Spring has sprung! In-person programming is right around the corner. That means summit climbs, crater trips, glacier viewing, photography classes for adults and adventures for families. We can't wait to see you on the mountain.

As always, we remain steadfast in our commitment to bring the volcano to people around the world while improving equity in accessing science, the outdoors and public lands.

Summit Adventures

This climb to the rim of Mount St. Helens offers an amazing opportunity to reach the top of the Pacific Northwest’s most spectacular volcano and learn about the area’s natural and cultural history in the comfort of a guided group.

Virtual Views & Brews: Cascade Carnivores
Carnivores inspire a range of feelings in people; a sense of excitement, mystery, fear, independence, freedom and wildness. Species such as wolverines, fishers and Cascade red foxes rely on Mount Rainier National Park to provide key habitats and access to adjacent wilderness in the South Cascades Ecosystem.

This event will be live-streamed on Facebook and uploaded to our YouTube channel the following day.

Adventures for Individual Families

Our Private Family Adventures are designed to inspire curiosity about the outdoors and a deeper understanding of the volcanic landscape of Mount St. Helens for learners of all ages. Private Family Adventures are led by our trained education staff who work with families to ensure their adventure is the perfect fit.
Ape Cave Reopens to the Public May 18th
Timed Reservation Required to Enter

On May 18, 2021, the popular Ape Cave Interpretive site will reopen to the public. The site was closed to the public in Spring 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to implement a toilet replacement project, and has remained closed since that time. When Ape Cave reopens, visitors will be required to obtain a timed reservation ticket in advance of their visit.

Live Virtual Field Trips
Investigate Mount St. Helens with us in a live, interactive, and thought-provoking virtual field trip program! While we cannot visit the mountain in person right now, you and your students can visit in the next best way - in an interactive 360-degree virtual environment! Our virtual field trip packages are aligned to Next Generation Science Standards, are directed by student observations, and come with ready-to-use lessons plans for before and after your field trip with us.

Learn More

The Greatest April Fool's Joke That Never Erupted

Residents of Sitka, Alaska woke on the morning of Monday, April 1, 1974, to a bright, clear day. They could see right across Sitka Sound to
Kruzof Island, where the familiar sight of Mount Edgecumbe, a volcano dormant for 400 years, loomed. But today something was different about the view. A menacing plume of black smoke was rising from the crater.

Thanks for reading. If you have questions please contact Jared.

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