

# WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE SWORD FERNS?

Stand here and envision yourself in a sea of waist-high Sword Ferns. Sword ferns are thought to live for hundreds of years but have been dying throughout an expanding area of Seward Park. Smaller areas of Sword Fern die-off have also been reported on the west side of Puget Sound. Despite studies, the cause is a mystery. Seattle Parks and Recreation is actively working with experts to learn what causes, natural or unnatural, have caused this die-off. See a nearby park kiosk for more information.

**Please stay on trail to help prevent spreading any possible pathogens.**

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