



NATIVE PLANT STEWARDSHIP COURSE

Fall 2019



Rivers, Forests, & Shorelines of Bellingham & Northern Puget Sound

Participate in a course focused on stewardship of the native plant and wildlife habitats of Bellingham and the northern Puget Lowland.

This no-cost program combines classroom learning with field trips to enrich understanding of the key roles that native plants play in our forests, rivers, shorelines, and other vital habitats, and shows how to use this knowledge to help protect and restore these habitats.

When: The six-week class will meet on Thursday evenings from September 19 through October 24, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Bloedel Beach Pavilion at Bloedel Donovan Park, 1124 Electric Avenue in Bellingham. We'll explore natural habitats and restoration sites on three Saturday field trips, September 21, October 5, and October 19.



What: The course provides 30 hours of learning including key ecosystem characteristics and wildlife-habitat relationships, identification of important native and invasive plants, restoration skills, and other topics. Home study of selected readings and videos supports classroom topics. In return, participants agree to provide 30 hours of service to conservation and restoration projects in the City of Bellingham and to projects of other Whatcom County conservation organizations within 18 months of completing the course.

Anyone can apply! Participants must be members of WNPS. It's easy and inexpensive to join! Visit <http://www.wnps.org/join.html>.

This program is sponsored jointly by the City of Bellingham and the Washington Native Plant Society. Participants who complete the training and service will earn recognition as a WNPS Native Plant Steward and City of Bellingham Park Steward.

Registration is now open. For more information or to request an application, contact Jim Evans, WNPS State Stewardship Coordinator, at 206-678-8914 or jimevans@centurytel.net

The Native Plant Stewardship Program is a program of the Washington Native Plant Society, a nonprofit organization in Washington. For more information about WNPS, visit www.wnps.org.