east to the Racine Trail.



Special Events

Make a Difference Day

October 24th ~ 9am-noon
Please sign up with the Whatcom Volunteer Center at 734-3055.

Memorial Park

Plant native shrubs at a restoration site with Park Steward, John Doop

Franklin Park

Help Park Steward Helen Jackson with laying a new gravel trail in an on-going effort by neighbors to improve this neighborhood park.

Squalicum Creek Park

Roll up your sleeves and plan to get dirty planting trees for an urban forest at this new park.

Arbor Day at Elizabeth Park

September 26th 10am-2pm

Celebrate the magnificent trees of Elizabeth Park on Arbor Day this fall.

- Take a guided walk of the park's trees with James Luce & John Wesselink
- Watch an arborist demonstrate tree climbing
 - Build a nesting box for native birds
 - Learn about an arborist's tools
 - Participate in children's activities

Partners: Bellingham Parks & Recreation, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, North Cascades Audubon Society, & Tree Keepers.

October is Urban Forestry Month

**Lunch Presentations
Tuesdays, 12 noon - 1 pm
Library Lecture Room**

Oct 6 ~ *Tree Pruning* by Paul Thompson
Arborea Consultants LLC

Oct 13 ~ *Forest Fragments* by James Luce
City of Bellingham Parks Arborist

Oct 20 ~ *Bellingham's Best Conifers: a photographic survey*
John Wesselink, tree taxonomist extraordinaire

For information about work parties, events or programs call Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program at 778-7105 or on line www.cob.org/government/public/volunteer/parks/index.aspx