



## Lakewood Sanctuary Turtle Project

**About:** For a hands-on field experience set against the backdrop of scenic Seward Park, join us in a quiet cove of Lake Washington, where you'll take part in native and non-native turtle assessments during the active season. You'll help deploy and check baited hoop nets, conduct hand captures, use dip nets, and snorkel in shallow waters to locate turtles. Once captured, you'll assist with data collection by measuring, weighing, and notching individuals to better understand species composition. Volunteers are encouraged to participate regularly, with training provided through field instruction and hands-on handling.

**Where:** Lakewood Sanctuary, Lake Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA

**Samplers:** Limited snorkeling opportunities are available for strong **swimmers with confident snorkeling skills**. Volunteers will have the opportunity to swim in public and private swimming areas to hand-capture turtles and swim back to the shore, where other volunteers will retrieve the turtles. All volunteers may assist with hoop trap deployment and dip netting.

Samplers will need:

- Snorkelers
  - Mask and snorkel
  - Fins
  - Nitrile coated work or dive gloves
- Hoop Trap and Dip Net Participants:
  - Attire recommendations:
    - Sturdy shoes
    - Long- or short-sleeved polyester or polyester-blend shirt
    - Polyester or synthetic blend shorts or leggings
    - "Old" clothing (heavy clothing is not recommended)

Samplers are recommended to have:

- 1-2 towels
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Sunglasses
  - Sunglass strap
- A personal camera, if you want to document your experience
- Change of clothes (after snorkeling)
- Water or electrolyte beverages and snacks (these should be left in your car or a cooler, not brought out while sampling)

**Shore Support and Data Collection:** Volunteers in these roles may assist with a variety of tasks, including retrieving turtles from snorkelers and monitoring them in bins; organizing bins and turtles at data headquarters; helping measure and weigh turtles; recording data in a notebook; and assisting with setting up and taking down supplies at data headquarters. Everyone is welcome to observe.

Shore Support and Data Collectors are recommended to have:

- Appropriate clothing recommendations:
  - Long- or short-sleeved polyester or polyester-blend shirt
  - Polyester or synthetic blend shorts or leggings
  - “Old” clothing (heavy clothing is not recommended)
  - Nitrile coated gloves (we do provide a selection of gloves you can borrow)
- 1-2 towels
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Sunglasses
  - Sunglass strap
- A personal camera if you want to document your experience
- Water or electrolyte beverages, snacks, and lunch

### **Code of Conduct**

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