

Explore the shore with Beach Naturalists! Volunteers will be on the beach, guiding exploration, sharing fun facts and offering tips for conservation.

Beach Naturalist Volunteer Dates:

These dates as of 5/1/2008 (Check back on our website www.re-sources.org for further updates)

	Date	Tide*	Beach time Birch Bay & Larrabee	Additional beaches (More locations TBA depending on volunteer availability)
Fri	June 20**	-2.1 @ 12:50	11:30 – 2:30	?
Sat	June 21	-1.9 @ 1:30	12 – 4	Semiahmoo
Sun	June 22**	-1.4 @ 2:10	12:30 – 3:30	?
Thur	July 3	-3.4 @ 11:50	10 – 2	?
Fri	July 4	-3.1 @ 12:40	11 – 2:30	?
Sat	July 5	-2.4 @ 1:30	11 – 3	Semiahmoo, Marine Park, Cherry Pt
Sun	July 6**	-1.3 @ 2:15	12:30 – 3:30	?
Sat	July 19	-1.7 @ 12:30	11 – 2	Semiahmoo
Sun	July 20**	-1.4 @ 1:10	11:30 – 2:30	?
Fri	Aug 1**	-2.3 @ 11:30	10:30 – 1:30	?
Sat	Aug 2	-1.8 @ 12:30	11 – 2	?

*The tide depth and time are approximate predictions for Bellingham Bay, subject to weather conditions. This year, the lowest tides

** dates starred are tentative, pending volunteer availability. Dates in bold are set.

July 3rd is also this year’s Invasive Species Day. During this extremely low tide, the public can visit with naturalists on beaches or take part in a coordinated effort to locate invasive tunicates known to be spreading out from the Larrabee State Park area. We’ll document what we find so experts from WDFW can carefully exterminate them at a later date. Survey 9 am to 12 pm.

July 5 is also annual fireworks clean-up day! This year presents a unique opportunity for communities to enjoy the wonders of a really low tide on Saturday, July 5th and restore our beaches after the July 4th holiday! Community partners will coordinate morning clean-ups and Beach Naturalists will be on hand to guide fun exploration following clean-up activities. (Details for each beach TBA)

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