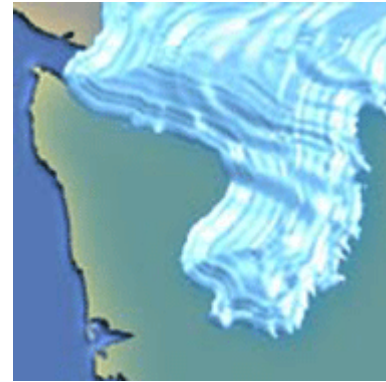


FUN FACTS

EARLY ENVIRONMENT OF THE PARK

- The last of the continental glaciers in Puget Sound receded 12–14,000 years ago.



- It took thousands of years for our current conifer forests to develop.



- The ice was about 3,000 feet thick over this area before it melted.



- Large mammals present when the glaciers receded but now extinct included:
 - woolly mammoth
 - mastodon
 - bison
 - caribou
 - horse



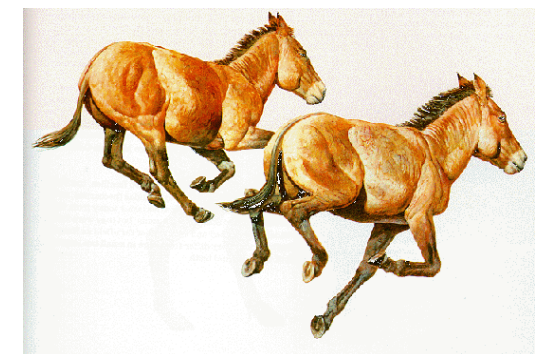
- The very young soils in the park are on glacial till. They are rocky and only about 18 inches thick, with large “glacial erratics” on the surface.



- The early habitat after the glaciers was tundra, then grass and pines.



- The horse evolved in North America, but went extinct here about 10,000 years ago. The horse migrated to Eurasia, and was reintroduced into North America by the Spaniards.



Equus occidentalis