Connect!

A Guide to the Environment: Earth Day Challenge Special

Learn about Washington’s environmental community online and connect with others who are invested in our planet’s health.
EarthShare Washington convenes the most influential environmental organizations with the business community to transform how we protect our planet. Together with our national network of 600 nonprofit partners, we deliver company-wide programs that give employees a voice in how they give at work — from air quality, clean water and climate change, to land conservation and wildlife protection. By creating partnerships that bring employee passions to life, we are ensuring our shared future on a healthy Earth.

Take the Earth Day Challenge

At EarthShare Washington, we’re a lot of different conservation groups working together to make our planet and communities better, cleaner, and greener.

To recognize Earth Day we’re challenging everyone to support the environmental community in Washington state. Share the Earth Day Challenge and donate to premier environmental groups or get a team together at your workplace or among your friends to raise funds for conservation with your own personalized giving page.

Our environmental champions and stewards are still working hard to make strides for the health of our planet and communities and need your support.

Raise funds for conservation charities with your own personalized giving page for your company, organization, or team of friends to celebrate Earth Day.

Take the Earth Day Challenge
www.earthdaychallenge.org
Introduction

Celebrate Earth Day with this toolkit of online resources and in-person activities for the entire family — including curriculum to help busy parents engage kids in environmental stewardship activities and resources for adults to learn more about key environmental issues in the state.

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Take Action This Earth Month

How you can raise your voice in support for a greener, healthier and more equitable Washington.

**Washington Can't Wait**  
*Futurewise*

Take action to ensure that Washington’s largest cities and counties are planning for a future that protects our climate, our environment and our communities. [www.futurewise.org](http://www.futurewise.org)

**Wilderness Action**  
*Washington Wild*

Keep up to date on where wilderness in Washington needs to be protected and how you can help in making sure these areas are around for future generations. [wawild.org/take-action/](http://wawild.org/take-action/)

**Zero Waste Q&A**  
*Zero Waste Washington*

Find out how you can help reduce the use of plastics and volunteer for other projects at Zero Waste Washington.  
[zerowastewashington.org/join-us/volunteer/](http://zerowastewashington.org/join-us/volunteer/)

**Environmental Progress**  
*Washington Environmental Council*

After working to get the Clean Fuel Standard passed out of the House and HEAL Act passed out of the Senate, WEC is now focused on crucial budgets through their Conservation Works priority. See how you can help ensure the state’s budget works to create environmental progress.  
[wecprotects.org/action/whats-up-with-washingtons-budgets/](http://wecprotects.org/action/whats-up-with-washingtons-budgets/)
Wildlife in Washington

Learn more about Washington's wildlife.

Birds & Habitat Across the State
Audubon Washington

Audubon has a network of 25 local chapters covering nearly all of Washington State. Across regions, dedicated volunteers work together to advance bird conservation and strengthen community relations with nature. Chapter efforts are the backbone of Audubon’s conservation success. Find your local chapter and get involved: wa.audubon.org/chapters-centers

Help Migrating Fish
Trout Unlimited

Join the efforts of Trout Unlimited in removing barriers in waterways for migrating fish. A series of training videos and resources is available on their website along with virtual events: washingtontu.org/bat

Introductions to Our Community
Check out short videos that introduce you to our member organizations.
www.esw.org/meet-our-members-videos

For Salmon, for People
Washington Water Trust

Find out how WWT works to protect Washington’s freshwater so fish, farms, and communities all thrive. washingtonwatertrust.org/our-focus-areas/
Getting Out There

Venture out and lend a hand, while maintaining social distance.

Trail Work, Backcountry Response & Volunteer Vacations
Washington Trails Association

Volunteer with WTA for a fun and rewarding way to give back to the places you love to hike. Trails across Washington need our help more than ever. There are many ways to volunteer. See details below and join a work party today. wta.org/volunteer/schedule

Explore-A-Thon
Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

The Greenway is a diverse landscape made up of incredible cities, towns, trails, forests, and waterways. How you choose to explore is up to you . . . perhaps you’ll visit a heritage museum, spot wildlife in a local park, or catch a beautiful sunset. There are so many ways to connect with the Greenway. mtsgreenway.org/support/more-ways-to-give/breakfast/

Family Hikes
Islandwood

Is your family staying put for the school’s spring break? Leave behind Zoom and that computer and gather your loved ones to enjoy the beauty of the spring season with a day hike on our trails. See how many animal tracks you can spot, cross the Suspension Bridge and visit our magical Bog Treehouse. islandwood.org/event/spring-break-schools-out-family-hikes/

Report Water Pollution
Puget Soundkeeper Alliance

Spot pollution in Puget Sound? Tell Puget Soundkeeper about it. They’ll follow up and make sure it’s taken care of (non-emergency reports.) www.pugetsoundkeeper.org/pollution-reporting-form

LEARN MORE AT WWW.ESW.ORG
Learning Activities for Kids and Adults

*Take a deep dive into the natural world with these virtual activities and programs.*

**Learn About Clean & Just Transportation**
Transportation Choices Coalition

An equitable, sustainable transportation system that prioritizes transit, walking, biking, and rolling will serve communities fairly and contribute to an overall healthier society. Learn where we are and where we should be headed. [transportationchoices.org/clean-and-just/](http://transportationchoices.org/clean-and-just/)

**Free Film Screening**
Earth Ministry

Join the Pickford Film Center, the Multifaith Network for Climate Justice, St. Paul’s Creation Care Ministry, and other organizations for a free online screening of "Kiss the Ground," a film about soil and regenerative agriculture. [earthministry.org/event/film-screening-kiss-the-ground](http://earthministry.org/event/film-screening-kiss-the-ground)

**Community Kitchen Cook-Along**
Tilth Alliance

The cook-along will feature guest chef Carey Thornton, educational host Daniella Nicholas, event support from the Rainier Beach Community Kitchen crew, and seasonal produce bags from the Good Food Bags team at Tilth Alliance. [seattletilth.nonprofitsoapbox.com](http://seattletilth.nonprofitsoapbox.com)

**Climate Leaders Live!**
Climate Solutions

Climate Leaders Live! is a new online series where collaborators, present conversations, policy deep dives, and explorations of how we can build a better future together. We’ll hear from organizations, businesses, elected officials, and community leaders in public health, environmental justice and more: [climatesolutions.org/climateleaderslive](http://climatesolutions.org/climateleaderslive)

**Land for Good**
Forterra

Join a conversation about how outdoor enthusiasts with diverse interests connect with the natural world and each other. Accept an invitation to explore inclusive ways of thinking about wilderness and about our cities. [forterra.org/event/land-for-good](http://forterra.org/event/land-for-good)
Explore More
Discover more about the world outside your door, and how we can meet critical environmental challenges as a society.

Energy Resources
Northwest Energy Coalition

Everything from new electric vehicle standards to changes in natural gas use in commercial buildings to more equitable access to renewable energy is covered in online seminars throughout the year at nwenergy.org/events.

Conserve Water at Home
Center for Environmental Law & Policy

Find ways you can help reduce the stress on our important waterways and watersheds by making some changes at home. celp.org/water-conservation/

The Earth Day Challenge

To recognize Earth Day we’re challenging everyone to support the environmental community in Washington state.

The Earth Day Challenge is EarthShare Washington’s annual month-long event aimed at enhancing awareness of the environment, getting people engaged in protecting and restoring it, and promoting the companies making a tangible difference.

The event features an online platform that encourages teams and individuals to contribute to our state’s leading environmental organizations.

Sponsorship of the Earth Day Challenge supports the efforts of 18 local nonprofits working every day to protect and restore our natural environment and keep our communities healthy.

Sponsor the Earth Day Challenge

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