

## Interpretive Programs

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In 2010, the park's Interpretive Specialist, who provides educational programming, was lost due to State Parks budget cuts. The Foundation believes that interpretation and environmental education are among the most important functions of any park. Exploration, education and interpretation allow the natural and cultural wonders of this unique and special place to be shared with park visitors. It also teaches visitors about the fragile ecosystems at the park.

The Foundation would like to build a sustainable and robust interpretive program at Deception Pass and needs your help to make it happen. Please join us in continuing to support these educational programs.

## AmeriCorp Volunteer

The AmeriCorp Program at Deception Pass has become one of the Foundation's most successful investments. The educational programs at Deception Pass would be nearly nonexistent without these AmeriCorp members and we are utterly grateful for their service.

Each new AmeriCorp member brings a unique skill set with them, whether it is a passion to restore historic buildings, educate children at the tide pools, or a background in environmental science. These members have helped build our website, opened new interpretive centers, sworn in thousands of Junior Rangers, and produced a quality interpretive program for the summer season.

## The Beach Naturalists at the Rosario Tide Pools

This is one of the best and most popular programs supported by the Foundation. Volunteers assist visitors, groups, and school field trips with tide pool exploration and observation at the Rosario tide pools. Beach Naturalists provide opportunities to discover the animals and plants that live at the edge of our world and the underwater world of the Salish Sea. Our dedicated volunteers teach visitors to care for the unique and fragile tide pools and our oceans.

## Junior Ranger Program

Becoming a Junior Ranger is an important experience for any young camper! Every summer, thousands of kids attend Junior Ranger events and programs at Deception Pass Park. Junior Rangers are taught about respecting nature, park safety and natural history, and complete activities in order to earn their Junior Ranger badge. Junior Ranger programs are offered several times a week from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. The Deception Pass Park Foundation is a proud sponsor of the Deception Pass State Park Junior Ranger Program. We have helped support the program by providing interpretive staffing and volunteers; funding the production of Jr Ranger activity booklets and badges; and purchasing educational supplies for the park.