

Explore

Burnaby Parks & Natural Areas



Owl HOOT-enany

Friday, March 16, 2018, 7:30-9:30pm | Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park

Have you ever wondered who is out hunting at night in your local park? This is a unique opportunity to learn about our local owls and enjoy a brisk walk around Fraser Foreshore Park at dusk. Participants survey for owls, and if lucky, will hear and see some of them. Walk leader: Sofi Hindmarch

Approx. 3 km | Barcode: 463253 | \$5.00 per person

Early Spring

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 9am-12noon | Deer Lake Park

This tour circles the Deer Lake and the west meadows looking for signs of spring including great blue herons and songbirds. Some early migrants may have arrived, and most of our wintering and resident songbirds will be getting active for spring's arrival. Waterfowl will still be numerous on the lake. Walk leader: George Clulow

Approx. 5 km | Barcode: 461986 | \$5.00 per person

Raptor Watch

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9-11am | Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park

Come and join us for an early morning survey in search of nests and activity of our local raptors at Fraser Foreshore Park. As it's the beginning of the breeding season, raptor pairs will have found a nest site, with females laying or incubating eggs while the males are out hunting. Walk leader: Sofi Hindmarch

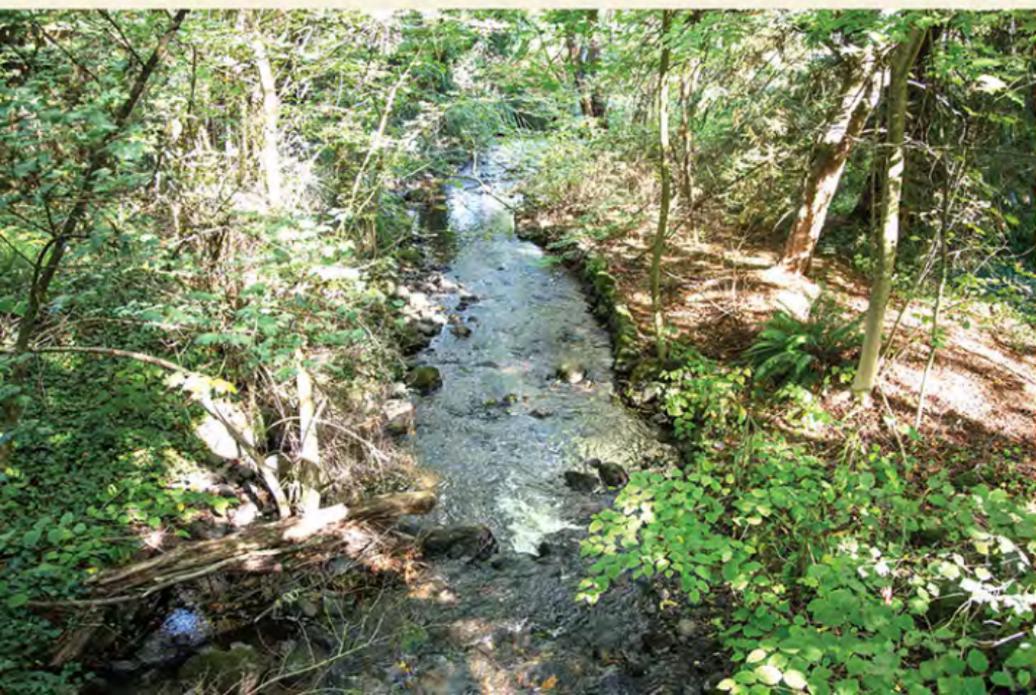
Approx. 3 km | Barcode: 463254 | \$5.00 per person

Discover Deer Lake Park

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 9-11am | Deer Lake Park

Learn about the past, present and future of the park and hear stories of the park's wildlife and wild plants, including special spots and secrets! Walk leader: Henry DeJong

Approx. 5 km | Barcode: 464015 | \$5.00 per person



Thriving Urban Wildlife

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 6-8pm | Central Park

Come on a guided walk in Central Park and look for tracks and traces of some of the magnificent wildlife that call Burnaby "home." Learn how coyotes, raccoons and owls all thrive in urban areas, and some tips to coexist with these wonderful creatures.

Walk leader: Greg Hart

Approx. 3 km | Barcode: 462442 | \$5.00 per person

Celebrating World Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 6-9am | Deer Lake Park

While it's true the early birds catch the worms, and in this case it's the early birders who catch the chorus. Participants listen for our feathered dawn choristers and learn who's who from their songs.

Walk leader: George Clulow

Approx. 3 km | Barcode: 461987 | \$5.00 per person

Spring Songbirds

Saturday, May 26, 2018, 8-11am | Burnaby Mnt. Conservation Area

Explore Burnaby Mountain's steeper north side's forests, taking in Pandora Trail, Nature Trail and Ridgeview Trail loop. With the spectacular scenic views that the mountain offers, we focus on spring bird migration in the forests. A moderate to good level of fitness is required. Walk leader: George Clulow

Approx. 6 km | Barcode: 461988 | \$5.00 per person

Bee Safari with Madame Beespeaker

Saturday, June 2, 2018, 10am-12noon | Burnaby Village Museum

Meet us at the museum and learn to identify a few of the 451 different species of native bees in BC. Get an up-close look at some of the non-stinging bees and other pollinators. Bring your camera! Walk leader: Lori Weidenhammer

Approx. 1 km | Barcode: 463255 | \$5.00 per person

Tour the Heron Colony

Sunday, June 10, 2018, 8-10am | Deer Lake Park

Experience a large great blue heron colony at the height of the season! A species at risk in BC, the Pacific great blue heron is usually very sensitive to human disturbance, but the Deer Lake colony has formed right in the heart of the city. Learn more about heron families through a short indoor presentation. Then get a firsthand look at nesting birds with a tour of the colony. Walk leader: Greg Hart
Approx. 4 km | Barcode: 462908 | \$5.00 per person

Ferns and Big Trees of Burnaby Mountain

Sunday, June 24, 2018, 9-11am | Burnaby Mtn. Conservation Area

Discover the Big Trees of the Mountain Air Trail on the north slope of Burnaby Mountain. On this interpretive walk, participants measure the girth of some of the largest trees in the parks and count growth rings on various tree species.

Walk leader: Henry DeJong

Approx. 4 km | Barcode: 464103 | \$5.00 per person

Invasive Species Walk

Saturday, July 14, 2018, 10am-12noon | Deer Lake Park

Walk around Deer Lake Park to discover the invasive plants found at the park and commonly around Burnaby. Learn about the impact of invasive species, what Burnaby and other regions are doing and how you can be part of the solution. Explore other special features of Deer Lake Park as the opportunity arises.

Walk leader: Tasha Murray

Approx. 4 km | Barcode: 466743 | \$5.00 per person

Landscaping Ladies

Saturday, July 28, 2018, 10am-12noon | Deer Lake Park

Learn how the landscape around Deer Lake changed in the early years of the 19th century. This tour focuses on the lives of two women—Grace Ceperely and Ethel Moore in particular—and details how their lives profoundly impacted the landscape surrounding Deer Lake. Topics pertaining to horticulture, First Nations land use, and cultural history will also be discussed.

Walk leader: Lynda Maeve Orr

Approx. 2 km | Barcode: 464109 | \$5.00 per person

Register at burnaby.ca/webreg

Finding Your Way

- Orienteering & Hiking Smarts

Sunday, August 12, 2018, 1-4pm | Burnaby Mnt. Conservation Area

Learn to effectively pack for a light day hike and navigate natural spaces using only a map, compass and the magnificent vistas atop Burnaby Mountain. Be prepared for what may strike on your future hiking adventures and be confident with the knowledge that you will get back home safely. Topographic maps will be provided. Please bring a compass if you have one.

Walk leader: Marie Pudlas

Approx. 3 km | Barcode: 463261 | \$5.00 per person

Forest Ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest

Wednesday, August 22, 2018, 6-8pm | Robert Burnaby Park

The Pacific Northwest is home to a diversity of plants and animals, and is distinguished by its mild climate and heavy precipitation. Many species take shelter in amongst the understory of the moist temperate coniferous forest. This walk showcases the connections between species and highlights a select few along the way. Walk leader: Craig Busch

Approx. 2 km | Barcode: 470593 | \$5.00 per person

Bat in Our Neighbourhood

Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 7-9pm | Burnaby Fraser Foreshore

Did you know that bats live in your backyard? Did you also know that bat populations are in vast danger? Bats play a very important role in our ecosystem and need our help as a deadly fungus is reducing their populations across North America. Come on this interpretive walk to learn about bats in your neighbourhood and how you can help local populations.

Walk leader: Danielle Dagenais

Approx. 2 km | Barcode: 466014 | \$5.00 per person



Photo: Tina Hurd



Explore Burnaby Parks

Burnaby's extensive park system is home to a rich diversity of plants and animals including residents and migrants, as well as species at risk and invasive species. During our Explore programs you join local experts as they expand your understanding of our local environment and guide you through some of Burnaby's green spaces to explore, learn and discuss nature in our city.

The Leaders

Walk leaders are local naturalists, biologists, or historians living and working in the region. They are experts in the areas they discuss and have many years of experience leading public educational events.

What to Know

Walks meet at parks and are entirely outdoors while workshops have both an indoor and outdoor component. All programs are suitable for all ages and abilities unless otherwise specified. Trips proceed rain or shine, so participants should dress for the weather and bring their own water supply. Maximum number of participants for each event is 20 people. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. *All minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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