

Preparing for Your Tilth Alliance Field Trip



FIELD TRIP LOCATION

Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands

Address: 5513 S Cloverdale St., Seattle 98118

[Get directions »](#)

Tips for a Smooth Field Trip

- A map of the location can be found at the end of this document.
- Please email us at youthprograms@tilthalliance.org if any details change prior to your field trip.
- Please confirm your group size one week prior to your field trip.
- **If you are running late**, or for urgent issues on the day of your event, please call:
 - › **Children's Garden Project Manager: Zabrina Bonilla-Steichen** - (206) 633-0451 ext. 303
 - › **Youth & Families Program Manager: Nirvani Bissessar** - (206) 633-0451 ext. 109
 - › **Finance & Administration Coordinator: Rain Gilman** - (206) 633-0451 ext. 101

Location and Arrival

Please be on time. We suggest arriving 10 minutes early to find parking, locate the children's garden, and use the restrooms. We appreciate your on-time arrival, as we have multiple field trips scheduled throughout the day. **If your bus is running late**, please call us right away so that we can plan accordingly. Your time may be reduced if it begins to conflict with another scheduled program.

Parking & School Buses

- Enter through the gate on S Cloverdale St. and drive down the path until you see the small parking lot adjacent to the greenhouse. Cars are welcome to park in this lot.
- Buses may drop off students by the parking lot and park on S Cloverdale St.
- If there are no spaces available, you may park on the street outside of the farm. Please be aware of no-parking signs on the south side of Cloverdale and in some areas on the north end.

Chaperone/Teacher Information

The farm and garden is our outdoor classroom, and Tilth Alliance's Garden Educators are ready to lead your students in hands-on experiences. We appreciate your support with group management and engagement, and we are happy to model our methods around outdoor education for you. Chaperones and teachers will help to:

- **Keep students engaged and safe** » Ensure that students are invited before harvesting and tasting food, using walking feet, help re-engage a student who might wander, and bring students to restrooms as needed.
- **Model engaged behavior** » We encourage teachers and chaperones to participate! We invite you to join in the activities and step out of your comfort zone by tasting new foods, touching worms, or turning compost.
- **Encourage respect** » Remind students to respect the garden and all who live there by not stepping in garden beds, picking or pulling plants unless invited, and treating insects (even pests!), birds, animals, and one another with kindness and respect.
- **Ensure that groups "leave no trace"** » Pack out lunch and snack trash, or deposit in appropriate containers.
- **Help group students** » Depending on your group's size, please be ready to divide your group in half.

What to Wear

- Our field trips take place entirely outside, rain or shine! Please check the forecast the day before your field trip to remind students, staff, and chaperones to dress accordingly.
- Closed-toe shoes or boots are encouraged to protect your feet. We will be doing a variety of activities such as walking around the garden, digging in the soil, and using garden tools.
- Raincoats and/or layers are helpful during unpredictable changes in weather, especially in late fall and early spring.

Picnicking Information

There are several areas around Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands (RBUFW) that are great for groups to picnic in before or after a field trip:

- Using the gate at the southwest corner of RBUFW will take you to the adjacent Be'er Sheva Park, a pesticide-free park with large open meadows and a playground available for public use.
- Taking a short 1-block walk north of RBUFW, taking 55th Ave S or through Pritchard Forest Trail, will take you to Pritchard Beach Park, which has a large meadow and public bathrooms.
- Please note: because these are public parks, some areas may already be in use by others.

We cannot always accommodate groups for lunch or provide a covered area. If you need to eat onsite, please let us know so we can confirm space for sitting and eating.

Restrooms

- Bathrooms are available on site at Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands.
- Public bathrooms are also available at Be'er Sheva Park and Pritchard Island Beach Park.

Health Protocols

- If a student, staff member, or chaperone has symptoms of COVID-19 or another respiratory virus with fever, we ask that they stay home.
- Staff are first aid certified and have been notified of the common symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses.
- Field trips take place mostly outdoors, unless there is a specific indoor activity (such as cooking) or inclement weather.
- We follow guidelines from the CDC and the Washington Department of Health.

Cancellations

- Field trips are held rain or shine. We will only cancel in the rare cases of severe weather, but with our climate changing the weather is more unpredictable. Extreme weather includes lightning, extreme wind, inclement weather, or if air quality exceeds “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups.”
- If Seattle Public Schools cancels school for a weather event, we will follow suit. We will do our best to contact you the day before your field trip if we anticipate a weather-related cancellation. You will be fully refunded for the field trip.
- Cancellations 14 days or less prior to the field trip will not be refunded.
- For cancellations 15 days or more, Tilth Alliance will retain \$30 for administrative and processing fees, and the remainder will be refunded.



Driving Directions

From 1-5 North

- Take exit 158, Boeing Access Road.
- Turn left onto Boeing Access Rd towards MLK Jr. Way.
- Turn left onto Martin Luther King Jr. Way S.
- Continue on MLK Jr. Way heading north.
- Turn right onto S Henderson Street.
- Turn left onto Seward Park Ave S. You will see Beer Sheva Park in front of you and on your right.
- Continue on Seward Park Ave S.
- Turn right onto S Cloverdale Street. Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands entrance will be on your right.
- See page 1 for bus parking.

From 99N (Toll)

- Continue through the SR 99 tunnel. Take the exit onto SR 99 South towards W Marginal Way, South Park.
- Keep right onto SR-99 South toward W Marginal Way, Highland Park Way.
- Take the exit onto Tukwila International Boulevard toward S 116th Street.
- Keep right toward S 116th Street, then turn left onto Tukwila International Boulevard.
- Keep right onto Boeing Access Rd (major intersection with a Chevron gas station)
- Turn left onto Martin Luther King Jr. Way S. Continue on MLK Way.
- Turn right onto S Henderson Street.
- Turn left onto Seward Park Ave S. You will see Beer Sheva Park in front of you and on your right.
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From I-5 South

- Take exit 157 toward Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Keep right toward MLK Jr. Way.
- Continue on MLK Jr. Way (heading north) for about 1.5 miles. Turn right onto S Henderson Street.
- Turn left onto Seward Park Ave S. You will see Beer Sheva Park in front of you and on your right.
- Continue on Seward Park Ave S.
- Turn right onto S Cloverdale Street. Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands entrance will be on your right.
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Public Transportation

- Metro #50
 - › Take the #50 to Seward Park Ave S and Othello.
 - › Walk south on Seward Park Avenue to S Cloverdale Street.
 - › Turn left onto S Cloverdale Street. Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetland will be about 700 ft on your right.
- Metro #7
 - › Take the #7 to Rainier Avenue and S Cloverdale Place.
 - › Walk east on S Cloverdale Place to Seward Park Ave S.
 - › Turn right onto Seward Park Ave S and left onto S Cloverdale Street. Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands entrance will be on your right.

Site Map

