

# NATURAL HISTORY OF



# MOUNT SAINT HELENS

Learn about the geology, plants, and fish/wildlife assets, plus human exploration, of a world-class active volcano here in our backyard. An optional field trip to a MSH visitors' center is also offered at the end of the course. 😊  
Taught by a M.S. level trained Geologist who's visited the volcano many times since the 1980 eruption.

Item#**xxxxx**, **Spring term 2026**, Fee: \$75

Date: Tuesday afternoons (3-sessions); **June 2nd, 9th, 16th**; 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Where: CTC campus (18700 SE Mill Plain Blvd.), *in-person*, Room #338

Instructor: Prof. Kyle Dittmer, office (day/VM): 503-731-1314, [kdittmer@clark.edu](mailto:kdittmer@clark.edu)

## TOPICS:

- Week#1: Overview of Volcanic Geology; Events leading up to the 1980 eruption.
- Week#2: Transformation of the landscape; Current variety of plant, animal, and fish populations.
- Week#3: Human exploration, settlement, and recreation; Native American stories of MSH; Future of MSH.
- Optional Field Trip (date TBA): MSH Visitor/Interpretive Center (Castle Rock/Silver Lake, WA).

## FORMAT:

Lecture format, PowerPoint slideshows, and You-Tube videos. Students are encouraged to share their views and experiences of Mount Saint Helens.



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