

Welcome to the **Auburn Environmental Park (AEP)**!

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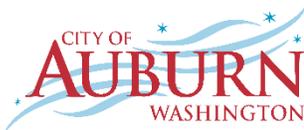
- This area used to be used as farmland
- City Council passed a resolution expressing interest in the Environmental Park Project and designated the AEP In **2004**
- The formation of the AEP was made possible through several land acquisitions between 1996 and 2014
- The wetland boardwalk was completed in 2012
- Now, the AEP includes **207 acres** of permanently protected area.

Facts:

- The wetland boardwalk trail is $\frac{1}{4}$ **mile long**. In future, it is the hope that the existing trail will be connected to the Inter-Urban trail to the east of the park
- The park features a 2 story bird tower, picnic tables, a kiosk featuring citizen photos, and many interpretive signs
- There is a Great Blue Heron rookery located in the Northeast portion of the park. The collection of nests is known to have been used for years by the migrating birds.

More information:

If you'd like more information about the park, Environmental Services, the City of Auburn or any other question, comment, or concern, we'd love to hear from you!



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Auburn Environmental Park



KEY

 approx. 1 acre

 Mill Creek culvert & restoration project

 wetland boardwalk

 parking lot & bird tower

WETLAND BIRD IDENTIFICATION



GREAT BLUE HERON



GREEN HERON



AMERICAN BITTERN



BELTED KINGFISHER (Female)



RED-WING BLACKBIRD



MARSH WREN



CEDAR WAXWING



COMMON YELLOWTHROAT (Male)



KILLDEER



BARN SWALLOW



TREE SWALLOW



VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW



BALD EAGLE



NORTHERN PINTAIL



CANADA GOOSE



AMERICAN COOT



HOODED MERGANSER



MALLARD (Female & Male)



WOOD DUCK (Female & Male)



BUFFLEHEAD

LOWLAND



FOREST BIRD IDENTIFICATION



BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE



CHESTNUT-BACKED CHICKADEE



AMERICAN GOLD FINCH



HOUSE FINCH (Male)



ROBIN



STELLAR'S JAY



SONG SPARROW



SPOTTED TOWHEE (Male)



BEWICK'S WREN



DARK-EYED JUNCO (Male)



DOWNY WOODPECKER (Male)



NORTHERN FLICKER (Male)



WESTERN TANAGER (Male)



BLACK-HEADED GROSBEEK



EVENING GROSBEEK (Male)



RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD (Male)



ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD (Male)



RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH



COOPER'S HAWK



RED-TAILED HAWK

Some other species in Washington wetlands:

Plants		Animals	
Hardhack		Green Darner Dragonfly	
Duckweed		Muskrat	
Broadleaf cattail		Beaver	
Willow species		Banana Slug	
Reed canary grass		Northern Red Legged Frog	
Buttercup		Northern Leopard Frog	
Himalayan blackberry		American Bullfrog	

The species listed in green are native to Washington. This means they originated in the area and are a part of a healthy ecosystem. The species listed in red are invasive. This means did not come from this area, and hurt the ecosystem in some way.

What is a Wetland?

Simply put, a wetland is exactly what it sounds like: land that is wet! But more precisely, a wetland is a complex ecosystem that may support both aquatic and terrestrial species.

The prolonged presence of water creates conditions that let specially adapted plants grow.

Wetlands vary widely because of local differences in soils, topography, climate, hydrology, water chemistry, vegetation, human disturbance and other factors. (United States Environmental Protection Agency)

They are important for...

- Filtering contaminated water
- Providing habitat for many species of plants and animals
- Storing water; keeping homes and businesses safe from flooding

AEP Scavenger Hunt

How many of these items can you find?

	Item	Location (describe)	Found?
1	AEP Bird Tower	West of the parking lot	✓
2	A bird house		
3	Great Blue Heron		
4	Marsh wren		
5	“Bill and Joyce Pelosa”		
6	bullfrog		
7	cattail plant		
8	Hardhack flower		
9	Blackberry bush		
10	Willow tree		
11	old farm fence		
12	“Knock knock, who’s there?”		
13	A bicycle rack		
14	Photograph kiosk		
15	A recycling bin		
16	2 maps of the local watershed		
17	Buttercup flower		
18	Reed canary grass		
19	A newly planted tree		
20	A snag (large dead tree)		
21	A fish that says “thank you”		
22	“Ethan Rumbaugh”		
23	AEP dedication plaque		
24	The batman symbol		
Total Found:			