



Parks Programs

Spring 2025 | APR-JUN
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Preschoolers

ANIMAL TALES

Enjoy interactive story time, create vibrant crafts and play fun games together in this exciting animal-themed adventure.

Richmond Nature Park **4-5yrs**
Apr 5-May 10..... Sa 10:00-11:30am..... \$72/6 sess 00390849
May 17-Jun 21 Sa 10:00-11:30am..... \$72/6 sess 00390850

BOG BUDDY

Discover some of the animals and unusual plants that thrive in this park's rare natural ecosystem through child-friendly and naturalist led nature-themed activities.

Richmond Nature Park **5-6yrs**
Apr 5-May 10..... Sa 12:15-1:45pm..... \$72/6 sess 00390851
May 17-Jun 21 Sa 12:15-1:45pm..... \$72/6 sess 00390853

NATURE BABIES-PARENT AND TOT

Introduce babies to the outdoors with nature walks and multi-sensory activities. Parent participation required.

Richmond Nature Park **6mos-1.5yrs**
Apr 3-May 8..... Th 9:15-10:00am..... \$42/6 sess 00393469
May 15-Jun 19 Th 9:15-10:00am..... \$42/6 sess 00393487

NATURE KIDS-PARENT AND CHILD

Explore the natural world through guided outdoor activities and nature-based learning, fostering a deeper connection to nature and enhancing environmental awareness.

Richmond Nature Park **3-5yrs**
Apr 3-May 8..... Th 11:15am-12:00pm..... \$42/6 sess 00388548
May 15-Jun 19 Th 11:15am-12:00pm..... \$42/6 sess 00390845

NATURE TOTS-PARENT AND TOT

Introduce toddlers to the outdoors with nature walks and multi-sensory activities. Parent participation required.

Richmond Nature Park **1-3yrs**
Apr 3-May 8..... Th 10:15-11:00am..... \$42/6 sess 00390846
May 15-Jun 19 Th 10:15-11:00am..... \$42/6 sess 00390847

Children

ECO ART-3D CREATIONS

Craft stunning 3D art using natural materials, and explore creativity, sustainability and connection to nature through hands-on projects that blend art, ecology and imagination. Supplies included.

Richmond Nature Park **6-10yrs**
May 24-May 31..... Sa 10:15-11:45am..... \$30/2 sess 00388512

ECO ART-LEAF IMPRESSIONS

Discover the art of leaf printing using paint on paper or fabric. Create unique cards, collages and vibrant artworks by blending nature's beauty with creativity in this eco-friendly, hands-on session. Supplies included.

Richmond Nature Park **9-13yrs**
Apr 5-Apr 12..... Sa 10:15-11:45am..... \$30/2 sess 00388544

ECO ART-PETAL PRESS

Transform flowers and leaves into unique, handcrafted cards and collages with a plant press. Supplies included.

Richmond Nature Park **6-10yrs**
May 3-May 10..... Sa 10:15-11:45am..... \$30/2 sess 00388519

ECO ART-WATERCOLOUR PAINTING

Explore the magic of nature creating vibrant watercolours and enjoying some imaginative adventures, creativity and artistic expression outdoors. Supplies included.

Richmond Nature Park **9-13yrs**
Jun 7-Jun 14..... Sa 10:15-11:45am..... \$30/2 sess 00393585

FREE EARTH WEEK-TREASURE HUNT AT PAULIK PARK

Join others on this family-friendly activity exploring the many hidden gems of this special park. Registration required.

Paulik Neighbourhood Park **12yrs+**
Apr 26..... Sa 10:00-11:00am..... Free/1 sess..... 00392499

HERB AND VEGETABLE PLANTER WORKSHOP

Discover how to create a pollinator-friendly vegetable and herb planter with fertile soil that also generates seeds for future plantings. Supplies included. Children must be accompanied by an Adult.

Richmond Nature Park **8-12yrs**
Apr 12..... Sa 1:30-3:30pm..... \$20/1 sess 00390231
May 17..... Sa 1:30-3:30pm..... \$20/1 sess 00393267

PRO-D DAY SEA LION TRIP

Spend the day away from school taking a very special boat trip with the Vancouver Whale Watch company to view sea lions on the Steveston jetty. The remainder of the day is spent exploring nature and having fun. Dress for the weather. Meet at Vancouver Whale Watch in Steveston #210-12240 Second Avenue.

Vancouver Whale Watch in Steveston **10-13yrs**
May 16..... F 8:30am-3:00pm..... \$80/1 sess 00390855

TWILIGHT TRAILS

Venture into the Nature Park at dusk and learn about nocturnal wildlife through crafts, activities and a trail walk. Bring dinner, dress for the weather and enjoy this unique evening experience. Supplies and equipment included.

Richmond Nature Park **8-12yrs**
Jun 6..... F 4:00-10:00pm..... \$40/1 sess 00393332

Adults

FREE EARTH WEEK-GARDENING FOR CONTINUOUS JOY

Join this discussion with several gardeners describing the gardening changes that made a positive difference. Registration required.

Paulik Neighbourhood Park **19yrs+**
Apr 24..... Th 7:00-8:00pm..... Free/1 sess..... 00392479

FREE EARTH WEEK-TOUR OF PAULIK NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK TREES

Take a walk on this highlight tour of the many different tree species found in this special park. Many of the trees were planted in the 1930s, when the site was used as a commercial nursery and house some of the most unique mature trees found in Richmond. Registration required.

Paulik Neighbourhood Park **19yrs+**
Apr 22..... Tu..... 7:00-8:00pm..... Free/1 sess..... 00392473

FREE EARTH WEEK-WORM COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Learn how to use food scraps to create nutrient-rich soil for plants, the environmental benefits of vermicomposting, how to set up a worm compost bin and the simple rules to follow for success. Registration required.

Richmond Nature Park **19yrs+**
Apr 26..... Sa 10:00am-12:00pm..... Free/1 sess..... 00393531

SEA LION BOAT TOUR

View California sea lions up close on this 90-minute exhilarating cruise aboard a 40-foot semi-covered vessel. Meet at Vancouver Whale Watch in Steveston Harbour. Dress appropriately. Trip runs in all weather. Nature presentation and transportation included.

Vancouver Whale Watch in Steveston **19yrs+**
May 16..... F 8:30-10:30am..... \$40/1 sess 00390856

Seniors

SEA LION BOAT TOUR

View California sea lions up close on this 90-minute exhilarating cruise aboard a 40-foot semi-covered vessel. Meet at Vancouver Whale Watch in Steveston Harbour. Dress appropriately. Trip runs in all weather. Nature presentation and transportation included.

Vancouver Whale Watch in Steveston **55yrs+**
May 16..... F 8:30-10:30am..... \$40/1 sess 00390856

REDISCOVER RICHMOND PARKS

If you're 55 or older, join us for a two-hour outdoor adventure at one of six beautiful parks in Richmond. Every trip includes round-trip transportation from Minoru Centre for Active Living, along with supplies and light snacks. Visit richmond.ca/RediscoverParks for more details.

SENIORS WEEK 2025

Get ready for a fun week, June 2-8, that celebrates seniors in Richmond! Visit richmond.ca/SeniorsWeek beginning May 1 for details.

Family

FREE URBAN WILDLIFE EXHIBIT

Learn how to co-exist with the "nature in your neighbourhood." This exhibit showcases wildlife including coyotes, raccoons, snow geese and the secretive, nocturnal barn owl.

Richmond City Hall

Mar 6-Jun 12..... M-F... 8:15am-5:00pm

Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site

Jun 13-Aug 31..... 10:00am-5:00pm

BATS: OUT OF THE DARKNESS TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Delve into the fascinating world of bat ecology, biology, habitat needs, Indigenous perspectives, conservation challenges, personal stories and intriguing fun facts from this family-friendly bat exhibit on loan from the Kelowna Museum. The exhibit incorporates engaging audio, video presentations and even real bat specimens, inviting the public to explore and discover the enchanting universe of these flying mammals. Admission by donation.

Richmond Nature Park

Mar 8-Aug 24..... 9:00am-5:00pm

NATURE SERIES–BATS

Drop-in and check out the new traveling exhibit on loan from the Kelowna Museum Bats: Out of the Darkness. A bat expert will be in the Nature House to share some fun facts and to answer questions about bat ecology and conservation challenges. Admission by donation.

Richmond Nature Park

Mar 8-9..... Sa-Su ... 10:00am-4:00pm

NATURE SERIES–HUMMINGBIRDS

Learn to attract these special birds while discovering the challenges faced during a long migration. Presentation, guided walk and a visit to the hummingbird feeding station in the Nature Park included. Admission by donation. Registration required.

Richmond Nature Park

Apr 13 Su 11:00-11:45am..... Free/1 sess..... 00390872

Apr 13 Su 1:00-1:45pm..... Free/1 sess..... 00390873

Apr 13 Su 2:00-2:45pm..... Free/1 sess..... 00390874

Apr 13 Su 3:00-3:45pm..... Free/1 sess..... 00390875

EARTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Join the City of Richmond's annual celebration of Earth Week by participating in some of the 20+ free and low-cost programs offered throughout the city from Tuesday, April 22 through Tuesday, April 29. A full list of Earth Week programs and events can be found at richmond.ca/EarthWeek.

FREE CITY NATURE CHALLENGE 2025

Connect with nature and other Citizen Scientists. Help document Richmond's plants and animals by participating in the City Nature Challenge 2025. This will be Richmond's sixth time participating in this global initiative that encourages friendly competition between cities to make the most observations of biodiversity. By participating in the City Nature Challenge, you can connect with nature and your community while discovering Richmond's incredible biodiversity. Participation is easy:

1. Download the free iNaturalist app to your mobile device.
2. Join the Richmond community on our project page: <https://inaturalist.ca/projects/city-nature-challenge-2025-richmond-bc>.
3. Using the app, turn location data on while recording photos and sounds of wild plants and animals in Richmond between Fri, Apr 25–Mon, Apr 28.

All residents who participate will earn chances to win a prize.

FREE EARTH WEEK–ATTRACTING AND SUPPORTING POLLINATORS IN THE GARDEN

Join an environmental educator to learn about the many benefits of pollinators for local food and ecosystems and discover easy approaches to attract pollinators to garden spaces. Beneficial insect species are decreasing due to climate change, habitat loss, pollution, pesticides and an increase in invasive species. Activities include a pollinator scavenger hunt to identify native pollinator species. Registration required.

Paulik Neighbourhood Park

Apr 25 F 10:00-11:00am..... Free/1 sess..... 00392488

FREE EARTH WEEK–INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL AT PAULIK PARK

Help the environment by identifying and learning the effect invasive plants have on the environment followed by actual removal. Tools and gloves provided during the session. Wear suitable clothing and footwear. Registration required.

Paulik Neighbourhood Park

Apr 26 Sa 9:30-11:30am..... Free/1 sess..... 00392495

EARTH WEEK–NATURALIST TALK

Drop-in to the Nature House to meet a naturalist for some interactive fun! Hosted by the Richmond Nature Park Society. Admission by donation.

Richmond Nature Park

Apr 26 Sa 11:00am-3:00pm..... Free/1 sess

Apr 27 Su 11:00am-3:00pm..... Free/1 sess

FREE EARTH WEEK–MINDFUL COMPOSTING FOR LIVING SOIL

Make composting simple, enjoyable and odourless. Closely observe the life in a compost and learn the basics of how to build living soil. Hosted by Urban Bounty. Registration required.

Paulik Neighbourhood Park

Apr 26 Sa 12:00-1:00pm Free/1 sess 00392540

FREE EARTH WEEK–COVER CROPS FOR NUTRIENT-RICH SOILS AND WEED-FREE GARDENS

Learn about this effortless gardening practice that can help improve and maintain soil health and protect crops from pests and severe weather while reducing the cost of amendments and deter weed establishment year-round. Program leaders demonstrate how to integrate cover crops into day-to-day gardening and cover which varieties to grow and eat, planting dates, management tips and how to turn cover crops into green manure. Registration required.

Paulik Neighbourhood Park

Apr 26 Sa 1:00-2:00pm Free/1 sess 00392554

FREE EARTH WEEK–GROWING GREENS IN A MINI GREENHOUSE

Join in this planting of seeds in recycled plastic containers to take advantage of the natural weather conditions in April. No special equipment needed. Seeds and plastic containers provided.

Paulik Neighbourhood Park

Apr 27 Su 11:00am-12:00pm Free/1 sess 00392510

FREE EARTH WEEK–BIO-DIVERSITY TOUR OF PAULIK PARK

Learn ways a garden can be used to help the environment on this guided walk through this unique park. Registration required.

Paulik Neighbourhood Park

Apr 27 Su 12:00-1:00pm Free/1 sess 00392517

FREE PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Attend this family-friendly event and learn about the work that is done on a daily basis to ensure the safety and health of the community. Participate in fun, educational activities and visit interactive booths about Water Services, Sewerage and Drainage, Engineering, Survey and Inspections, Roads and Construction Services, Environmental Programs, Sustainability, Parks, Recreation and Culture and Emergency Services. This festival-style event includes food trucks, live music, a dunk tank, heavy equipment demonstrations and the opportunity to meet the people who keep Richmond one of BC's safest and most livable communities.

City of Richmond Operations Yard

May 10 Sa 11:00am-3:00pm

FREE SEASONAL POP-UP COVERED OUTDOOR SPACES

Four 20'x20' marquee tents will be setup in mid-May in Richmond Parks for public use to provide additional shelter to park users during adverse weather conditions. These seasonal shelters are available on a first come first serve basis. Link to Covered Outdoor Spaces:

richmond.ca/parks-recreation/parks/system.htm

Four locations: Steveston Park, Paulik Park, Terra Nova Rural Park and South Arm Park

May 12-Sep 30 Daily . Dawn till Dusk

NATURE SERIES–OWLS

Learn about the species of owls that call BC home with a 30-minute presentation by the Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society followed by an opportunity to talk to the owl handler and take pictures of the live birds. Admission by donation. Registration required.

Richmond Nature Park

Jun 1 Su 11:00am-12:00pm 1 sess 00390992

Jun 1 Su 12:00-1:00pm 1 sess 00390995

Jun 1 Su 1:00-2:00pm 1 sess 00390999

Jun 1 Su 2:00-3:00pm 1 sess 00391004

FREE BIG BLUE BLOCKS ACTIVATION

Try Imagination Playground's Big Blue Blocks set that contains a wide variety of loose parts that fit together in ways that allow for building, stacking, channeling and connecting. These parts combine all the benefits of block play on a larger-than-life-size scale that encourages people of all ages to play together in groups and have more fun.

Richmond Cultural Centre Annex

Jun 2-Sep 8 M-F... 10:00am-5:00pm

Sa-Su 11:00am-4:00pm

FREE COLOURS OF THE LAND–THE ART OF INDIGENOUS WOOL DYEING

Celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day at the Richmond Nature Park. Musqueam artist Rita Kompst-Point will display her beautifully dyed wool, created using natural dyes from mushrooms, lichens, goldenrod, Oregon grape, Salal and more. The dyeing process, showcasing the traditional techniques used to achieve vibrant colours will also be demonstrated. This is a unique opportunity to experience Indigenous artistry and learn about the cultural significance of natural dyes. Don't miss this special display.

Richmond Nature Park

Jun 21 Sa 11:00am-3:00pm

FREE ADVENTURE LABS

Check out Richmond's three interactive virtual scavenger hunts for the whole family. Players download the app onto a smartphone and are guided by GPS to various locations. At each stop, players answer questions and learn facts about wildlife and ecology. To learn more,

visit richmond.ca/AdventureLab

[Play at Terra Nova Park](#)

[Play in the Richmond Nature House](#)

[Play at Garden City Park and Paulik Park](#)

FREE GEOCACHING

Try this outdoor treasure-hunting game that uses a smartphone or GPS device. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates to find the prize—a hidden geocache container. With over 3 million active geocaches around the world, the hunt can be taken internationally. To learn more, visit richmond.ca/geocaching.

FREE PARTNERS FOR BEAUTIFICATION

Keeping Richmond's parks, streets, trails and dikes clean and beautiful is as important as ever. The Partners for Beautification program is a great way for individuals, community groups and businesses to get involved. Through adoption programs, participants can help maintain and enhance Richmond's parks, streetscapes and dikes, contributing to the city's legacy.

To learn more and get involved in the program, visit richmond.ca/beautification.

School Programs

ALL ABOUT SPRING–ELEMENTARY

Discover the subtle signs of spring in the Richmond Nature Park with a naturalist-led guided walk covering touch, scent, sound and sight and a visit to the Nature House. This is an out trip for preschoolers, primary or intermediate students and teachers. Registration required.

For booking inquiries, email the Richmond Nature Park at nature@richmond.ca or call 604-238-6188.

WILDLIFE IN YOUR CLASSROOM–ELEMENTARY

Discover Richmond's urban wildlife and learn about their unique adaptations in this naturalist-designed, hands-on in-class presentation for elementary students. Registration required. For booking inquiries, email the Richmond Nature Park at nature@richmond.ca or call 604-238-6188.