

From Martin Way, take Meridian Road north to 46th Avenue, remember to bear to the right at the roundabout and stay on Meridian Rd. Turn right on 46th then left on D' Milluhr to its end at the Luhr's Landing boat launch. The Nature Center is to the right of the boat launch.

Open Hours:
Wednesday _____ 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday _____ 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: _____ 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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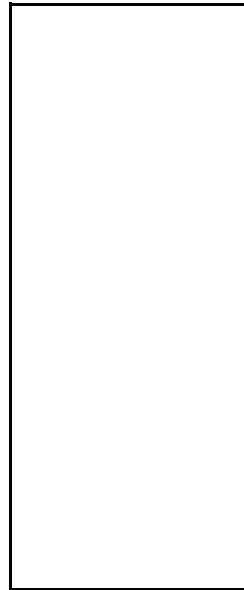


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Where Waters Meet and Life Abounds



Mt. Rainer at sunrise over the Nisqually Estuary.

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The Nisqually Estuary is home to the full range of marine-dependent creatures, from single-celled plankton to the largest of Puget Sound's resident marine mammals. Migrating shore-birds, waterfowl, and salmon rest and feed here. Bald eagles and heron nest nearby. River otter, raccoon, deer, coyote, harbor seal, sea lion and even the occasional whale ply the marine and terrestrial pathways of the estuary. In the mud of the delta, the tiny organisms that provide the base for the food chain abound.

The Nisqually Estuary is the largest undeveloped river delta in South Sound and is a true biologic gem worthy of all its splendor. It has held its integrity through the combined efforts of concerned people who helped protect this valuable habitat.



Aerial View

THE CENTER

Nisqually Reach Nature Center (NRNC) is a volunteer-run, membership-supported, non-profit organization that promotes the understanding, appreciation, and preservation of the Nisqually estuarine ecosystem and its integral role in the local environment, history, and culture



NRNC building and dock at low tide

through interpretation, education, and research. Inside the center, we have over 1000 sq. ft. of building space with 5 active tidal aquariums, many study bird mounts and varied activities for young and old.

EDUCATION

NRNC is fully committed to its mission of resource education in the South Sound and has many different programs designed to do just that. Most of our programs work to combine ongoing science principles into our education curriculum.



Keithley Middle school class

The following are some of the hands-on programs currently available at NRNC.

- **Amazing Wetland Animals:** (K-2) Intro program on common estuary animals.
- **No Back-bone? No Problem!** (2-4) Intro program to estuary invertebrates.
- **It Came from the Inter-tidal Zone:** Tidal Zonation interlinking habitats
- **Beach Walk:** (all ages) Tailored to need and season—great interactive program!!

- **Salmon Salmon Salmon:** (3-12) Life cycles of PNW salmon and issues they face.
- **NRNC Naturalist:** (5-12) Find out what it is like to be a naturalist.
- **Quadrant Surveys:** (5- college level) Scientific Beach surveys.



Students on the beach

Home School Sessions available.

We can now come to you with our programs.

Any questions? Contact NRNC for more information.

RESEARCH

Bird Monitoring

NRNC is currently working with the Nisqually Tribe and Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge on a monitoring project in the eastern portion of the Nisqually River Delta. Following a summer 2002 dike breach on tribal lands, Nature Center volunteers have performed monthly bird surveys to record bird use of the resulting mudflat habitat. We plan to continue monitoring changes in species diversity on the site during the next several years as the habitat succession occurs.



NRNC Volunteers at estuary restoration monitoring site

Invasive Species Monitoring

The introduction of nonnative species is one of the primary causes of native species declines in Puget Sound and other parts of the country. The Nature Center is part of the state-wide effort to monitor for the presence of nonnative green crabs in Puget Sound. While this species is currently not found in our estuary, we perform monthly surveys for the green crab and other nonnative species.

Beach Seining, Invertebrate Monitoring

NRNC is helping the Nisqually Tribe and Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge in a study designed to get a better understanding of salmon and invertebrate populations in the South Sound, and specifically how salmon use estuarine habitat.

Plankton studies, water quality sampling and more....

VOLUNTEERING AND INTERNSHIPS

The majority of work accomplished at NRNC is done by our dedicated volunteers and student interns. Valuable opportunities exist for people who are interested in Marine Estuarine Education and Research. Maybe you are interested in helping your community by volunteering in areas like:

- Environmental Education
- Staffing NRNC
- Research
- Member/ Volunteer Development
- Database Management

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact NRNC and let us know.

SUPPORT THE NISQUALLY REACH NATURE CENTER

Yes!! I want to support the Nisqually Reach Nature Center, its goals, and its research and educational programs. I wish to become a member of the Center as a (check one):

Membership Category	Annual Dues
Senior / Student	20.00
Individual	35.00
Household	50.00
Supporting	75.00
Patron	100.00
Benefactor	250.00
Sponsor	500.00

Please make your check payable to: NRNC

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Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Become a member of the Nisqually Reach Nature Center and help support marine science education programs for children and adults. All Members will receive:

- A subscription to NRNC newsletter, *Luhr Lore*
- Priority consideration for Center activities and events
- Volunteer and docent opportunities

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