



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Meet Matt

Matt Purdy is the Friends' new Environmental Education Coordinator. "With such great natural and historic quality," Matt says, "Salt Springs Park provides a perfect setting for promoting appreciation for our environment and our dependence upon it." We agree and look forward to working with Matt.



Matt showing a honeycomb during his 2008 program at Salt Springs on the Art & Science of Beekeeping.

Matt's education and experience are well rounded and range from Ecosystem Management to Soil Hydrology and Chemistry Analysis to Mycology. Matt comes to us from the Susquehanna County Conservation District, where he was the Dirt and Gravel Road Program Coordinator. Matt's plans for the Friends include extending our environmental education program, currently offered to 4th grade classes, into the high schools.

Take a Hike!

Saturday, June 6, 10 am

Join us on National Trails Day (NTD) for a hike at Salt Springs. NTD is sponsored by the American Hiking Association, in part to make people aware that "Trails do not just appear for our enjoyment; it takes many hours of planning, labor, and negotiating to develop them." Meet at the Wheaton House for a couple hours of fresh air and camaraderie.

The Friends Trail

There are over 12 miles of trails at Salt Springs, from 0.2 to 2.0 miles long,



White blazes; moderate hike.

Good-Bye to a Good Friend

Bernice Price was a member of the Friends since we formed. She supported us through the years in many ways. Most recently, she purchased a replacement flag for us. She passed away before she received it, and her sister, Lois Damon, made sure it found its way to us. "She was very proud of the flag," Lois said. We are too, and it now graces the heart of our park.



Trail Heads Now Accessible

Last month we showed you the flooded out access point to three trails, near the Salt Spring — Hemlock, Hardwood, and Upland Trails. During their Community Service Project last month, the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps crew retrieved the wooden footbridge that was washed out in the 2006 flood from an old brush pile, sawed off the rotten parts, and moved the undamaged part to this trail head. Now that's recycling!

interconnected. Our newest was laid out and marked last summer — the **Friends Trail**.

Located on the Friends' Land, it is accessed from either the Hardwood Trail, with which it connects, or from the parking lot on Buckley Road. From Hardwood Trail, it meanders south, crosses Buckley Road, and continues through a meadow, into woodlands, along an old logging trail, and through re-growth forest before connecting to Summit Trail.

Adopt a Trail

We invite you to adopt one of the 13 trails that wind through Salt Springs and the Friends' Land. This would involve walking the trail on a regular basis (perhaps once a month), filling out a monitor's sheet, and performing light maintenance such as picking up garbage, clearing limbs and brush from the trail, and trimming back vegetation hanging over the trail.

The trails are described in detail on our website (www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org/html/trail_map.html). Please call us (570-967-7275) or e-mail us (info@friendsofsaltspringspark.org) if you are interested.