

Merit Badge Palooza FAQ

When:

Due to the need for social distancing, some classes will be offered on Saturday May 8, and others on Saturday May 22. A few of the classes will be offered online only so that those who are not comfortable attending in-person activities can still participate.

BRING:

1. **Masks** to be worn everywhere
2. **Blue cards** (or get your troop leader to connect you to the merit badge counselor in Scoutbook)
3. **Pen** or pencil, and something to write on
4. **Hand sanitizer**
5. **Dress for the weather**

ARRIVE:

Arrive between 8:40-8:45. Classes start promptly at 9:00, and you need to get through registration first.

LOCATION (see map below)

Cold Creek Natural Area: parking is in a lot on the south side of NE Woodinville-Duvall Road, in the vicinity of the 18200 block

ARRIVAL:

1. If dropping off, please stay in your the car until there is room at the registration check-in table. There is limited parking available, so if you are staying, please park then proceed to the registration check-in table.
2. Get your temperature taken.
3. Proceed directly to your assigned location for your merit badge class.
4. Please practice social distancing as required by the CDC and King County

FAQs and other information

Will we be outside?

Yes, the whole time, so dress for the weather.

Are there bathrooms available?

There is a port-a-potty on site, but no facilities with running water.

What should I bring for my Merit Badge?

Please prepare ahead of time by reading the appropriate pamphlet and talking with your troop leadership to begin the merit badge. Bring a signed blue card, or have your troop leader connect you to the merit badge counselor in Scoutbook.

—> *BE PREPARED. BRING WITH YOU:*

- *MB pamphlet and workbook*
- *Blue card*
- *A pen or pencil to track your requirements*

If you need bring additional items, you will be contacted by the counselor and told what to bring.

What COVID safety precautions are being taken?

We will be following the [Restart Scouting Checklist Procedures](#). Our precautions and mitigation strategies are important, but they cannot eliminate the potential for exposure to COVID-19 or any other illness for an in-person activity. We will be keeping the merit badge classes small to allow for social distancing, and all

participants and observers will be required to wear a mask the entire time. We will have hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes available.

All participants, teachers, and observers will be checked for fevers when arriving. Please be prepared to answer the following questions when you check-in. If you answer yes to any question, we ask you not to come.

1. Do you have any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 within the last day that are not caused by another condition?
 - Fever (100.4°F) or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Unusual fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Recent loss of taste or smell
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Sore throat
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
2. Within the past 14 days, have you been in close contact with anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19? Close contact is being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with a person.
3. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days, or are you awaiting results of a COVID-19 test due to possible exposure or symptoms and not through routine asymptomatic COVID-19 screening or surveillance testing?

Is there parking available?

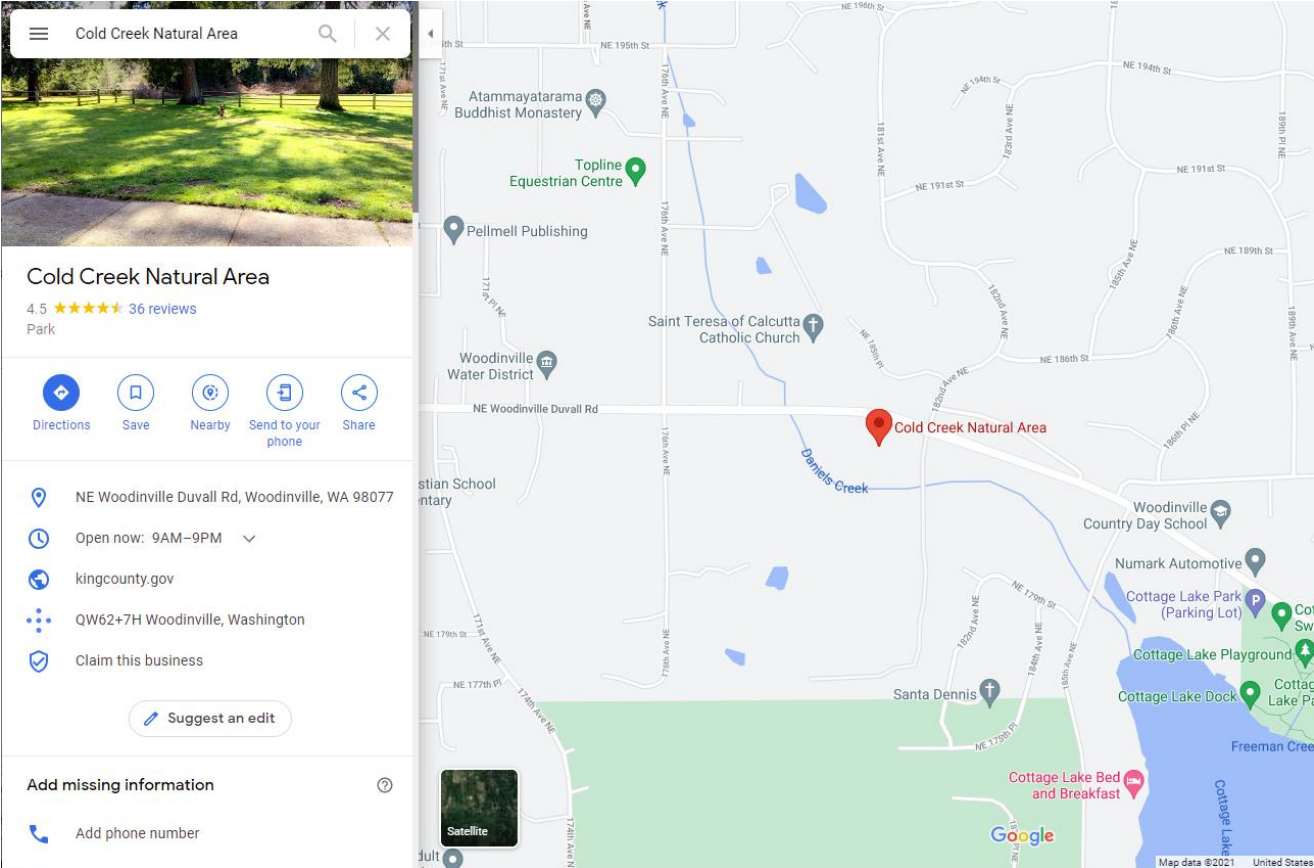
There are only about 20 parking spots in the parking lot. We hope that some people will be able to drop off their scout(s) and pick them up at the end time for their merit badge. We will need additional adults to provide 2-deep leadership for each merit badge class, so if you stay you will be asked to help.

Will food or drink be provided?

No food or drink will be provided. You will need to bring your own food and water from home to eat or drink if your merit badge has a food or water break. Eat or drink only during a designated break when you can move and face away from others. Stay at least 6 feet apart while eating and drinking. Your mask may only be removed when eating and drinking.

Map to Cold Creek Natural Area, also known as Mary Cash Farm.

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We hope you have a great time at Merit Badge Palooza!