

It's a Bat-tacular Summer!

Bat Activity Trends announces this year's list of sunset meetups

Join Woodland Park Zoo's **Bat Activity Trends (BAT) program** to see bats all around the Seattle area. Bats are nocturnal, flying mammals who are most active during the summer, with peak activity from June to August!

Bat Activity Trends is here to share information about our nighttime neighbors, as well as monitor bat activity in the area and empower you to be a community scientist.

For July, August and September, come participate in these events all around Seattle! All programs are free, unless otherwise indicated. **Registration is required for most events** unless otherwise noted; **links to register can be found on Woodland Park Zoo's Bat Activity Trends events page [here](#).**

Seward Park Audubon Center Bat Activity Trends Volunteer Events

- Every other Wednesday from July 10 – September 4.
- Location: Seward Park
- Program timing varies over the summer as the official sunset time changes. The program lasts for 1.5 hours depending on weather and bat activity.

Bat Talk and Community Science at Green Lake Park

- Every other Thursday from July 11 – September 5.
- Location: Green Lake Park
- Program timing varies over the summer as the official sunset time changes. **Registration is not required.**
- Program lasts 1.5 to 2 hours depending on weather and bat activity.

Pacific NW Bats With Woodland Park Zoo and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Saturday, July 27, 7:45 – 9:30 p.m.
- Location: Schafer State Park near Elma

Beavers and Bats Night!

- Thursday, August 1, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- Location: Meadowbrook Pond in Seattle

Bat Activity Trends Observation Night With Mercer Island

- Early August – date to be determined
- Location: Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island

Bat Community Science Night With the Environmental Science Center at Seahurst Park

- Wednesday, August 14, 7:45 – 9:30 p.m.
- Location: Seahurst Park in Burien

Beneficial Bats! Bat Activity Monitoring - Evening Program at SHADOW Lake

- Saturday, August 17, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- Location: SHADOW Lake Nature Preserve in Renton



DNDA (Delridge Neighborhood Development Association) Bat Night in West Seattle

- Wednesday, August 28, 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.
- Location: Pigeon Point Park in Seattle

Tukwila Community Center - Bat Workshop

- Thursday, September 12, 6:45 – 8:45 p.m.
- Location: Tukwila Community Center

HOW: Visit www.zoo.org/batactivity for more details on attending the sunset meetups. It's not a guarantee you'll see bats, but you'll still learn many cool facts about these fascinating creatures and help contribute to our growing knowledge of local bat activity.

You can also participate in Bat Activity Trends on your own at home by downloading a participation packet and learning how to document bat activity. Simply go for a walk, visit a park or watch for bats in your backyard to document activity to send to the zoo. All the materials you'll need are available for free on our [BAT program website](#).

The program focuses on building a map of participants' data from King County, but data submissions from anywhere in the United States are accepted.

INFO: Washington state is home to 14 bat species, 10 of which can be found statewide; four occur only in Eastern Washington. All Washington bats are insectivores, meaning they feed on insects.

Bats are one of the most diverse groups of mammals in the animal kingdom and are essential to our ecosystem as pollinators, seed dispersers and pest controllers. Their nocturnal nature makes them a bit more mysterious than other creatures, and they often don't get the credit they deserve.

Bat populations face many threats around the world, including habitat destruction, wind turbine disruption, climate change and light pollution. In addition, the emergence of white-nose syndrome (WNS) in the eastern U.S. in 2006 has killed millions of bats. WNS was first discovered in Washington state in 2016. Scientists are still determining the impacts on Washington bats and this new program will help with that effort.

To learn more about bats and the efforts to save the species visit www.zoo.org/batconservation.

HOW TO PROTECT BATS:

- *Share about bats:* One of the biggest steps you can take to help bats is to learn about them and share information with friends and family. Fear and misunderstanding can harm bats, so it's important to educate everyone about all the good things bats do for us.
- *Provide a home:* Provide a habitat for bats in your yard by leaving hollow trees and snags standing or [installing a bat house](#). Keep cats indoors and reduce your use of pesticides or other chemicals in your yard.
- *Contribute to research:* Get involved with the [Bat Activity Trends](#) program and help us learn more about bats in Western Washington.

Accessibility: Information about accessibility and resources, one-to-one aides, sighted guides, mobility equipment rentals, and a sensory map and tools can be found at www.zoo.org/access. For questions or to request disability accommodations for zoo programs or events, contact zooinfo@zoo.org.

Woodland Park Zoo offers a safe, outdoor experience for all. Visit zoo.org for information. Zoo hours: 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily through September 2. Follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [TikTok](#).

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