

Ten Hikes within 60 minutes of Downtown Seattle

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- 1) BOEING CREEK PARK:** This is a 2-4 mile hike with a moderate to steep trail. This is rated as one of the best urban forests in the state and is home to Mountain Beaver, Raccoons, Red Fox and a 200 year old Western Yew tree. Highlights are Boeing Creek and Hidden Lake. **601 NW 175th Street in Shoreline - www.shorelinewa.gov**
- 2) REVENNA PARK:** This is a 4.5 mile hike with a level to steep trail. Even though it is in the heart of the city, this 100+ year old park takes you into a forest of immense Red Alder and Maple with an undergrowth of Ferns and Salal. Once in the Ravine, the city disappears and you follow a stream from east to west around boulders and logs. **5520 Revenna Ave NE in Seattle - www.seattle.gov/parks**
- 3) PIONEER PARK:** This is a 5 mile hike that is easy to moderate. This is a gem in the middle of Mercer Island. This forest is filled with 75 year old second growth Alder, Maple, Madrona, Western Hemlock and Douglas Fir. **SE 68th St & Island Crest Way in Mercer Island - www.mercergov.org**
- 4) BRIDLE TRAILS STATE PARK:** There are almost 30 miles of trail mostly easy to moderate in this 100 year old forest, just a mile from the urban centers of Bellevue and Kirkland. This is a great hike for plant identification with many types of ferns, huckleberry, salal and a number of species of wild mushrooms. **116th Ave NE in Kirkland - www.parks.wa.gov**
- 5) WATERSHED PRESERVE:** This is a 0.3-7.5 mile hike with an easy to moderate trail. Wetlands, Beaver ponds, and streams cross this 100 year old forest which is home to Black-tailed Deer, Beaver, Wood Ducks and rare sighting of Black Bear, Coyotes and Cougar. This is an amazing habitat for many animals and birds. **21760 Novelty Hill Road in Redmond - www.ci.redmond.wa.us**
- 6) SQUAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK:** This is a 0.5-10 mile trail going from easy to steep depending on the section of trail you choose. Even though there are high points on this mountain, the forest is so thick and lush that distant views are hard to find. Amazing Douglas Firs and Big Leaf Maples abound as well as Mountain Beaver, Raccoons and even Cougar and Bear. **21430 SE May Valley Road in Issaquah - www.parks.wa.gov**
- 7) SPENCER ISLAND:** This is a 3.5 mile loop with a 0.5 mile cross trail for additional hiking and is easy throughout. A birders paradise with hundreds of species of birds surrounded by Union Slough with two large marsh areas. Be sure to bring binoculars and cameras and keep an eye out for River Otters and bats in the early morning and at dusk. **East end of 4th Street SE in Everett - www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/departments/parks**
- 8) PARADISE VALLEY CONSERVATION AREA:** Many distances to choose from up to 13 total miles most being easy to moderate. This area has extensive wetlands and holds Coyote, Bear, Coyote, and Cougar. Cottage Creek has resident Trout and migrating Salmon during the spawn. **23120 Paradise Road in Woodinville - www.snocoparks.org**
- 9) PRIEST POINT PARK:** This trail is 6 miles round trip that is easy to moderate. Creeks, ravines, bluffs and a lush, green carpet below giant cedars then traversing along Puget Sound. **2600 E Bay Drive NE in Olympia - www.ci.olympia.wa.us/city-services/park.aspx**
- 10) LORD HILL REGIONAL PARK:** Up to 6+ miles on this easy to moderate trail. This park is centered around a single hill which rises 600 ft above the floodplain. Miniature wetlands with nine different ponds. If you are lucky, you will see Beavers at work or possibly spot a Bear, Deer or Bobcat. At the lookout you have great views of Mt Baker and the Olympics. **12921-150th Street SE in Snohomish - www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/departments/park**

