



Meadowbrook Farm



Meadowbrook Farm is 460 acres of historic public open space on the Snoqualmie Valley floor, located within the cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend. The mythical birthplace of the Snoqualmie tribe, "Hyas Kloshe Ilahee" (the Great Good Land) was maintained for thousands of years by the Snoqualmies as a hunting and food-growing prairie. Early white settlers homesteaded the land for farms, and these were consolidated during the late 1800's to form the world's largest hop ranch. Subsequent farmers raised crops, dairy herds, greenchop and hay.

The land was acquired as jointly owned public open space by the cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend in 1996 for wildlife habitat, historic and cultural interpretation, ongoing agriculture, and public recreation; today much of Meadowbrook Farm remains open field and wetland forest, as it has been for centuries. The land is managed by the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization established by the cities to implement the master site plan for the property. Come walk across the meadows and through the woods, come for a class, or just admire the views of this beautiful place.

Meadowbrook Farm Location: 1711 Boalch Ave., North Bend, WA 98045

Meadowbrook Class Schedule (for January through April)

Town of Snoqualmie Falls Video and Discussion

Learn the history of the Snoqualmie Falls Lumber Company Mill and the missing mill town of Snoqualmie Falls, WA in a Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society video narrated by Dave Battey, with music by Harley Brumbagh. Some silent film from the 1920's and 1930's will also be shown.

Guide: Dave Battey
Location: Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center
Dates & Times: January 23 & March 13 / Saturday 10am-12noon
All ages

Walk to Big Cedar 9 1/2 feet in diameter

Imagine a tree 500 years old! Take a short hike to see this living, valley floor old growth forest giant, and learn about the many ways Native Americans and early pioneers used cedar in their everyday lives. Ideal short hike for families with children. Meet at Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center; dress for the weather and wear hiking shoes or boots!

Guide: Dave Battey
Dates & Times: January 9, February 20 / Saturday 10am-12noon
All ages

Meadowbrook 101 MF Interpretive Center

This presentation covers the colorful history, boundaries and possible future options for this unique 460 acres of open space on the Snoqualmie valley floor between North Bend and Snoqualmie. Historical photos are provided by the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Guide: Dave Battey
Date: Saturday / February 6th 10am-12noon
All ages

Snoqualmie 101

Using historic photographs from the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society, Dave Battey shares a PowerPoint history of the City of Snoqualmie from the ice age through the 1950's. Cataclysmic beginnings, Native Americans, early settlers, the growth of logging and agriculture, the coming of the railroads and much more.

Guide: Dave Battey
Date: February 6 / Saturday 10am - 12noon
All Ages

Guided Tour of Meadowbrook Farm

FREE

Learn the history, boundaries, flora and fauna of this jewel of the Upper Valley. Dress for a hike, bring your camera and the family! No need to register, just show up. Meet in the Snoqualmie Middle School parking lot on the North Bend side of the school.

Guide: Dave Battey
Time: Saturday 10am-12noon
Dates: WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL MAY
Dress for weather, meet at Snoqualmie Middle School Parking Lot
All ages

Backyard Beekeeping 101

Honeybees are fun to keep in the backyard for their honey, pollination, and personal enjoyment. Western Washington and rural King County offer prime honeybee habitat. Learn what you need to know to become a backyard beekeeper. This class is a family-oriented, study of beekeeping, it is open to all age levels and is intended to provide new beekeepers everything necessary to plan for and maintain an apiary in the spring. Topics covered include the following:

- Equipment -- what you'll need and how to use it.
- All about honeybees, their life-cycle, members of the hive, and managing honeybee ailments.
- Harvesting and processing honey, and other products of the hive.
- Planning for and managing your own apiary. Placing your hives, installing bees, swarm prevention, and long-term management.

Date: February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
Time: 7:00-9:00pm
Location: Meadowbrook Interpretive Center
Fee: \$30/family (includes the Washington Master Beekeeper's Apprentice booklet)

Backyard Beekeeping 101 w. Apiary Workshop

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This class will conclude with a trip to the Apiary to install packaged bees and inspect the existing hives - bring your beekeeping gear.

Date: April 17th & 18th
Time: 12:00-4:00pm
Location: Meadowbrook Interpretive Center
Fee: \$30/family (includes the Washington Master Beekeeper's Apprentice booklet)

Beekeeping Assembly/Repair Workshop

Just in time for spring, this hands-on workshop will teach you how to assemble all that gear you got over the winter. You'll learn what it's for, how to put it together, how to use it, and how to perform any necessary repairs. Bring in your gear with any questions. Bring gear and tools if you need personalized help.

- Frame Assembly
- Wiring in new foundation
- Hive body assembly
- Making feeders
- Simple repairs

Date: March 16th
Time: 7:00-9:00pm
Location: Meadowbrook Farm
Fee: \$5/family