

Events

Night Quest

Nature at night is a magical experience. Wander down forest trails decorated with glowing animal lanterns and meet friendly forest creatures who will delight you with nature tales.

Register in advance for a designated entry time. Allow one hour to complete. Concession is cash only.

7513 Fri, Mar 21, 7 – 9:30 pm All ages 7520 Sat, Mar 22, 7 – 9:30 pm All ages PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK, Vancouver Presented with Pacific Spirit Park Society

Free Registration required

Enchanted Forest

The Enchanted Forest is a magical place

Where you can slow down to a snail's pace

Experience the forest in a wonderful new way

Sniff, sense, spot, spy, and even play Don't forget to look

for a mythical gnome
The forest is where she likes to roam
Plan for an hour of fun and come

dressed as a magical woodland creature.

Recommended for ages 2 – 10

Thu, Mar 27, 11 am – 2 pm **All ages**

ALDERGROVE REGIONAL PARK, Langley

Park at the main park entrance on 27240 8th Ave, Langley and follow signs to the Nature Discovery Area

Free

Critter Capers: Who's Crashing in My Tree Cavity?

Who's in chickadee's tree cavity? Solve the mystery by examining fur, saliva, and other evidence.

Allow at least one hour to complete.

Mon, Apr 21, noon – 3 pm All ages

BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK, Burnaby

Meet at Burnaby Lake Nature House, 4519 Piper Ave, Burnaby

Free

Goodbye Chums!

Kick start a salmon fry's journey to the ocean by releasing them into Kanaka Creek. Find out more about your watershed and how to keep it clean for salmon through engaging activities and a visit to the hatchery.

Sun, Apr 27, 11 am – 2 pm **All ages**

KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK, Maple Ridge

Park at 11484 256th St, Maple Ridge or take the free five-minute shuttle from Webster's Corner Elementary at 25554 Dewdney Trunk Rd, Maple Ridge

Presented with Kanaka Education & Environmental Partnership Society

Free

Wild Moms

Celebrate Mother's Day at the nature house with live music, puppet shows, crafts, and fun activities for the whole family. See a live raptor and learn how wild animal mothers take care of their families. Venture on a self-guided forest stroll. Pack a picnic to make it a full day.

Sun, May 11, 11 am – 2 pm **All ages**

CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK, Langley Park at 20285 8th Ave, Langley and follow signs to red barn

Free

Forest Fairy Gathering

Come play with us! Meet fairies who live unseen in the park and help build new homes for them with supplies from Gnome Depot. Fairy attire welcome.

Sat, May 17, 11 am – 3 pm **All ages**

BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK, Burnaby Meet at Burnaby Lake Nature House, 4519 Piper Ave, Burnaby

Free

Wilderness at Your Doorstep

Nature and history are woven into the landscape of this wilderness park. Enhance your knowledge of plants and animals of the backcountry and take away some practical tips on hiking safety.

Sun, May 25, 11 am – 3 pm **All ages**

LYNN HEADWATERS REGIONAL PARK, North Vancouver

Look for displays near Lynn Headwaters Visitor Centre, north end of Lynn Valley Rd, North Vancouver (Pay parking is in effect)

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Free



Metro Vancouver Metrotower III, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, BC, V5H 0C6

Be a Nature Explorer

Beaver Watch

Beavers are amazing creatures. Try to spot one as it goes about its nightly work.

7502 Fri, Mar 14, 6 – 7:30 pm Ages 6+

BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK, Burnaby

\$10 per adult, \$7.50 per adult 65+, \$5 per child/youth Registration required

Once Upon a Forest Trail



Combine story time with the benefits of nature and fresh air. Spend spring break strolling through field and forest as you follow pages from a storybook. The end of the book doesn't have to mean the end of your journey.

Continue your walk by choosing a short or longer path – it's up to you.

Check online for story titles as some may repeat: metrovancouver.org/events/ events-calendar

Wed, Mar 19, 10 am – 1 pm **All ages**

təmtəmíxwtən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK, Belcarra/Anmore/Port Moody

Start near the concession building at White Pine Beach (Pay parking is in effect)

Wed, Mar 19, 10 am – 1 pm **All ages**

BOUNDARY BAY REGIONAL PARK, Delta

Start near the concession building at Centennial Beach

Wed, Mar 26, 10 am – 1 pm **All ages**

, Xéxətəm REGIONAL PARK, Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam

Start at the community gardens

Wed, Mar 26, 10 am – 1 pm

All ages

DEAS ISLAND REGIONAL PARK, Delta

Start at Fisher's Field

Free Drop by any time

Lichen It!

Like fungus and algae? Find out how the two share one lichen body, why they're important, and how to identify local lichens on a forest stroll.

7511 Sat, Apr 5, 10 am – noon Ages 12+

CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK, Langley

Presented with Langley Environmental Partners Society

\$10 per adult, \$7.50 per adult 65+, \$5 per youth Registration required

Forest Bathing

Step into nature, take a deep breath of fresh forest air, and let your body relax. Awaken your senses and experience the Japanese practice of forest bathing in this park oasis.

7506 Sat, Apr 26, 9:30 am – noon Ages 18+

7563 Sat, Jun 21, 9:30 am – noon Ages 18+

PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK, Vancouver

7507 Sat, May 10, 9:30 am – noon Ages 18+

CAPILANO RIVER REGIONAL PARK, North Vancouver/West Vancouver

7564 Wed, Jun 4, 9:30 am – noon Ages 18+

təmtəmíxwtən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK, Belcarra/Anmore/Port Moody

\$15 per adult, \$11.25 per adult 65+ Registration required

The Science of Salamanders



Salamanders lead strange lives poised between water and land. Uncover their habitats, explore their diversity, and learn how Regional Parks staff work to protect them.

7532 Sat, Apr 26, 1:30 – 3:30 pm Ages 15+

təmtəmíx*tən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK, Belcarra/Anmore/Port Moody

\$10 per adult, \$7.50 per adult 65+, \$5 per youth Registration required

Nature Magic with Microscopes

Learn to use magnifiers and microscopes to reveal the tiny world living in the forest. Not only will you get an up-close look at mosses, bugs, and bark, but you'll likely never look at a forest the same way again.

7512 Sat, May 3, 10 am – noon Ages 5+

CAPILANO RIVER REGIONAL PARK, North Vancouver/West Vancouver

\$10 per adult, \$7.50 per adult 65+, \$5 per child/youth Registration required

May the Forest Be With You



Feel the force of the forest flow through you, enhancing your health and well-being. Reflect, sketch, and experience the forest through your senses on this guided journey.

7543 Sun, May 4, 1 – 3 pm **Ages 12+ DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK, Langley**

\$10 per adult, \$7.50 per adult 65+, \$5 per youth Registration required

Discover Dorman Point



Take a hike and enjoy the sights and sounds of spring on Bowen Island. This steep trail will reward you with wildflowers, arbutus trees, and lovely views of Howe Sound.

Dorman Point, Crippen Regional Park

7536 Fri, Jun 6, 9 am – noon Ages 18+

CRIPPEN REGIONAL PARK, Bowen Island

\$15 per adult, \$11.25 per adult 65+ Registration required

Pollinator Palooza



Pollinators love to mingle so help us and the City of Surrey celebrate the vital role of birds, bees, and butterflies in our survival. Join a grassland safari or show off your favourite costume in our pollinator parade. Make your own pollinator planter to create a buzzing outdoor space they'll love (while quantities last).

Sat, May 31, 1 – 3 pm **All ages**SURREY NATURE CENTRE, City of Surrey

Park at 14225 Green Timbers Way, Surrey

Sat, Jun 28, 1 – 3 pm **All ages CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK, Langley**Park at 20285 8th Ave, Langley and follow

Presented with City of Surrey, Surrey Parks

Free Drop by anytime

signs to red barn

Stewardship & Volunteering

Be part of a community that cares for regional parks. Volunteer for habitat restoration and other projects. Serve on a board of directors. Get involved and have fun.

Find more opportunities at metrovancouver.org (search "volunteer")

volunteer.info@metrovancouver.org

Beachkeepers

Looking to have fun and make a difference this summer? Volunteer as a Beachkeeper and gain experience in stewardship, public education, and scientific data collection. Applications due by May 23.

Weekends, June – Labour Day təmtəm(x**tən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK, Belcarra/Anmore/Port Moody

beachkeepers@metrovancouver.org

Ages 16+

Free

Ecological Restoration Team

Want to lend nature a helping hand and have fun at the same time? Join our ecological restoration team.

meetup.com/Regional-Parks-Connect-Metro-Vancouver

Ages 15+ Free





Partners' Corner

Kids in **Nature**

Salamander Searchers

They crawl through the woods and hide under logs.

They're long-toed or rough-skinned and related to frogs.

Discover these amazing amphibians that make təmtəmíxwtən/Belcarra Regional Park their home.

7531 Sat, Apr 26, 10 am – noon Ages 6 - 9

təmtəmixwtən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK, Belcarra/Anmore/Port Moody

\$5 per child **Registration required**

Presented by Regional Park Partners

CTS Youth Society: For Youth, By Youth

Connect with your natural environment, community, and each other through life-changing outdoor experiences. With summer camps, year-round events, volunteering opportunities, and group excursions, youth will develop leadership and social responsibility through learning and adventure in regional parks.

Ages 12 - 18

ctsyouthsociety.com

Discover Derby & Brae

Discover the rich wonders of Derby Reach and Brae Island regional parks in a series of walks and presentations by noted naturalists and historians.

Apr, May All ages **DERBY REACH & BRAE ISLAND REGIONAL PARKS, Langley**

Presented by Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association

Registration required: drbipa.org

Salmon Send-Off

Discover how salmon are raised in the hatchery and release baby salmon in the Serpentine River to begin their journey to the ocean.

Fundraising activities support hatchery operations (cash only please).

Sat, May 10, 11 am – 3 pm All ages

TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK, Surrey

Meet at the 96th Ave entrance by Tynehead Hatchery, Surrey

Presented by Serpentine **Enhancement Society**

Free

Drop by anytime

Coho Bon Voyage

Release coho salmon fry, see the fish hatchery, and discover the ecological importance of salmon.

Sun, Jun 8, 11 am – 2 pm All ages

CRIPPEN REGIONAL PARK, Bowen Island

Meet at Terminal Creek Hatchery, 15-minute walk from ferry, Bowen Island

bowenhatchery.org

Presented by Bowen Island Fish & Wildlife Club

Drop by anytime

Kanaka Creek Watershed **Stewardship Centre Open Houses**

Check out displays and presentations. Tour indoor and outdoor learning spaces including the Bell-Irving Hatchery, "roof to creek" stormwater management system, and wetlands. KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK,

11484 256th St, Maple Ridge Presented by Kanaka Education & **Environmental Partnership Society**

How the Mighty Have Pollen

Maple Ridge

Pollination is essential for ecological survival. Find out how it works, how the pollinators are rewarded, and who the pollinators are. Check out the pollinator garden and learn how you can encourage pollinators in your garden, including how to provide homes for mason bees.

Sun, Mar 16, 11 am – 2 pm All ages

Smolts on the Water

Learn about the needs, dangers, and challenges facing juvenile salmon as you release them to venture down the creek and out to the ocean. Find out how you can help them in their perilous journey.

Sun, May 25, 11 am – 2 pm All ages

Tweeting with the Songbirds

Discover the many different species of songbirds, their calls that enliven the forest, and natural attractants to bring them into your backyard.

Sun, Jun 22, 11 am - 2 pm All ages

Free

Drop by anytime

Birds

Piper Spit Bird Count

Whether you're just getting to know the birds in your backyard or are on the lookout for rarities, grab your binoculars and join a park interpreter to watch the seasonal changes of birds at Burnaby Lake.

7527 Tue, Mar 11, 9 – 11 am Ages 15+ 7528 Tue, Apr 8, 9 – 11 am **Ages 15+** 7529 Tue, May 13, 9 – 11 am Ages 15+ 7530 Tue, Jun 10, 9 – 11 am Ages 15+ BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK, Burnaby

Registration required

Birding for Beginners

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Birdwatching is a great way to connect to nature. Join a birding enthusiast to explore a park bursting with birdlife. Learn how to use binoculars, where to look for birds, and ways to start telling them apart.

7503 Sat, Apr 26, 8:30 – 11 am Ages 18+

IONA BEACH REGIONAL PARK, Richmond

\$15 per adult, \$11.25 per adult 65+ Registration required

Winged Woodworkers

Woodpeckers are essential home builders for many forest creatures. Learn more about these hammer heads of the forest and search for their excavations.

7556 Wed, May 14, 10 am - noon Ages 18+

TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK, Surrey

\$10 per adult, \$7.50 per adult 65+ Registration required

Sexy Songbirds www



Spring is alive with love songs and birds twittering to attract mates. Learn how these songs can help you identify birds, along with other beginner birding tips like observing shape, size, site, and season.

7550 Sat, May 24, 9 – 11 am Ages 12+

PITT RIVER REGIONAL GREENWAY, **Pitt Meadows**

\$10 per adult, \$7.50 per adult 65+, \$5 per youth **Registration required**

Owls in the Park

Discover owls of many different shapes and sizes and their owl-mazing adaptations from a knowledgeable park interpreter. Follow a self-guided trail to learn about the endangered northern spotted owl, its life cycle, and conservation. Meet a live owl!

Sat, Jun 7, 11 am – 1 pm All ages

TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK, Surrey

Meet at hatchery entrance at 16689 96 Ave, Surrey

Presented with Northern Spotted Owl **Breeding Program**

Drop by anytime

Visitor Centres

Staff and volunteers help you get the most out of your regional park visit.



Burnaby Lake Nature House

Stop in to see the latest photos in the showcase and take a stroll through the butterfly garden.

Weekends & statutory holidays

10 am – 4 pm

May 18 – Sept 1

BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK, Burnaby

4519 Piper Ave, Burnaby

metrovancouver.org

(search "Burnaby Lake Nature House")

Lynn Headwaters Visitor Centre

Frogs and cougars and bears, oh my! Stop by to find out about the wild things that inhabit this wilderness park.

Saturdays, 11 am – 3 pm

Jun 1 - Sept 21

LYNN HEADWATERS REGIONAL PARK, North Vancouver

North end of Lynn Valley Rd, North Vancouver (Pay parking is in effect)

Campbell Valley Nature House

Learn about the endangered barn owl and other animals that live in this park through interactive displays, crafts, and activities. Check out weekly guest displays and presentations.

Weekends & holiday Mondays, 10 am - 1 pm

May 17 – Sept 1

CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK, Langley

Park at 20285 8th Ave, Langley and follow signs to red barn

metrovancouver.org

(search "Campbell Valley Nature House")

Indigenous Tools

Learn from q́wɑːńλ̇̄əń (Kwantlen First Nation) Elder Karen Gabriel about some Indigenous tools used from past to present.

Sun, Jun 15 & Aug 17, 10 am – 1 pm **All ages**

Free

Drop by anytime

Escape the Nature House Ghost

A mysterious presence is haunting the nature house. Test your puzzle-solving skills as you race against time to figure out the ghost's identity. Allow 45 minutes to solve the mystery.

7537 Sat & Sun, select dates May 25 – Aug 30 Ages 10+

Free

Registration required (Register as a group of up to 6 people for a designated entry time)

Humans of Regional Parks D

A glimpse into Derby Reach Regional Park in Langley through the eyes of its visitors. For stories from other Metro Vancouver regional parks, visit metrovancouver.org (search "humans").





"In the dog [off-leash area] here, you have places where you can sit and let the dogs just roam around with other dogs, play, and have a lot of fun. They love it here. We come every day around this time. It's got a lot of shade, a lot of tables you can sit at. You can't ask for more."

"We all live in the same area near Walnut Grove. Not far. It's too hot to cook tonight, indoors anyway, so we're picnicking. This park is convenient. It's so close by. Tons of tables if you need them and a nice view of the river." "The kids like it. You don't have to find things for them to do here. They can just go off. It's a nice big area for them but we can still see them."

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks & Greenspace

Registration opens Wednesday, February 5.

Two easy ways to register

Online: metrovancouveronline.org

Call: 604-432-6359 (unless otherwise noted)

Fee categories: child (under 12), youth 12 – 17, adult 18+, adult 65+

Park maps, directions, & accessibility info

metrovancouver.org (search "parks")

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Metro Vancouver is a federation of 21 municipalities, one electoral area, and one treaty First Nation. It plans for and delivers regional utility services, including water, sewers and wastewater treatment, and solid waste management. It also regulates air quality, plans for urban growth, manages a regional parks system, provides affordable housing, and serves as a regional federation.

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Metro Vancouver regional parks are part of a larger system that includes regional park reserves, ecological conservancy areas, and greenways.

All of these places are located on the shared territories of many Indigenous peoples, including 10 local First Nations: qicəy (Katzie), qwa:nλən (Kwantlen), kwikwəλəm (Kwikwetlem), mathxwi (Matsqui), xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), qiqeyt (Qayqayt), Semiahmoo, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), scəwaθən məsteyəxw (Tsawwassen), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh).

These green spaces protect diverse natural landscapes and habitats spread out over BC's largest metropolitan area.

Field Trips & Tours

Connect with nature through our field trips and tours for schools, scouts, guides, and adult groups. Book a professional development workshop for teachers, educators, and group leaders.

metrovancouver.org (search "field trips")



Our Foundation

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of Metro Vancouver's regional parks.

For information or to make a donation, visit MVRPFoundation.ca





Nature Program Guide

Spring 2025

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Keep track of programs you are interested in!

