In a 2013 residential survey, the Bellingham Parks were listed by residents as one of the top reasons they enjoy living in Bellingham. Volunteers help enhance our 3,300 acres of park property and 70 miles of trails by removing invasive plant species, collecting litter, planting native plants and numerous other ways. When you volunteer your time as an individual or as part of a group, you help increase biodiversity in the ecosystem & improve habitat for urban wildlife.

**Ways to Volunteer**

**Attend a Work Party**

Work parties are a great way to learn more about Bellingham Parks and environmental stewardship. The Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program hosts work parties throughout the year and provides tools, gloves, and direction! Just show up to the work party dressed for the weather and we will help you get started on improving the ecosystem! For a list of upcoming work parties please click HERE. All ages are welcome, volunteers under the age of 18 will need to have a completed underage liability release form for each work party.

**Environmental Stewardship**

**Adopt a Trail**

Do you have a favorite section of trail? Help keep it looking good by becoming a trail adopter! Adopters perform duties such as litter pick up, clean up after storms, and restoration work along side the trail.

**Become a Park Steward**

Park Stewards are long term volunteers who act as environmental stewards for a park. Park stewards set their own hours and work with the support of the Bellingham Parks staff. For more information on becoming a Park Steward, click here.

**Volunteering for a Class**

Students looking to complete their volunteer hours for service learning, or as part of a class requirement should attend Saturday work parties. Parks Volunteer Program Staff attend every work party and will be happy to sign any paperwork after the work party.

**Court Mandated Community Service**

Those wishing to fulfill their hours for court mandated community service can volunteer for the Bellingham Parks. We offer drop-in work parties as a way to fulfill hours, please check our schedule for upcoming work parties. Upon sign-in at the work site, be sure to check the box that says “Court Comm. Service”. The Parks Volunteer Staff will be able to sign any necessary paperwork after the work party. Those under the age of 18 will need to be accompanied by an adult to their first work party and have a liability release form completed for each work party.

**Group Volunteering**

Group volunteering is a great way to build teamwork while positively impacting the community. Organizations, clubs, religious groups and businesses are encouraged to volunteer. Teachers, seeking volunteer opportunities for their students are also welcome. The Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program can organize a private work party, or your group can join a drop-in work party. Tools, gloves and directions are provided by the Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program. Please call to notify the Parks Volunteer Coordinator what work party your group plans to attend or to schedule your own. For a list of upcoming drop-in work parties please click here.

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