

Guided Field Trips

Outrigger Canoe tour with local biologist and paddling enthusiast Andy Snow

Come and experience paddling in Bellingham Bay in an outrigger canoe! Enjoy the scenic views while being guided by a local canoe club. Participants will launch with experienced paddlers after a brief outrigger canoe education and safety discussion. No experience needed! Paddles, pfds, and laughs will be provided! Please wear water shoes, and a few layers. Note: this experience is weather dependent- rain is fine, but rough waves are not.

Local Craft Brewery Tour

Bellingham is home to a hoppin' (pun intended...) craft brewery scene. With 17 craft breweries in Whatcom County, 14 of which are inside the city limits, we are passionate about our beer. Join us on a tour of one of our local craft breweries to hear about the science and art of brewing. Exact brewery location will be finalized shortly!

Northwest Natura

Join Naturalist, Jazmen Yoder with Northwest Natura on a gentle walk through the forest of Whatcom Falls Park to learn about traditional and modern uses of PNW native plants found growing in the historical Whatcom Creek area.

This course will focus on identifying native plants and discussing their ethnobotanical uses (food, fiber, medicine, or shelter), and will also include discourse on any fungi, lichen, and wildlife we find along the trail. [Northwest Natura](#)

Things to bring with you:

Dress for the weather

Snacks and water

Notebook and pen (optional)

DSLR Camera (optional)

Your favorite field guide (optional)

You will need good shoes for walking, but they don't necessarily need to be hiking boots; the trail is well maintained.

Tidal Vision

Tidal Vision is a local Bellingham company that uses the chitin from crab fisheries byproducts to create a biopolymer that can be used in water treatment, agriculture, and material science applications. Join some of the scientists from Tidal Vision to geek out on the science behind chitin itself, how its structure is altered during refinement, the fascinating molecular features of the refined chitosan, and how it is being used in a wide variety of industries. [Tidal Vision](#)

Local Distillery Tour

Beer not your thing?or perhaps it is, but you're also interested in learning about the science behind distilling. Join us on an immersive tour of one of our local distilleries where you will learn about the history and science of the local craft distillery. Exact distillery location will be finalized shortly!

Self-Guided Field Trips

Mountain biking at Galbraith

Bellingham is one of the best mountain biking destinations in the country. Come explore the incredible variety of mountain biking including technical trails, jumplines, and flowy trails. Bring your own bike and gear or rent your equipment at one of our amazing local bike companies.

[Check out Galbraith on Trail Forks.](#)

Disc Golf at BellisFair Ways

Are you a frisbee golf enthusiast? Or have you been excited to give it a try? Located within walking distance from WCC Campus and from hotels, check out the links at BellisFair Ways. Bring your discs and enjoy the latest course in Bellingham. Check out these resources for more information. [UDisc info for BellisFair Ways](#) and [Whatcom Disc Golf Club](#)

Walking Tour at Big Rock Sculpture Garden

Nestled in a grove of evergreens above Lake Whatcom sits a unique city park showcasing original sculptures in a 2.5 acre garden. Meandering paths wander through the peaceful landscape of Big Rock Garden Park, where nature and art complement each other.

Take a break amongst the art and enjoy! Check out the [City of Bellingham's website on Big Rock Garden Sculpture Park](#) for more information

Walk or Bike the Bellingham Tap Trail

Bellingham is a craft beer lover's paradise! Take the afternoon and plot out a walking (or biking) tour and visit some of Bellingham's finest craft breweries. For more information, including a map, check out the [Bellingham Tap Trail Website](#)

Bellingham History Walking (or Virtual) Tours

Are you a history buff? Visit the City of Bellingham's website to explore the evolution of Bellingham, Fairhaven, and Greater Whatcom County through interactive booklets and historical photographs. Visit the [Historic Tours City of Bellingham Website](#)