



## What benefits do I get from volunteering as a Juanita Bay Park Ranger?

Over the years, rangers have expressed the following rewards of volunteering at Juanita Bay Park:

- Learning about different species of wildlife and plant communities at Juanita Bay Park.
- Introducing children and adults to new surroundings.
- Promoting ecological awareness and environmental stewardship.
- Opportunities for bird watching and photography.
- Experience with public speaking, working with children, and program development.



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Juanita Bay Park is a 110 acre urban wildlife habitat area where more than 100 species of birds, several small mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish make their permanent home or temporary resting point during migration. The diversity of the wildlife rests on the different vegetation communities found in the area. Because of the unique qualities of one of King County's most diverse and complete wetlands, the Juanita Bay Park Volunteer Ranger Program was established in 1993 to help maintain the park for animals and visitors alike.



## What do volunteer rangers do?

Volunteer rangers play an important role in enhancing the experiences of park visitors by:

- Providing educational and interpretive support on behalf of Juanita Bay Park
- Greeting visitors and answering questions
- Monitoring park use and wildlife
- Assisting with park maintenance
- Leading park tours and nature walks
- Helping to develop interpretive materials
- Contributing to program development

## Required Activities

- Greet visitors
- Answer visitor questions
- Complete ranger reports and monitor park use
- Assist with park maintenance, e.g. keep supplies stocked, pick up litter, report maintenance problems immediately, etc.



## Optional Activities

- Lead tours of Juanita Bay Park occurring on the first Sunday of every month, and as scheduled by teachers, community groups, and/or visitors
- Monitor wildlife
- Help create interpretive materials
- Contribute to program development, newsletter articles and photos, etc.

## What sort of training do I receive?

Every new ranger receives an orientation with the Volunteer Ranger Program Manager and a volunteer ranger who will demonstrate a tour and talk about his/her experiences as a ranger. New rangers also learn about safety precautions at the park.



There are resources available to further educate rangers on wetland plants and wildlife, and the park provides an excellent opportunity to observe them in their native setting.

## Do I need to have experience to become a ranger?

NO! The only qualifications necessary for becoming a Juanita Bay Park Ranger are working and communicating well with people, completion of the Juanita Bay Park Volunteer Ranger orientation, and the ability to attend one meeting per quarter.



## How much time does it take?

Volunteer hours are flexible. You may spend as much or as little time as you want at the park. It is our goal to have a volunteer ranger on duty during all hours the park is open, however, there is no minimum time commitment rangers must make in order to participate in this program.

## How do I apply?

To apply to become a Juanita Bay Park Volunteer Ranger, fill out a City of Kirkland Volunteer Application\*, and send or deliver to:

City of Kirkland  
Parks & Community Services Department  
505 Market Street, Suite A  
Kirkland, WA 98033

\* Washington State Patrol Criminal History Required

**For more information, please call  
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