



Local Family Hikes Guide – Summer 2024

The following day hikes are “Explorer West approved” for middle schoolers and their families. Try some this summer!

Very Close to Home

West Duwamish Greenbelt Trails

<https://wdgtrails.wordpress.com/trails/>

This map, created by EW parent Matt Dressler, details the trail system right here in West Seattle.

Salmon Creek Ravine Park

<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/salmon-creek-ravine-park>

Burien, 8 minutes from school! 5 miles of trails

Saltwater State Park

<https://parks.wa.gov/find-parks/state-parks/saltwater-state-park>

Des Moines. This park has it all!

Discovery Park

<https://www.alltrails.com/parks/us/washington/discovery-park>

Lots of options and variety.

Carkeek Park

<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/carkeek-park>

Another North Seattle favorite.

Less Than an Hour Drive from Explorer West

Cedar Butte

<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/cedar-butte>

North Bend area. 3.5 miles round trip, 900 feet elevation gain. Wonderful views.

Rattlesnake Ledge

<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/rattlesnake-ledge>

North Bend area. 4 miles round trip, 1,160 feet elevation gain. Again – great views from the top.

Little Si

<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/little-si>

North Bend area. 3.7 miles round trip, 1300 feet elevation gain. Steep at the beginning and end, mellow in the middle. Pretty view of Mount Si.

Middle Fork Snoqualmie River

<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/middle-fork-snoqualmie-upstream>

North Bend area. Go as far as you feel like going and turn around when you're ready – it's all gorgeous (and moderate).

Green River Natural Area

<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/ogrady>

Auburn. Lots of pretty trails.

Grand Ridge Park

<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/grand-ridge-park>

Issaquah. Check out the beautiful cedar bridge spanning Canyon Creek!

Poo Poo Point

<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/poo-poo-point>

Issaquah – Tiger Mountain. 7.2 miles round trip, 1,728 feet elevation. A bit more of a challenge but lots of fun.