



ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH ALLIANCE

Founded in 1989, the Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA) delivers free, experiential, nature-based programs for children and youth living in Metro Vancouver. Our mission is to help youth connect with nature, community, and skills to benefit their health and wellbeing and inspire environmental stewardship.

Most of EYA's programs take place at Strathcona Community Gardens, a beautiful and iconic volunteer-run space on the edge of the Downtown Eastside. Within the gardens, we've created and maintain several programming sites, including a Youth Garden, native plant demonstration garden, rewilding area, and native plant nursery.

Each season, we host a limited number of hands-on field trips called "A Day in the Garden" for classrooms, community organizations, and local businesses.

FIELD TRIP: A DAY IN THE GARDEN

To begin your day in the garden, an EYA facilitator will meet you at the Eco-Pavilion, an off-the-grid wooden building and classroom nestled in the centre of the Strathcona community orchard. After a quick orientation, you will don your gloves, grab your tools and set off into the gardens! During your day you will have the opportunity to connect with and learn about urban biodiversity, gain new skills, and get your hands dirty! Tasks vary with the seasons and may include:

- Removing invasive species, weeding, and maintaining paths in rewilded spaces
- Planting, seeding, or repotting native plants, trees, and shrubs to support wildlife habitat
- Preparing garden beds for planting
- Moving compost, soil or wood chips

Through these activities you will...

- Share an engaging, hands-on outdoor experience with your peers in an inner city urban oasis
- Make a meaningful contribution to our free experiential youth programs by helping to maintain our main programming site
- Feel, touch and breathe nature while learning new skills and connecting with urban wildlife and biodiversity



Price

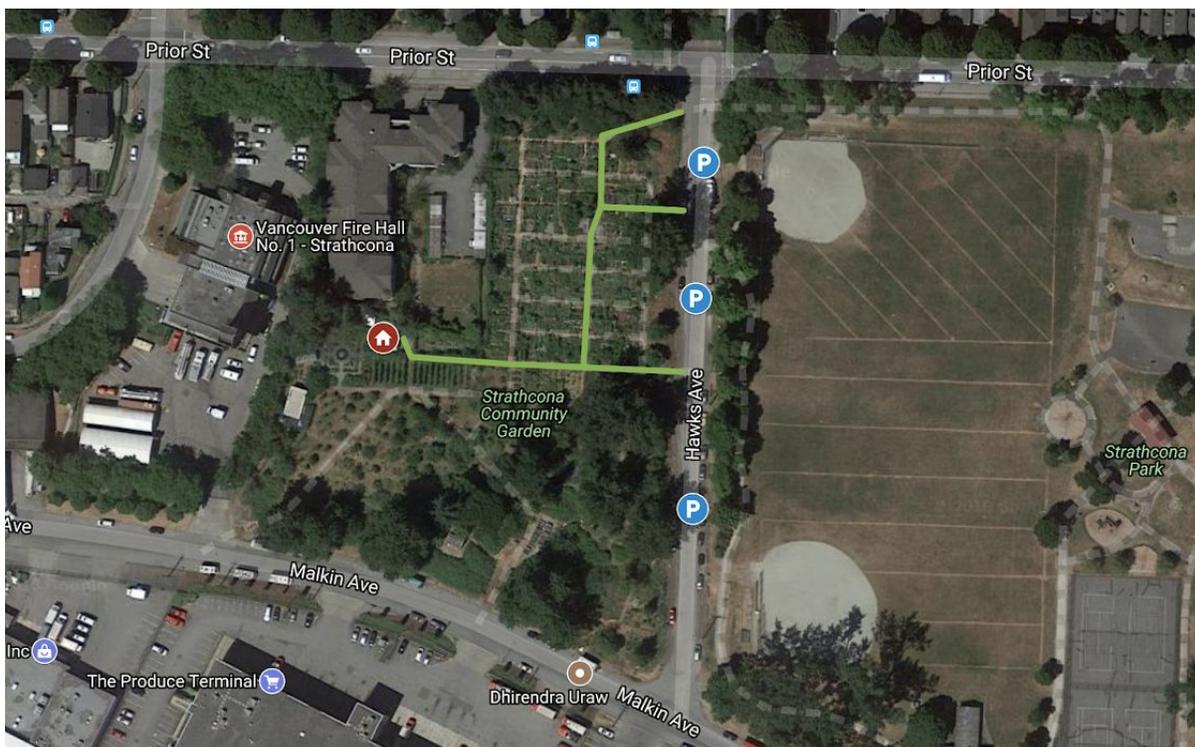
\$120 for a 2 hour field trip with a maximum of 20 participants. Fees cover staff time and materials. We strive to make our programming accessible to everyone including non-profit, community, or youth groups. Please contact us if cost is a barrier.

What to bring

All participants must come prepared for the work and weather. Conditions can range from cool, wet, and muddy to hot and dry. Whatever the weather, dress in layers as you will warm up as we work! Please wear closed toed shoes with a good sole and expect that clothing and shoes will get dirty. For rainy forecasts, bring a rain jacket, rain pants and waterproof shoes. For sunny forecasts, bring a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses. On all days, bring a water bottle and snacks.

Where we're located

Your field trip will start at the eco-pavilion, a wooden building with solar panels on the roof, in Strathcona Community Garden ([759 Malkin Ave](#)). Parking is available on Hawks Avenue (see map).



For more information or to book a field trip contact us at info@eya.ca