



Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program

Summer Volunteer Opportunities and Events

Activities encompass removing non-native invasive species, mulching around native plants to reduce competition, improving wildlife habitat and increasing biodiversity on Greenway properties. *Gloves, tools, and leadership provided.*



🦋 Squalicum Nursery ~ Saturday, June 12th 10am – noon

Park in the Squalicum Creek Park parking lot off Squalicum Pkwy across from West St.

Wednesday Work Parties ~ 6:30-8:30pm

🦋 Happy Valley Park ~ June 16th

Park on the west end of the Market at Fairhaven parking lot, walk west along Fairhaven Pkwy & follow signs to site.

🦋 South Bay Trail ~ June 30th

Park in Fairhaven, catch the trail at 10th & Mill and walk to site: WTA Red Line.

🦋 Squalicum Creek Park ~ July 14th

Park in the Squalicum Creek Park parking lot off Squalicum Pkwy across from West St.

🦋 Padden Creek Trail at 6th St. ~ July 21st

Look for our work party signs at the northeast intersection of the Padden Creek Trail on 6th St. or take WTA bus #401.

🦋 Boulevard Park ~ June 28th

Park in the lower lot at Boulevard Park near the south end.

🦋 Squalicum Creek Park ~ August 4th

Park in the Squalicum Creek Park parking lot off Squalicum Pkwy across from West St.

Saturday Work Parties Big Rock Garden Park

All work parties are the last *Saturday* of each month, June through October, *10 am to noon.*

June 26th

July 31st

August 28th

September 25th

October 30th

Backyard Habitat & Native Flora Fair

May 8th ~ 10am-4pm
Fairhaven Village Green



Want to see more wildlife? Have fun learning how to create wildlife habitat in your own backyard. **Join the celebration** as Bellingham is certified as a **Wildlife Community Habitat** with National Wildlife Federation. Bellingham is the seventh community in Washington State to receive this honor and 37th in the nation.

Fair Activities:

- a native plant sale
- guided walks
- build a bird friendly nesting box
- activities for children
- information booths and displays on weeds, creating wildlife habitat and more

Sponsored by Bellingham Parks & Recreation, North Cascades Audubon Society, Komo Kulshan Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society For information: Rae Edwards at 778-7105 or Molly Porter at 714-0781



Sculpture Invitational

May 9th ~ 1-4pm
Big Rock Garden Park

You are invited to bring the whole family to the Mother's Day opening of the 2010 Big Rock Garden Park Sculpture Invitational. Featuring new works by five regional artists, who have shown exceptional dedication and commitment in helping to make Big Rock Garden Park a one-of-a-kind outdoor sculpture sanctuary. Come meet the artists, enjoy refreshments, and hear live music by the *End of the Road String Band*.

This event is free and open to all ages. Please park at Bloedel-Donovan Park and ride the free shuttle to the Big Rock Garden Park.

Regional Tree Climbing Championships

July 24th Elizabeth Park



Come celebrate trees! Bellingham Parks is hosting the 2010 PNW International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Regional TCC. Watch as Arborists from B.C., WA and OR gather to compete in tree climbing events using ropes. The I.S.A began competitions in 1976 as a way to promote safe working practices, demonstrate innovations in equipment and techniques, and provide industry recognition. Additional events of the day will give you the opportunity to ask local experts about selecting, planting, and caring for trees and pick up brochures identifying trees in local parks.

For more information, please call 778-7105 or visit our website at <http://www.cob.org/government/departments/parks/index.aspx>

