

Prior to Euro-Asian settlement, Discovery Park had mature cedar-hemlock forest, with Sitka spruce in moister areas and Douglas-fir in drier locations. More than 60 years of use as a military base created dramatic disturbance legacies in the Park's topography, soils, vegetation, and biological diversity.



The federal government logged essentially all of the Park during establishment of Fort Lawton. Photo circa 1898.



Discovery Park, looking west to the Olympic Mountains (2012).

Restoration activity in the Park has focused on maintaining the quality of existing forest patches and establishing new areas of forest dominated by native conifers. Success is challenged by numerous invasive species, diminished soil foodwebs, and loss of native biodiversity.



English ivy (*Hedera helix*) is one of many woody invasive species in the Park that outcompete native plants. Here, ivy climbs red alders.



Poison-hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) is one of many herbaceous invasive species in the Park. These species outcompete native plants and prevent their establishment from seed.

Restoration Walks 2013



A WALKING TOUR OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROJECTS, DISCOVERY PARK, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Saturday, June 1, 2013

9:00AM to 3:00 PM

Meet at the Park's South Parking Lot



*Society for Ecological Restoration
Northwest Chapter*

THE TOUR

This Tour explores the Park with thoughts of the past and desires for the future. Tour Leaders Clay Antieau and David Hutchinson will describe the challenges, practices, failures, and successes in attempts to restore ecosystem functioning in this 600 acre urban park.

Clay is on the State Board of Directors for Washington Native Plant Society and a former President of SERNW. David owns Flora & Fauna Nature Books and is an expert birder. Both have long histories of involvement with restoring a wilder Discovery Park.

The Tour covers 3 miles, rain or shine. Bring binoculars and bird/plant field guides. To sign up, contact Clay at clay39@netzero.net or 206-233-3711.



Volunteers implement a forest restoration project at Discovery Park.

Restoration Projects in Discovery Park



Restoration Areas of Interest:

- A:** Former Nike Missile Command Center Site
- B:** Former Enlisted Men Dormitories (500 Area)
- C:** Former Hospital Site
- D:** Former Theatre Site
- E:** Conifer Underplanting and Forest Understory Restoration Sites
- F:** Road Abandonment
- G:** Former Capehart Housing Site

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Restoration Walks is an initiative launched to celebrate SERNW's 20th Anniversary across the Cascadia bioregion. To register for an event or to obtain a list of Restoration Walks across the Northwest, see www.sernw.org