

An Introduction to the Natural World

Learn how to increase your appreciation of the incredible variety and beauty of the Pacific Northwest's Natural World!



An Introduction to the Natural World course is designed for hikers, climbers, photographers, scramblers, and conservationists who want to learn more about the mountains they enjoy.



Look
Deep
Into
Nature



With the best information resources, together with four lectures and five field trips, you will learn the basics of how to identify plants, birds, geology, mammals, butterflies and other forms of life.

Course Schedule

LECTURES: (Mondays 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)
The Mountaineers Program Center
7700 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115

April 10: Conifers, Life Zones, Geology and Ferns

May 8: Flower Identification and Local Birds

June 5: Insects & Butterflies and Eastside Ecosystems

July 13: Mt. Rainier, Tidepools, and Mosses, Lichen & Liverworts

FIELD TRIPS*:

April 14-19: Coastal forest plants, trees, shrubs, birds and life zones. *Evening or half-day weekend - local park.*

May 12-17: Birds and plants. *Evening or half-day weekend - local park.*

May 20 or 21: Stewardship. *Half day - Mountaineer's Native Plant Garden*

June 24 or 25: Interior fir zone, wildflowers and birds - *East Slope Cascades***

July 29 or 30: Silver fir subalpine zone, birds, wildflowers and mammals - *Mt. Rainier National Park***

** Field trips will be organized with faster and slower paced groups to accommodate all fitness levels.*

*** Dates may change depending on snow levels.*

GRADUATION POTLUCK:

September 18: (Monday evening, 7-9 pm)

Get:



Handy Trail Charts of Washington's most common plants, butterflies, mosses, lichen and more.

Qualified Instructors and field trip leaders

An introduction to the best information resources

