

Washington Native Plant Society - South Sound Chapter Native Plant Hike

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2017

Title/Location: Arboretum in Lake Wilderness Park, 22520 SE 248th in Maple Valley, WA.

Hike Leader: John Neorr Contact Information: cpdillongh@comcast.net, please RSVP

Departure Time: 10am

Estimated Return Time: 11:30am

Departure location: Nursery at center of arboretum

Number of people: 10-15

Hike Description: Lake Wilderness Arboretum is a 42-acre oasis of native forest, cultivated gardens and botanical collections situated in the heart of the bustling city of Maple Valley, Washington. Five display gardens boast collections of plants and flowers that our volunteers have nurtured and maintained for 50 years. From the Smith-Mossman Western Azalea Garden to the Legacy Garden to the Woodland Garden, visitors are welcome to meander appreciatively through beautiful examples of thriving northwest landscapes and visit the Arboretum's Little Free Library, too!

This fall hike will feature the Arboretum's collection of vine maple cultivars and its collection of Japanese maples, both of which should be showing their beautiful fall colors. The tour will also take in the Arboretum's extensive collection of dwarf conifers.

Any special requirements: One mile trail is flat and well maintained so good walking shoes are fine. Cookies and water will be provided.

Directions: From I-5 N, merge onto Hwy 18 E (exit #142A) toward Auburn & North Bend. Exit to Maple Valley Hwy 169. Turn right on SE 232 St. Turn right on Maple Valley Hwy 169. Turn right on Witte Rd SE. Turn left on SE 248 St. Go around the roundabout and turn right on SE 248 St. Arboretum entrance is straight ahead. Drive through the entrance and park at the end of the driveway on the right. The nursery is on the left.