Are you as big as an eagle? What lives at Lost Lagoon? Do herons have an easy life? Do salmon visit Stanley Park? Discover the answers to these questions and more while leading your own adventure with our easy to use Discovery Kit.

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Essential Teacher Information

Payment
We prefer payment two weeks prior to your program date, but you can also bring a cheque on your program day for the *Discovery Kit*. Please make cheques out to the Stanley Park Ecology Society, and mark them with your school name and program date. A $25 fee will be charged for all cheques returned NSF.

Cancellation Policy
Our programs are popular and space is limited. If you must cancel or change your booking, we ask for two weeks notice. Where a cancellation is made less than two weeks in advance, the Stanley Park Ecology Society may retain the program fee in full.

Pay Parking
Pay parking is in effect at all times in Stanley Park. The rates are $3.25 for 1 hour or $11 per day per vehicle. Rates are set by the Park Board and are subject to change. Cash and credit cards are accepted at the ticket machines. Note: school buses can park for free.

Transportation and Meeting Site
The pick-up location for the *Discovery Kit* is the Stanley Park Ecology Society office in the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion (see map on page 4). The Stanley Park Ecology Society office is located upstairs, and is accessed via the signed doorway on the northwest side of the building, across from the parking area. Other pick up locations can also be arranged in advance.

There is bus and car parking just past the Dining Pavilion, in the Miniature Railway parking area. The site is also easily accessed by the #19 Stanley Park bus.
Tips for Success

Adult assistance
Having extra adults along can be very helpful. We suggest two to four adults for a class of 25. Ask adults to participate in activities, turn off cell phones and bring up the rear of the group to make sure no stragglers are left behind.

Help students be prepared
Advise students on how to dress appropriately for the weather and for a long walk. Clothing layers are advisable any time of year and good walking shoes are essential. Students should bring water bottles and have a snack before heading out.

Arriving for the program
Please arrive on time for your Discovery Kit pick-up, as we may not be able to stay in the office much past the designated time. There are no washrooms along the route, so leave time for a washroom break before starting out. Public washrooms are available in the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion (around the front of the building, accessed from the outside), and in the Miniature Railway picnic area (a great option for lunch with covered picnic area and playground).

Where to pick up the Discovery Kit
If you are just coming to use the Discovery Kit for the day, please come to our office on the upper level of the Stanley Park Dining Pavilion to pick up the Kit. We will give you a quick overview of the contents and make sure you’re off to a good start. If you are using the kit while another class from your school does a program with our educators, we will bring the kit out to meet you. Alternate arrangements can be made in advance.
Map and Directions

Driving Directions from Vancouver
- Travel northeast on Georgia St. past Denman St.
- Take the right lane exit into Stanley Park.
- Travel straight through the roundabout (take the second exit).
- Drive up the hill along Pipeline Road. Take your first right after the rose gardens.
- Follow this narrow road between the rose gardens and the trees to the Stanley Park Pavilion.

Public Transit Directions
After you get off the #19 bus, walk south towards the Stanley Park Pavillion.
About the Discovery Kit

- It is a self-guided tour for you and your students.
- 8 stops provide activities and information about natural and historical aspects of Stanley Park.
- It takes 2 to 2.5 hours to travel the entire route. A shortcut route on the map skips stops 5, 6 and 8 and shortens the walk to about 1.5 hours.
- There are more activities than you may like to do. This kit is designed so that you can select only some stops of interest and still enjoy your tour.
- Page 4 provides an overview of the tour and activities.
- Get the kids involved! Let them read information aloud, use the compass, follow the map, organize props...hey, they can even carry the backpack!

Thank you for supporting Stanley Park Ecology Society.
Enjoy your journey!

List of Materials

In this grey Duo-Tang:
- Guide Book
- Route Map (p.2)

In the main pouch of the backpack:
- Visuals (green Duo-Tang)
- Eagle Nest Rope Outline
- Eagle Silhouette
- Stuffed Eagle
- Measuring Tape
- Lost Lagoon Bird ID Cards
- Salmon Egg to Fry Display

In the front pouch of the backpack:
- Heron Lottery Cards
- Five Minute Field Trip cards

In different pouches of the backpack or separated bag:
- Binoculars

Need help at any point during your walk? Call us: 604-257-6907
SPES School Programs Department
Your Discovery Route - Map

* You might have to skip the Cob House activity if the gates of the miniature train are closed.
Activities

Plan 5 minutes to walk between each stop.

How to use binoculars
See “How To” section, p.6

Anywhere, play
Five-Minute Field Trip, p.7
What can you find?

1. Bald Eagle Nest - Part 1, p.10
   - Find the nest
   - How many of us could fit in it?
   - How big are bald eagles?

2. Lord Stanley Statue, p.12
   - Who is Lord Stanley?

3. Cedar Tree, p.14
   - Why so many stumps in Stanley Park?
   - The Tree of Life

4. Lost Lagoon, p.18
   - Why is it called Lost Lagoon?
   - Bird Scavenger Hunt
   - Great Blue Heron Lottery

5. Seawall, p.23
   - Vancouver Rowing Club
   - Bat Colony

6. Salmon Stream, p.26
   - A Stream!
   - Salmon Life Cycle

7. Bald Eagle Nest - Part 2, p.30
   - Signs of eagle activity
   - What do they eat?

8. Cob House, p.32
   - What is a cob house?

Themes
  - Exploration
  - Ecology
  - History

STANLEY PARK ECOLOGY SOCIETY
The Useful Symbols

Throughout the guide, you will see these symbols:

**Fun Facts**
To read aloud to the group, by you or the students.

**Visuals**
The visuals are in the green Duo-Tang.

**Directions**
Directions to follow to get to the next activity.

**Activities**
The activities need some material marked in **bold orange** in the text.

**Time**
The clock indicates the approximate time to spend at each station. With 5 minute transitions between stations, the complete walk will take **2 to 2.5 hours**. Go ahead and adjust as you want – spend more or less time at each station, or skip some!

*Italic text* is not read aloud.

**Questions** for discussion are in **bold blue**. Possible answers follow!