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Re:	Nature walk and scavenger hunt May 29
Attached:	ElkCreek.jpg

The North Olympic Library System (NOLS) is partnering with the North Olympic Land Trust to offer a morning nature walk and scavenger hunt for all ages on Wednesday, May 29, at Elk Creek Conservation Area. Meet in the parking area at 9 a.m., then walk the trail together while exploring plants, animals and insects. There is no cost to attend and refreshments are provided.

From Highway 101 in Forks, head east on Calawah Way for approximately two miles to reach the small parking lot on the right. The trail is 2.6 miles out and back along a mix of gravel and natural surfaces, with a small section of 10% grade. The 255-acre Elk Creek Conservation Area offers beautiful regenerating forests along a tributary of the Calawah River called Elk Creek. The Library and Land Trust are collaborating on future nature series programs listed below.

- Nature journaling for families on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6-7 p.m. Location to be announced.
- Mushroom foraging and identification in October. Details to be announced.

This program is also generously funded in part by the Friends of Forks Library. For more information, visit <u>nols.org</u>, ask at the library, or call 360-374-6402.



A group walking at Elk Creek Conservation Area. Photo courtesy of North Olympic Land Trust.

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