



**FEDERAL WAY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Summer Outdoor Resource List for Families

Free and Low-Cost Activities to do together

Free and/or low cost Garden Classes

Free summer garden classes for children ages 3-11- WSU Pierce County Master Gardener Puyallup Children's Garden, occurs select Saturdays May-October. Visit link for more details.

<https://extension.wsu.edu/pierce/youth-program-puyallup-demonstration-garden/>

Growing Groceries Glasses- learn best practices for growing fruits and veggies in Western WA. Wednesdays 7:00PM to 8:30 PM on Zoom. \$7.50/class and some Financial Need Waivers are provided

<https://mgfkc.org/education/growinggroceries>

Native Plant Classes- South Sound Washington Native Plant Society, FREE

<https://www.wnps.org/south-sound>

Garden Talks and Classes in Puyallup- WSU Pierce County Master Gardeners, FREE

<https://extension.wsu.edu/pierce/demonstration-gardens/>

Parks to hike and visit

Federal Way Parks- explore nature in a local Federal Way Parks like West Hylebos, Steel Lake or Celebration Park, FREE

<https://www.cityoffederalway.com/parks>

Dash Point State Park- Explore our own local state park here in our home town, FREE

<https://www.parks.wa.gov/496/Dash-Point>

Tacoma Nature Center- 70 acre wetland habitat with play area and trails and free family nature walks, FREE

<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/place/tacoma-nature-center/>

Browns Point Lighthouse- tours on Saturday, FREE

<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/place/browns-point-lighthouse-park/>

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Gardens to visit

PowellsWood- A Northwest Garden- tours of a 37 acre garden here in Federal Way. Children are free. Adults \$7 <https://www.powellswood.org/>

Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden- one of the largest collections of rhododendrons in the world, free for kids under 12, \$5.00 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 adults <https://rhodygarden.org/visit/>

Pacific Bonsai Museum- admission by donation <https://pacificbonsaimuseum.org/>

Light of Christ Community Garden- Garden volunteers are available to “teach” individuals/groups that want to learn more about gardening. They ask individuals to come during our regular workdays which are Mon & Wed 9 – 12. Groups can make arrangements for other days/times. Contact Jim Cox at locgarden@comcast.net or 253-326-7166. Check out website at <https://www.lightofchristgarden.org>.

Other Outdoor Activities

South Sound Bike Riding Trails- Kid Friendly

<https://www.parentmap.com/article/best-bike-paths-kids-families-tacoma-olympia-south-sound>

Pick Berries

U Pick: <https://www.parentmap.com/article/u-pick-berries-a-taste-of-summer-sunshine>

Wild Foraging: <https://www.parentmap.com/article/summer-urban-foraging-pick-wild-berries-in-local-parks>

Federal Way Farmers Market- shop local and enjoy your community. May 11th-October 26th, Saturdays 9am-3pm, accepts WIC, SFMNP and SNAP benefits

<https://federalwayfarmersmarket.com/>

Agents of Discovery in Tacoma Metro Parks- Perfect for families looking to spend time outdoors, Agents of Discovery is a free, educational app to get youth active, engaged and learning about the world around them. Challenges (or questions) are geo-triggered as participants walk the trail.

<https://www.metroparkstacoma.org/agentsofdiscovery/>

Make painted rocks and leave them in nature for others to find!

<https://www.parentmap.com/article/painted-rocks-treasure-hunt-kid-craze>

Native Plants

Washington Native Plant Society- online resources and classes/activities to learn about Native Plants in the Puget Sound area.

<https://www.wnps.org/>

Garden Raised Bounty- Free educational resources and a series of seasonal classes to learn about native plants and Indigenous wisdom

<https://www.goodgrub.org/wild-foods/wild-foods-and-medicine#>

Puyallup Tribal Language Department- Learn how to speak the first names given to plants in our area. This website shares Lushootseed and includes videos of native plants and their Lushootseed and English names.

<https://www.puyalluptriballanguage.org/nature/plants.php>

Muckleshoot Garden

Tribal events open to the public? Potlatch, Canoe Journey