



Fall for Salmon

September - November 2007

Fall is the time to spot sockeye, chinook and coho salmon as they return to local streams and rivers to spawn. Bring the family to go see this unforgettable natural wonder for yourself. This guide gives tips for the best places to watch salmon and simple things you can do to help water quality and improve salmon runs.

King County offers a number of volunteer opportunities for everyone to work among the beautiful fall colors and help improve the riverside habitat for fish and wildlife by planting native trees and shrubs, and maintaining existing plantings. See inside for a listing of fall volunteer events.



Global warming is a challenge, but it is also an opportunity for each of us to show that we can change our habits and make a collective difference in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. For more information about global warming go to

www.kingcounty.gov/exec/globalwarming

It's Salmon SEEson!

THERE ARE PLENTY OF GREAT SALMON-VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS PUGET SOUND AS SEVERAL SALMON SPECIES RETURN FROM THE OCEAN TO SPAWN IN THE STREAM WHERE THEY WERE BORN.

There are a number of sites locally where sockeye, chum, coho and majestic chinook salmon can be seen. Several events have been scheduled with a variety of partners around the Lake Washington/Sammamish/Cedar Watershed where visitors can view returning salmon.

In many cases naturalists are at these locations to help visitors spot the fish and describe the salmon lifecycle, plus what we can do to protect the fish and their freshwater surroundings throughout the year.

This program is sponsored by the Watershed Resource Inventory Area 8 Salmon Recovery Council as part of its effort to recover salmon in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed.

**Sept. 23 (1-3 p.m.), Sept. 29 (2-4 p.m.)
Oct. 6 (1-3 p.m.) and Oct. 27 (1-3 p.m.)**
15500 NE 90th St.

(on Sammamish River Trail), Redmond
425-556-2822 or pholte@ci.redmond.wa.us

**Sept. 29 (1-4 p.m.), Oct. 4 (3-6 p.m.)
and Oct. 6 (1-4 p.m.)**

Along Bear Creek and the Sammamish River near Redmond, Water Tenders
425-788-5083 or www.watertenders.org

Oct. 6, 2:30-4 p.m.

Rotary Community Park Boardwalk along Little Bear Creek,
19518-136th Ave NE, Woodinville
425-398-9327 or www.ci.woodinville.wa.us

Oct. 13, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pickering Farm, Southeast 56th Street and 10th Avenue Northwest, along Issaquah Creek in Issaquah. Issaquah Basin Action Team, 206-296-1914 or mary.maier@kingcounty.gov

**Oct. 13, 20, 21, 27 and 28,
and Nov. 3, 11 a.m. -
4 p.m. daily**

Along the Cedar River near Renton. Friends of the Cedar River Watershed. 206-245-0143, or www.cedarriver.org/about/cedarriversalmonjourney.shtml

**Weekends from Nov. 3 through Dec. 9, and Nov. 23 with special activities;
11 a.m. -3 p.m. daily**

Piper's Creek (in Seattle's Carkeek Park)
206-684-0877 for more information

**Late September to mid-November,
Mondays through Saturdays 9 a.m. -
6 p.m.; Sundays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Bear Creek at Classic Nursery and Landscaping Co., 12526 Avondale Rd. NE in Redmond (self-guided). This event is sponsored by Redmond Organization for Shared Environments, 425-882-1846, or lyhussey@comcast.net.

For more information about these salmon-viewing sites, visit <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wrias/8> and click on "Salmon SEEson," or call 206-205-8755.



BE A SALMON WATCHER

King County's Salmon Watcher Volunteer Training Program trains volunteers to spot fish on specific creeks. Information helps King County track salmon spawning in our streams. For more information on how to become a Salmon Watcher, contact Jennifer Vanderhoof at 206-263-6533 or jennifer.vanderhoof@kingcounty.gov or visit <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/salmon-watcher>.

Make a difference in the life of a salmon!

RESTORATION PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Planting trees along the Cedar, Green, Issaquah, Sammamish and Snoqualmie rivers helps fish and wildlife and people too. Plants provide shade and help keep the water cool. Their roots help hold the banks in place and control runoff and erosion which keeps the water cleaner. Please join us for one of these planting events.

King County Greenhouse and Nursery near Maple Valley
Oct. 13, Nov. 17, Dec. 15

Brightwater North 40 Habitat in Woodinville
Oct. 20
Contact Rachael Dillman at rachael.dillman@kingcounty.gov or 206-296-1311

Auburn Narrows along the Green River east of Auburn
Oct. 27

Log Cabin Natural Area along Issaquah Creek
Nov. 3

Cavanaugh Pond Natural Area along the Cedar River east of Renton
Nov. 10

Chinook Bend Natural Area along the Snoqualmie River near Carnation
Nov. 17, Dec. 8

Taylor Mt. Forest along Carey Creek near Maple Valley
Dec. 1
Contact Tina Miller, volunteer coordinator, at 206-296-2990 or tina.miller@kingcounty.gov to register and to get directions. Planting events at the King County Greenhouse are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; all other events are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DUWAMISH ALIVE!

Oct. 13: Join King County and teams of enthusiastic volunteers to help restore the Duwamish River. Duwamish Alive! is a chance to reclaim the river by removing invasive plants, planting native species, mulching planting areas and picking up trash. The Duwamish River flows through South Seattle and into Elliott Bay. All salmon species use the river while transitioning between freshwater and marine phases.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volunteer at any of the sites along the Duwamish River including West Duwamish Greenbelt, Herring's House Park, Gateway Park North, Duwamish Waterway Park and Duwamish Riverbend Hill.

For information about volunteering at Duwamish Alive!, visit www.pugetsound.org, e-mail eghitis@pugetsound.org or call 206-382-7005, ext 220.

2007 ISSAQUAH SALMON DAYS FESTIVAL

Oct. 6-7: Celebrate the annual return of the salmon. This **FREE** fun event includes over 300 artists and crafters, continuous live entertainment and salmon hatchery tours. Stop by the King County booth to learn about ways you can help protect salmon in your everyday life. For more information, visit www.salmondays.org.

ISSAQUAH CREEK

The Issaquah Salmon Hatchery in downtown Issaquah is great for chinook and coho salmon viewing from underwater. The hatchery has a program to answer public questions about the fish. For more information visit the Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery's Web site at www.issaquahfish.org/.

COVINGTON CREEK

Coho salmon can be seen here at the roadway bridge on 168th Avenue Southeast, just off the Auburn-Black Diamond Road.

BEAR CREEK

Join Water Tenders to Meet the Salmon. Viewing sites are located on Bear Creek at the Tolt Pipeline. Park at the end of Northeast 148th Street and walk 1/4 mile east on the Tolt Pipeline. Docents will be on hand on Sept. 29 and Oct. 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Oct. 4 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Salmon can also be seen on Bear Creek behind Classic Nursery, 12526 Avondale Road Northeast.

SNOQUALMIE VALLEY

Learn about salmon through educational signage and salmon inspired student artwork while you walk, run or ride along the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. Signage sites: McCormick Park in Duvall, Tolt River Bridge and Griffin Creek Bridge in Carnation and Meadowbrook Slough in Snoqualmie.

Other viewing sites are located at the Raging River in Fall City, Tolt-McDonald Park and Chinook Bend in Carnation. For more information and directions visit http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wrias/7/wria7_salmoninfo.htm.

GREEN RIVER - SOOS CREEK

Chinook salmon can be observed at Hatchery Park just below the Green River Hatchery.

GREEN RIVER

Chinook salmon spawn throughout the Green River mainstem from Auburn to Kanaskat. Good viewing locations for wild spawning salmon include Metzler Park (18737 Green Valley Road Southeast) and Flaming Geyser Park on Green Valley Road east of Auburn.

For more detailed directions to these viewing locations visit <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/pi/salmonview.htm>.



Live salmon-friendly!

GO NATURAL IN YOUR OWN YARD

Learn how to create a low-maintenance, wildlife friendly, native plant landscape at one of our Naturescaping workshops this fall. Some workshops include an opportunity to collect plants at salvage sites for your own yard. For more details, contact Greg Rabourn at 206-296-1923 or greg.rabourn@kingcounty.gov.

THINK TWICE BEFORE USING PESTICIDES

Pesticides can be tracked into your home and get on children's skin when they play on the lawn. For a copy of the Healthy Home Companion guide, call 206-263-3050. Toll free 800-325-6065, ext. 3-3050.

For safer alternatives to pesticides and other household products, link to www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/products.

BALANCE CONSUMING AND CONSERVING

King County's EcoConsumer program guides you to resources to make conscientious purchasing choices. Being an EcoConsumer can help the environment and also save you money and time. For more information, or an EcoConsumer presentation, contact Tom Watson at 206-296-4481 or tom.watson@kingcounty.gov. Or visit www.KCecoconsumer.com.

TREAT YOURSELF TO A CAR WASH

Did you know professional car washes are a better option for salmon than parking lot car washes? Professional car washes conserve water, treat wastewater and then recycle it.

Does your team or group hold charity car washes? Use a car wash recycling kit or sell fundraising coupons for participating commercial car washes.

Borrow a car wash kit: http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/pi/carwash_loan.htm#lssaquah.

Hold a waterless car wash. Go to www.advancedmobileusa.com/carwash/fundraising.html to learn how.

SUGGEST A SALMON RESTORATION PROJECT

The Community Salmon Fund, a partnership between King County and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, is seeking proposals for salmon habitat restoration on private property. Awards can be up to \$15,000 for partnership projects that stimulate interest in salmon habitat restoration and up to \$75,000 for other projects. Pre-proposals due Oct. 25. Applicants must be non-profit organizations or government units. For more information contact Brian Ferrasci-O'Malley at 206-691-0700 or visit www.nfwf.org/programs/csf/king.cfm.

SALVAGE NATIVE PLANTS

Help dig up native plants from sites scheduled for construction. Plants salvaged are replanted at restoration sites all over King County. Your help is needed from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. digging, or from 12:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. potting on Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. For more details or to volunteer contact Greg Rabourn at 206-296-1923 or greg.rabourn@kingcounty.gov.

BE A HABITAT STEWARD

King County offers schools a free assembly program and classroom workshop covering resource conservation, habitat stewardship and environmental leadership; and assistance in planning projects related to waste reduction and recycling or similar environmental topics. Visit www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/education/index.asp or contact Donna Miscolta at 206-296-4477 or donna.miscolta@kingcounty.gov.

FIND OUT WHERE IT GOES WHEN YOU BRUSH AND FLUSH!

Tour a wastewater treatment facility and see how your dirty water is cleaned and recycled into valuable water, nutrient and energy resources. Call 206-296-8286 to arrange a tour for your group or class. Bus transportation is available for school groups. <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/tours/index.htm>.

This information is available in alternative formats.
Call 206-296-1980 or 711 (TTY Relay).

