



## Interlaken Park UW Intro to Restoration Ecology Service Project

**When:**

Thursday November 04, 2009  
2:00pm – 4:30pm

**Where:**

INTERLAKEN PARK

Near the intersection of Boyer Ave E and 19<sup>th</sup> Ave E (Landmark: St Demetrius Church is just northeast of this intersection)

Join EarthCorps, the Green Seattle Partnership, the City of Seattle Dept of Parks and Recreation and Friends of Interlaken Park for a few hours of urban forest restoration!

Interlaken Park at 52 acres is a densely wooded area on the north end of Capitol Hill. The paths and trails throughout the park are frequented by bikers, hikers and joggers. In the 1890's, Interlaken Boulevard was the principal bike and buggy path linking Capitol Hill with the boulevards on Lake Washington. The conversion around that time of the high bicycle wheel to the low bicycle wheel made bicycles much easier to ride and very popular. Assistant City Engineer George F. Cotterill, conscious of the hazards of biking on city streets lined with planks, toured the city to look for good bikeways. His bike trails formed the basis of the city's boulevard system, and in 1903, the Olmsted Brothers approved Interlaken as a boulevard route. It soon became popular with walkers and auto drivers, who appreciated the views of mountains and lakes. In 1913, five acres of the Interlaken area were set aside as Boren Park to honor Louisa Boren Denny, the last surviving member of the party of pioneers that landed at Alki in 1851.

**What to expect:**

Participants should expect to learn a brief history of Interlaken Park and an overview of Seattle's urban forests. EarthCorps staff will discuss forest structure, native vs. non-native plant species, and environmental restoration. The service project includes preparing sites for fall plantings as well as working on a past restoration sites (weeding previous planting areas, sheet mulching and applying woodchips to the area).

**What to bring:**

EarthCorps supplies gloves, tools, water, light refreshments and a talk that covers safety, the park you are working in, forest structure, environmental restoration and the overview of the project. We suggest that volunteers dress in layers of older clothes that include long pants, long sleeve shirt and a jacket. Durable footwear such as work boots, hiking boots or running shoes are recommended for these events. These events take place rain or shine so please come prepared for the weather. Bring a lunch if you would like as well as a water bottle and a coffee cup/travel mug for refreshments.

**Meeting Location:**

Near the intersection of Boyer Ave E and 19<sup>th</sup> Ave E (Landmark: St Demetrius Church is just northeast of this intersection). The bus will drop you off near Boyer & 24<sup>th</sup>. It's about a 10 minute walk to our meeting location. Metro routes #43 & #48 can be used.

**Driving Directions:**

From I-5 proceed northbound or southbound. Merge onto WA-520 E via exit number 168B - toward BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND. Take the MONTLAKE BLVD. exit. Turn RIGHT onto MONTLAKE BLVD E. MONTLAKE BLVD E becomes E MONTLAKE PL E. Follow a few blocks to BOYER AVE E. Turn Right on Boyer Ave E. Follow to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave E (the back of St Demetrius Church will be on your right) and turn left. Proceed up the hill and park along the road.

**EarthCorps:**

EarthCorps' mission is to build global community through local environmental service. EarthCorps envisions a global community of environmental leaders and engaged citizens. EarthCorps brings together young people from the USA and around the world to work, learn and grow. Our efforts unite best practices in environmental restoration with a community-based approach to service, education and action. Together with a global network of partners and friends, EarthCorps restores key ecological sites around the Puget Sound and supports our international partner organizations on projects around the world.

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