WET WET WETLANDS

What better way to enjoy these rainy days than a trip to the wetlands where the rain brings out the wildlife. Armed with rain boots, and maybe your little one's favorite umbrella, head out on an adventure to find worms, newts, birds, beavers, and mushrooms. Search for the animals who love our rainy weather as you wander the paved Interlakes Trail.

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Interlakes Trailhead

Begin this Daycation by walking up to the Interlakes Trailhead from the parking lot. This 2.1 mile total out and back hike is flat, paved, and perfect for rainy days. As you go, keep an eye out for rain loving plants, such as moss, lichens, mushrooms, and ferns. Be sure to look at the water to see if you can spot any Western painted turtles

Bybee Lake Viewpoint 1

Make your way out to the first Bybee lake viewpoint. Can you see any birds? What do the plants growing in the water look like? Can you spot a mallard or a pacific chorus frog? What about a rough skinned newt?

Interlakes Trail

As you make your way down the trail towards the next viewpoint, see if you can find an earthworm (they love coming out in the rain) or an American robin (they love the earthworms!). Look up to the trees and see if you can find a sparrow or a red-winged blackbird. There are so many songbirds here, so keep your eyes peeled!

Smith Lakes Viewpoint

This is a perfect place to pull out binoculars if you have them! Look up into the trees, can you see a red tailed hawk or an osprey? Is there a Canada Goose in the distance? Do you see any little birds? Once you've seen all you can see, head down the trail to the second Bybee Lake viewpoint.

Bybee Lake Viewpoint 2

This viewpoint really gives you a wide view of the wetlands. What waterfowl can you see? A great blue heron? A sandpiper? Do you see any other animals? Beaver or deer or muskrats? What does it sound like here? Can you hear the calls of different birds? On your return trip, don't forget to enjoy the rain and the puddles, and keep up the search for animals!