

PNW IPC's EDRR Citizen Science and Partner Group Hikes 2016

Please see the list below for group hikes lead by PNW IPC's "Invasive Plant Mentors" as well as hikes organized by our partner organizations (e.g., King County's Weed Watchers). Group hikes provide opportunities to build your invasive plant identification skills, practice filling out survey forms and hiking with others who share a passion for outdoor recreation, botany and conservation!

Some hikes have specific objectives (e.g., "pull herb Robert") while others are "standard hikes". The goal of all hikes are to enjoy a hike with others, practice collecting data and filling out an EDRR survey form and gaining confidence in your plant identification skills. See notes section below ☺

For all hikes...be prepared! Dress for the weather, whatever that will be. Don't forget sunblock. Bring your allergy medications and tell hike leaders about any allergies or medical conditions you have. Wear sturdy hiking shoes. Bring plenty of water for the day, a lunch and plenty of snacks to keep you going. Bring a survey form, a pen/pencil, GPS if you have one, a camera, your smartphone if you are using the EDDMapSWest APP, invasive plant identification guides and if you plan on removing plants bring your gloves, digging tool and bags for proper disposal. **Contact hike leader for more information.**

*****Different Hikes Occur on the Same Day So Be Sure You Have the Start Time Correct*****

Date / Time	Location	Hike Leader(s) See biography's below	For more info. and <u>RSVP (required)</u>	Notes
Friday, May 27 9:00am	Meet in West Olympia. At Haggen's Supermarket parking lot off Black Lake Blvd. Carpool from there. <u>OR</u> meet at Pine Lake Trailhead in the Olympic NF.	Dan Locke (PNW IPC Citizen Science volunteer)	daniel.locke@comcast.net	"Standard Hike" Focus on enjoying a hike, learning plants and recording data on survey forms. Although the roughly three-mile hike is a bit monotonous in places, the splendid jewel of Pine Lake, surrounded by old growth makes up for it ☺
Friday, May 27 9:30am	Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF; Meet at North Bend Ranger Station; 902 North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045	Sasha Shaw & Joe Neumann (King County Weed Watchers)	Joseph.Neumann@kingcounty.gov 206-618-3540	"Advanced Noxious Weed ID" Hike focuses on identifying noxious weeds in places where infestations have been in the past.
Friday, June 10 TBA – contact hike leader	Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF; Taylor River Trail ; Meet at North Bend Park and Ride (at Scott's Dairy Freeze); 234 E North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045	Joe Neumann (King County Weed Watchers)	Joseph.Neumann@kingcounty.gov 206-618-3540	"Standard hike" , we won't know what we will find and will control only what is practical while "...Taylor River rushes past you, and craggy Garfield Peak plays hide-and-seek through the trees..."

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Saturday, June 18 9:00am	Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF; Middle Fork Road Trail; Meet at North Bend Park and Ride (at Scott's Dairy Freeze); 234 E North Bend Way, North Bend, WA 98045	Joe Neumann (King County Weed Watchers)	Joseph.Neumann@kingcounty.gov 206-618-3540	"Hike and invasive plant pulling!" Focus on pulling herb Robert that Mark Boyar and Monty VanderBilt have been battling for years ☺ Both Mark and Monty are long-time Weed Watchers and most recently PNW IPC EDRR Citizen Scientists! This is a beautiful area, come and join us in the fun!
Saturday, June 25 10:00am - 1pm	Town of Eatonville/UW Pack Forest; Meet at Bud Blancher Trail parking area Look for the well-marked big brown sign, trailhead is at the intersection of Center St. and Weyerhaeuser Rd. in Eatonville	Crow Vecchio (PNW IPC Citizen Science Volunteer)	pnw.ipc.org@gmail.com	"Standard Hike" Focus on enjoying a hike, learning plants and recording data on survey forms. We will hike about 2.5 miles. Depending on the mood of the group, we may take a side trip into Smallwood Park (the trails there loop off and back onto Bud Blancher). Trail head is located at 46.86430, -122.25751 ☺
Wednesday, July 6th – 10am	West Tiger Mountain, High Point, Lingering and Dwight's Way Trails. Meet at gate east of intersection of 270th Ave SE and SE 79th ST. (http://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/west-tiger-3)	Sasha Shaw (King County Noxious Weed Program)	Joseph.Neumann@kingcounty.gov 206-618-3540	"Standard Hike" Focus on enjoying a hike, learning plants and recording data on survey forms. ***These trails are in the eastern portion of West Tiger Mountain, so don't go all the way to the main parking lot. Park on SE 79th St, as close to 270th Ave SE as you can. You will need a <u>WA State Discovery Pass parking pass (contact us if you need one).</u>
Thursday, July 21st – 9am	Ira Spring Trail. Meet at trailhead at 9am. From Seattle, drive east on I-90 to exit 45. Turn left and cross under the highway, then veer left onto FR-9030. About one mile from the exit, stay left at the fork onto Mason Lake Road, FR-9031. Park in the Forest Service lot at the end of this road, 3.8 miles from the highway.	Sasha Shaw (King County Noxious Weed Program)	Joseph.Neumann@kingcounty.gov 206-618-3540	"Hike and invasive plant pulling!" This hike will focus on enjoying a hike, learning plants and recording data on survey forms and will have an added focus of pulling herb Robert on Ira Spring Trail. You will need a <u>Forest Service parking pass (contact us if you need one).</u> http://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/ira-spring-memorial

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Biography Snap-shots of Group Hike Leaders:

Dan Locke is a retired occupational health specialist (industrial hygienist) who got a degree in biology in the 1960's but couldn't find a job in that field. He has always been interested in plants and has been hiking since he was a kid. He has volunteered for the Nisqually Land Trust and DNR and been an active volunteer for PNW IPC's Citizen Science Program looking for invasive plants since 2012. He has lived in Olympia for 20 years and done many hikes in the Skokomish River area of the Olympic National Forest and in areas around Mt. Rainier.

Sasha Shaw is an educator with the King County Noxious Weed Control Program. She is an excellent botanist and has a passion for teaching people about local plants, both invasive and native. She's helped coordinate the King County Weed Watcher volunteer program for a number of years and always enjoys getting out of the office to look at plants and teach others.

Joe Neumann graduated from Loyola University Chicago with degrees in psychology and philosophy but became really interested in working in the field of environmental restoration. He moved to Seattle to join EarthCorps in 2008 to begin a career in restoration. Since then, Joe has battled invasive plants in Utah, Illinois and the Southeastern United States. He returned to Seattle in 2015 and joined the King County Noxious Weed Control Program.

Crow Vecchio has served as a volunteer for Mt. Rainier National Park for approximately 13 years and also volunteers as a Site Steward for Land Steward for the Nisqually Land Trust. She has been an active volunteer in the PNW IPC's EDRR Citizen Science Program since 2012. She is an expert naturalist and spends much of her time hiking, birding, botanizing and taking photographs of the natural world. She has passion for lichen ecology and enjoys identifying and reporting pesky plant invaders.