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LIGHT Reading

JOIN US ON A SKAGIT TOUR

Seattle City Light and the North Cascades Institute invite you to join Skagit Tours this summer and experience the beautiful North Cascades! These tours have been showing off the wonders of the Pacific Northwest for almost 100 years. But don't just take our word for it. Here are some testimonials from last season:

"Energetic, fun, informative guides brought it all to life!"

"I would give you guys 100 stars if I could. This was just so much more than I hoped for. It was also my parent's first national park and I couldn't ask for a better experience."

"This was an exceptionally fun, very thoughtful, and informative experience."

Skagit Tours offers morning and afternoon boat tours aboard the Alice Ross IV. This glass roof boat provides the best views of the glacier-fed waters of Diablo Lake from inside or outside the boat. As you cruise the lake, you'll learn about the ecosystem, enjoy spectacular views, and hear about the development of the local dams and powerhouses. The tours showcase your utility's longstanding dedication to producing clean, carbon-neutral energy and to protecting cultural and natural resources.

Whether it's your first time or it's been a while, an excursion with Skagit Tours should be on your summer travel list. This year's tour season runs from July through September. Start planning your North Cascades adventure today at [skagittours.com](https://www.skagittours.com) or call (360) 854-2589.



Not able to join a tour this summer? Consider some of the many outdoor recreation and self-guided tour options available.

- Visit nearby attractions like Ladder Creek Falls, the Trail of the Cedars, and more.
- Take a walking tour around the historic town of Newhalem.
- Check out the award-winning North Cascades Institute's Environmental Learning Center.

You can visit the Skagit Information Center starting in June. We will share more information about the 2024 tour season as it becomes available on our website: [skagittours.com](https://www.skagittours.com).



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WHY DO WE PRUNE TREES AWAY FROM POWER LINES?

It's a safety issue. Trees move water from their roots to their branches. This water can conduct electricity. Because of this, a tree can become energized and cause severe injury or electrocution. Electricity can arc from power lines to nearby trees, causing the same damage as if they were touching power lines. In some cases, trees touching power lines can catch on fire.

Pruning promotes power reliability and cost savings. Trees touching or falling onto power lines can cause power outages. Repairing lines from these events is expensive. To help keep costs low and reduce power outages, we maintain trees away from power lines.



Our Power Line Clearance team follows the “Utility Pruning of Trees, Best Management Practices,” published by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). An ISA certified arborist leads each crew to safely remove branches following these best practices.

Do you have tree pruning questions? Contact the Vegetation Management team at SCLVegetation@seattle.gov or call (206) 386-1733.

SOUTH FORK TOLT RELICENSING IS UNDERWAY

The City of Seattle filed documents on April 8 to begin relicensing the South Fork Tolt Hydroelectric Project. This project powers the water treatment plant that provides 30-40% of the water supply for the greater Seattle area. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will host a public meeting and site visit this summer. We will share more details about these activities soon. Learn more about this process at seattle.gov/tolt-relicensing.

OFFERS AND REBATES

Are you looking for ways to better control the temperature at home and have electric baseboard heating? Consider upgrading your home with a smart thermostat. Save on your electricity bill by heating your home only when needed. Smart thermostats can help you save up to 25% on heating bills—with precise temperature control and easy in-app programming. City Light customers enjoy a \$50 rebate per thermostat (limit 5). Check for rebates on smart thermostats and more at seattle.gov/city-light/energy-tips.



AT WORK
in your neighborhood

Seattle City Light crews are in these neighborhoods, working to provide reliable service. The following projects continue across our service area:

- Updating electrical infrastructure for streetlights.
- Installing public Level 2 electric vehicle chargers at curbside locations.
- Replacing aging utility poles to enhance safety and reliability.
- Installing line sensors to support faster identification and resolution of unplanned outages.

Learn more about projects in your area by visiting seattle.gov/city-light/current-projects.

SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD: MYLAR BALLOONS



Mylar balloons are metallic. When one touches a power line or electrical equipment, it can cause a surge of electricity. This can lead to a power outage and potential fire. If you are celebrating an occasion with metallic mylar balloons, please keep them safely tied down and dispose of the balloons properly. Learn more at powerlines.seattle.gov/2022/05/23/mylar.

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Green Up is a voluntary renewable energy program that allows you to support Pacific Northwest wind, solar and other renewable energy projects. You also help us fund local rooftop solar projects hosted by not-for-profits like schools, parks and affordable housing organizations. Learn more at seattle.gov/city-light/GULR.

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