

Explore

Burnaby Parks & Natural Areas



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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 or biologists living and working in the region. They are experts in the areas they discuss and have many years' 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.

Earth Day Bee-Friendly Tea Party at Burnaby Village Museum

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 10am-12noon

Join us for a family friendly workshop creating a bee-friendly tea party. Using herbs and flowers that feed humans and bees, celebrate pollinators in the garden with flower powered herbal teas and cookies. Participants also take a bee safari in search of our precious pollinators and take home some free seeds to grow flowers that provide nectar and pollen for bees of all stripes.

Lori Weidenhammer is an artist, educator and author of *Victory Gardens for Bees: A DIY Guide to Saving the Bees*.

This is approximately a 0.5 kilometre walk.

Barcode: 436871 | \$5.00 per person

Welcoming Spring at Deer Lake Park

Thursday, April 27, 2017, 9am-12noon

One of the jewels in the crown of Burnaby's Parks, Deer Lake has a wide variety of habitats that harbour an impressive array of birds and animals. This tour circles the lake and the west meadows to see the signs of spring as we welcome the return of the swallows, view the nesting herons, and look and listen for songbirds in the fields and forests. Walk leader: George Clulow

This is approximately a 5 kilometre walk.

Barcode: 436891 | \$5.00 per person

Co-Existing with our Wild Neighbours at Central Park

Saturday, April 29, 2017, 10am-12noon

Learn about your wild neighbours in this short presentation and nature walk of Central Park. Bears, coyotes, raccoons, bobcats and others that call Burnaby home, and live among us. Discuss how your actions impact the way these wild creatures behave and interact with us, and pick up tips to co-exist with these fascinating creatures while avoiding conflict. Let's ensure these neighbours remain 'wild'. Walk leader: Greg Hart

This is approximately a 3 kilometre walk.

Barcode: 436892 | \$5.00 per person

Register at burnaby.ca/webreg

Discover Deer Lake Park

Sunday, May 7, 2017, 9-11am

Get the inside scoop on the ecosystem of Deer Lake Park on this nature walk with park's staff Henry DeJong. Learn about the past, present and future of the park and hear stories of the parks wildlife and wild plants, including special spots and secrets!

This is approximately a 5 kilometre walk.

Barcode: 436894 | \$5.00 per person

Dawn Chorus at Deer Lake Park

Saturday, May 13, 2017, 6-9am

This tour is for the early risers. While it's true the early birds catch the worms, in this case it will be the early birders who catch the chorus. In spring, birds sing most vigorously and loudly early in the day to confirm their territorial claims and attract mates. This tour focuses on listening to our feathered dawn choristers and learning who's who from their songs. Walk leader: George Clulow

This is approximately a 5 kilometre walk.

Barcode: 436893 | \$5.00 per person

Great Blue Heron Tour at Deer Lake Park

Sunday, June 11, 2017, 10am-12noon

Experience Burnaby's great blue heron colony at the height of the season. Join us for a talk and tour to view these incredible birds at Deer Lake Park. A species at risk in BC, the Pacific great blue heron is usually very sensitive to human disturbance, but this colony has formed right in the heart of the city. Learn more about the triumphs and trials that the heron families face throughout the season through a short indoor presentation and then get a first-hand look at the nesting birds on a tour of the colony. Walk leader: Greg Hart

This is approximately a 2 kilometre walk.

Barcode: 437053 | \$5.00 per person

Coastal Painted Turtle at Burnaby Village Museum

Saturday, July 15, 2017, 9-11am

Learn about the Coastal Painted Turtle and its life and challenges in Burnaby Lake and Deer Lake parks. Meet a group with hands-on research in Burnaby and learn about their efforts in saving turtle eggs, creating a turtle beach, and tagging, rearing and releasing these turtles at our local lakes. An indoor workshop is followed by a walk to Deer Lake to look for turtles. Walk Leader: Deanna McTavish

This is approximately a 3 kilometre walk.

Barcode: 437054 | \$5.00 per person

Blooms on Burnaby Mountain

Sunday, July 23, 2017, 9-11am

Come on a tour of the shrub, flower and rose beds at the top of Burnaby Mountain and learn about plant choices in our city's parks. You may even discover some that you can use in your own garden. Learn to create year-round interest, low maintenance and pollinator friendly yards. Walk Leader: Jill Darragh

This is approximately a 1 kilometre walk.

Barcode: 437056 | \$5.00 per person

Spawning Chum of Stoney Creek at Jennifer Atchison Environmental Centre

Monday, October 16, 2017, 10am-12noon

Come and see the amazing cycle of life as chum salmon return to spawn in Burnaby's Stoney Creek. Learn about this unique creek and how the conservation and habitat restoration efforts of the City and the Stoney Creek Environment Committee, salmon are swimming up to spawn each fall. These salmon have survived against the odds to return each year.

This is approximately a 4 kilometre walk.

Barcode: 442121 | \$5.00 per person

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