

Come join us!

Natural Forestry for the rest of us.



*Train to
work in*

*and understand urban
forest restoration as a
Master Forester*

Carkeek's Master Foresters will be trained and certified as skilled volunteers, stewards and leaders to restore forests anywhere in the urban "wildland" while focusing on Carkeek Park.

- ◆ *11 Saturdays, June 27, 2009 - Jan. 30, 2010,*
- ◆ *Mornings: training & a few work parties, 8:30 - 12 noon,*
- ◆ *Cost: \$25 & volunteer commitment,*
- ◆ *Class meets at Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center.*
- ◆ *Call 206-684-0877 to join the roster or for further information.*



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Master Foresters

This summer and fall staff and volunteers of the Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center will offer a **Master Forester** course.

This course consists of 11 classes, one Saturday morning every two to three weeks, starting June 27th, 2009 and continuing through January 30th, 2010. Each class lasts about 3-4 hours, depending on the subject. The course will be a mix of lectures, excursions, and hands-on work.



Forest understory plants matter.

a park's forest that will be falling down at the same rate that its predecessor was logged in the early 20th century. Master Foresters lead work parties to replace the forest with natural systems as our guide.

Purpose of the course is to give volunteers confidence and the necessary background information to work in the forests of Carkeek Park, assisting the Parks maintenance staff, to lead small groups of volunteers, or to adopt a discrete section of the forest for monitoring and maintenance. In the latter case Master Foresters are

asked to pair up or form a small group, adopting the same area.

Requirements are that participants are "able bodied" because working in the forest means getting off the trails and into the very often dense undergrowth. Participants must also be or become registered volunteers.

Costs. There will be an entrance fee of \$25 to help cover costs of materials.

Certification. At the end of the course participants will be certified as Master Foresters, provided they attended at least 9 of the eleven classes and after submitting their "study project" - see 'subject matter'.

Subject matter. Each training session, lectures, supported by excursions, focus on

- the ecology of the North West evergreen forest;
- the management of our secondary forest in its transitional stage to mature natural forest;
- the forest management plan and how to use it as a guideline for activities;
- learning to read and make maps;
- thorough knowledge of the woody and herbaceous flora;
- Carkeek Park wildlife and its management; **and**
- knowledge of tools and "best management practices".

Hands-on work will include

- site preparation for planting and subsequent planting;
- invasive removal;
- maintenance like pruning and liberation;
- tool maintenance.



A renewed urban forest for Seattle's people and future.

Participants also will be asked to complete a "study project", relating to forest management, watershed history or another, related topic.

Volunteer commitment. Following 40 hours of botanical, practical, management, leadership and ecological training we know you will see yourself and your relationship to this park's forest in a new way. We also look at you in a new way: as a resource asset to help us accomplish the restoration and reforestation of this corner of Seattle. We expect that your skills will turn into a time commitment to Carkeek Park or the Green Seattle Partnership.

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