Celebrate Earth Day With The Washington State Parks Department

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If you could send a wish to the planet, what would it be? We’ll be sharing our #EarthDayWish with the Washington Department of Ecology during a live Twitter chat from noon to 1 p.m. today. Join the fun and support Washington’s natural resources by tweeting your answers to @EcologyWA.

We’re celebrating the 100th year of Washington State Parks with events across the state all year long. Wondering what’s coming up this week, next week and beyond? Find your next adventure in our weekly events round-up. Be sure to visit our events calendar for a full list of upcoming events. **StatewideApril 27 and 28 – State Parks Free Day**: Visit Washington state parks for free in recognition of National Parks Week. The Discover Pass is not required to access state parks on free days.**StatewideApril 27 – Lake Fishing Day Opener**: April 27 is the start of the lowland lakes trout-fishing season. Hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians descend on trout-stocked lakes to kick off the state’s biggest outdoor event. Find a lake near you using the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s Fish Washington tool.**Columbia Hills State ParkApril 27 – Fishing Day Opener Boating Safety**: Learn about boating safety as part of theopening day of fishing at Horsethief Lake in Columbia Hills State Park. Free boating inspections will be offered as well as presentations on boating knot roving.**Deception Pass State Park**

April 30 – Native Plant Appreciation Week Event: The spring flowers, great views and easy trails at Deception Pass State Park’s Good Rock make for some of the best lowland wildflower viewing in Western Washington. See the showy flowers of common camas, chocolate lilies, Oregon sunshine, sea blush and more on a guided interpretive hike.**Fort Townsend State ParkApril 27 – Native Plant Appreciation Week Event**: Learn about the interesting beach strands and wildflowers that grow along the Olympic Peninsula during a guided interpretive walk as part of Native Plant Appreciation Week. The walk begins at Kala Point Beach and continues to Fort

Townsend State Park. You might see the special Calypso orchids along the park’s forested trails!**Fort Worden State ParkApril 28 to May 3 – Water World**: Students grades 5 to 6 are welcome to participate in a unique, weeklong workshop exploring the marine world through the lenses of science and art at Centrum in Fort Worden State Park.**Moran State ParkApril 28 – Bill Yarlott Fishing Derby**: The seventh annual youth fishing derby returns to Moran State Park. Celebrate the opening of fishing season and take along your junior anglers for a day of fishing fun. **Saltwater State ParkApril 26 – Earth Day Fair**: The annual Earth Day Fair returns to Saltwater State Park. Students in preschool through 6th grade are invited to learn about environmental stewardship and natural ecosystems.**Enjoyed a recent Washington state park event?**

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