

2019 “Sundays in the Park” Series Kicks off with Winter Bird Walk on January 27

Birding guides Darrell and Lorna Smith in the Sarapiquí region of Costa Rica

The first walk in the 2019 “Sundays in the Park” series of natural history walks will be a bird walk on January 27 led by naturalists and wildlife advocates Lorna and Darrell Smith. Partners in both work and life, Lorna and Darrell have been Lead Naturalists for the Jefferson Land Trust’s Northwest Naturalist training course for the past six years. Prior to that, they spent four years in Costa Rica, where they worked on endangered species issues and operated a birding and natural history tour business. Lorna Smith is currently Executive Director of Western Wildlife Outreach. A fifth-generation Washingtonian, she grew up exploring the shores of Puget Sound and the Cascade and Olympic Mountains. Darrell Smith hails from a family of pioneer ranchers, loggers, and miners in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. He has a Bachelor’s degree in Wildlife Biology and did graduate work in Fisheries and Wildlife at the University of Washington. Darrell and Lorna have worked together in complementary positions for most of their careers. They even spent their honeymoon finding, photographing, and studying grizzly and black bears in British Columbia! Although their professional focus is on large mammals, they are also excellent birders and companionable guides. The walk begins at 1pm and is expected to last about 2 hours. Participants should bring binoculars and wear sturdy shoes. The walk is free for members of the Friends of Fort Worden State Park. Nonmembers are asked for a \$5 donation to benefit the park. Group size is limited to 15. For more information or to register contact nhc@fwfriends.org. Details about the meeting location will be provided after registering. Stay tuned for information about other walks in our 2019 “*Sundays in the Park*” series.