

SPECTACULAR NATURE CELEBRATION!

Join fellow nature enthusiasts for a **SPECTACULAR** day celebrating the natural areas of the Burlington Intervale! **ALL ARE WELCOME** - whether you visit the City's natural areas regularly, have always wanted to, or are just discovering these areas are here and ready to be explored. Spectacular Nature Celebration is for EVERYONE to connect with the City's natural areas and spaces. Part of the [City Nature Celebration](#) Spectacular Nature Celebration is an opportunity to participate in the Burlington-Winooski iNaturalist bioblitz challenge collecting information on what the birds, animals, plants and insects are doing this time of year, as well as a forest regeneration initiative planting ostrich ferns or removing invasive plants. Come have a spectacular day celebrating and connecting with nature!

When: Saturday May 1, 2021 10:00am - 3:00pm (sign up for time slots [here](#))

Location: Burlington's Intervale. Registration and walks will begin at the Intervale Center Barn (180 Intervale Rd., Burlington, VT 05401)

Event Partners: Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, Burlington Wildways, Intervale Community Center, University of Vermont, City of Winooski, Winooski Valley Park District.

COVID Protocols and other information: Masks will be required when in the registration area, when interacting with naturalists and volunteers, and when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained between you and members outside of your group - this includes when walking on the trails and passing other people.

Port-o-let bathrooms will be available at the registration area at the Intervale Center Barn. Hand sanitizer will be available at all tables. Bringing your own hand sanitizer is recommended.

What to bring:

- Water and snacks for you and your group
- Wear comfortable walking shoes - closed toed shoes recommended (specially if participating in the ostrich fern planting or invasive removal)
- Insect repellent
- Sun protection - sunscreen, hat, sunglasses
- Tools for the ostrich fern planting and invasive removals will be provided. Bring your own work gloves if you have them (not required).
- Cell phone - if participating in the BioBlitz challenge. Downloading the [iNaturalist app](#) will be required.

Event Details [with map]: Make this YOUR Spectacular Nature Celebration! Choose either a 1 mile, 3 mile or 5 mile round trip through the Burlington Intervale with opportunities to learn from local naturalists along the way; participate in the [City Nature Challenge bioblitz](#); participate in a forest regeneration initiative by planting native ostrich ferns in the silver-maple-ostrich-fern-floodplain-forest or removing edible invasive plants and make into a tasty treat. Participate in all of the above or choose your own adventure! Registration and more details [here](#).

1 mile round trip (about an hour*): Starting at the Intervale Center, you'll follow a portion of the Calkins Trail along the Winooski River. Along the way you will have the opportunity to participate in the bioblitz challenge by observing the plants, animals, and insects along the trail, as well as interact with local naturalists stationed along the trail to learn about the City's amazing natural phenomena. If you choose to plant an ostrich fern, you will find your planting location along the yellow highlighted section on the map. Volunteers will be spaced out in this area to help with planting and to answer questions. If you wish to participate in the invasive plant removals, information will be provided at check in and volunteers will be available to assist along the trail.

3 mile round trip (about 2.5 hours*): Starting at the Intervale Center, you'll follow the Calkins Trail along the Winooski River to the McKenzie Park. Along the way you will have the opportunity to participate in the bioblitz challenge by observing the plants, animals, and insects along the trail, as well as interact with local naturalists to learn about the City's amazing natural phenomena. If you choose to plant an ostrich fern, you will find your planting location along the blue highlighted section on the map. Volunteers will be spaced out in this area to help with planting and to answer questions. If you wish to participate in the invasive plant removals, information will be provided at check in and volunteers will be available to assist along the trail.

5 miles round trip (about 4-5 hours*): Starting at the Intervale Center, you'll follow the Calkins Trail along the Winooski River through McKenzie Park to the Ethan Allen Homestead. Along the way you will have the opportunity to participate in the bioblitz challenge by observing the plants, animals, and insects along the trail, as well as interact with local naturalists stationed between the Intervale Center and McKenzie Park, to learn about the City's amazing natural phenomena. If you choose to plant an ostrich fern, you will find your planting location along the orange highlighted section on the map. Volunteers will be spaced out in this area to help with planting and to answer questions. If you wish to participate in the invasive plant removals, information will be provided at check in and volunteers will be available to assist along the trail.

Not sure yet: That's OK! You can choose your own adventure or change it as you go. Remember, this is YOUR Spectacular Nature Celebration. We'll be there to answer questions and help guide you as the day unfolds.

*Times may vary depending on your walking pace and what activities you choose to participate in along the way. There is no 'end' time to your spectacular day - we encourage you to take your time once you start and enjoy a spectacular day in nature! Volunteers and naturalists will be on site until 3pm, trails and parks are open until dusk.

