



# EVANS CREEK PRESERVE



Discover some of the natural wonders of Evans Creek Preserve!

## TREE CANOPY

- How many different types of large trees can you find? Can you name them?
- How do they differ from each other? (HINT height, deciduous or evergreen, bark, cones, leaves/needles)
- Estimate the height and age of the tallest trees?



Low Oregon Grape



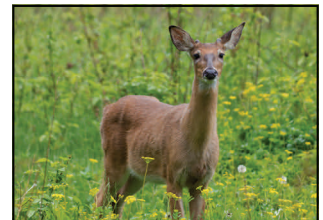
Indian Plum

## UNDERSTOREY

- How many different plants can you find growing under the trees? Can you name them?
- How do they differ from each other?
- When you crush the leaves of the Indian Plum plant, what does it smell like?

## WILDLIFE & WILDLIFE HABITAT

- The preserve provides forest, meadow and wetland habitat for wildlife. What wildlife would likely inhabit this preserve? (HINT: think of the largest to the smallest size of wildlife)
- Can you see any evidence of their presence? (HINT: nests, animal tracks, scat)
- Can you find any tree snags? What types of wildlife would use these snags?



Skunk Cabbage



Trillium



Bleeding Heart



Fringecup

## SPRING WILDFLOWERS

- Can you find these wildflowers?
- Why do you think these flowering plants were given the common names of Skunk Cabbage? Trillium? Bleeding Heart? and Fringecup?

## MOSESSES

- How many different kinds of mosses can you find? (HINT: Look very closely to see the differences!)
- Where do you see these different mosses growing?



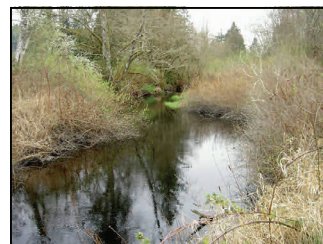


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## WATERSHED

- How many creeks did you cross today?
- Where is this water coming from?
- Where do you think all these creeks flow to?
- Why is important to preserve these creeks?



Lady fern



Licorice fern

## FERNS

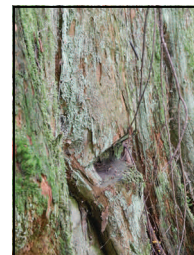
- How many different ferns can you find? Can you name them?
- Ferns reproduce by spores rather than by seeds. Can you see the spore casings on the underside of the fern fronds?

## SOUNDS OF NATURE

Stop, close your eyes, and listen for several minutes!  
What do you hear?

## LOGGING HISTORY

- You may notice old tree stumps in the forest. Look more closely and you may see “notches” in these stumps. What do you think these notches were made for?



Devil's Club



Horsetail

## UNUSUAL LOOKING PLANTS

- Devil's Club is covered with spines, but the Native Americans used this plant for food and medicine.
- Horsetail has been growing for over 200 million years— before the age of dinosaurs!!

Observe the seasonal changes in nature  
by visiting Evans Creek Preserve throughout the year!