



Friends of Salt Springs Park March 2021

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Covid Update—Good News this Time!

With case numbers mostly decreasing or remaining steady and the number of people being vaccinated increasing every day, we are pleased that the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is easing some of the restrictions in place at state parks.

Beginning in April, we can resume public programs outdoors at Salt Springs, with a maximum number of 40 people. And, after a year of being closed, the Wheaton House will reopen on Saturday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m.

Masks are still required, and we encourage social distancing and frequent hand sanitizing.

We offer a variety of reasons to come to the park. Keep reading!

Spring Cleanup Day Saturday, April 17, 2021

It was a long, cold, rough winter at Salt Springs. Mark your calendars and come on out at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 17th, to help us get it back in shape for our hikers, picnickers, and campers.

Our stock of firewood is depleted, and there are downed trees throughout. Help us turn those trees into firewood. We need to haul and split them and stack the pieces in the barn, and we'll clear trails, rake lawns and flowerbeds, clean the buildings, pull invasive species, assemble picnic tables, paint signs, and more.

To show our appreciation, we will give you lunch and a T-shirt. Let us know if you can make it so we have enough supplies on hand (email friends@saltsspringspark.org or call 570-967-7275).

Trout Season—Stocking and Opening Day



Ron Jacoby and his boys often help stock the streams in Salt Springs.

Trout season begins early this year. Opening day is Saturday, April 3, and fishing begins at 8 a.m.

Fall Brook will be stocked with brown and rainbow trout on March 30 and April 19. Silver Creek will be stocked with brook and brown trout on March 30, brown and rainbow trout on April 19, and rainbow trout on May 7.

The stockers always appreciate the public's help, especially those bringing their young kids and grandkids along. It's a tradition in some families—maybe in yours? Someday?

Briefly . . .

Easter Egg Hunt—All are welcome! Saturday, April 3, Noon. Our neighbors up the road, the Snake Creek Volunteer Fire Company, are hosting a community Easter egg hunt at Salt Springs. There will be candy for all, along with a Grand Prize basket for each age group. There will also be a raffle for an adult basket for all who attend. Bring your family for a sweet afternoon in the park. Held at the Williams Pavilion, with masks and social distancing.

Barn Roof Replacement. DCNR is replacing the big dairy barn roof this spring. A definite begin date hasn't been set yet, but we expect it to be sometime in May and take about 3 weeks. So, as the saying goes, "please excuse our mess" while improvements are being made on your behalf!

Upcoming Programs Full Details on Our Website

Tree Pruning Class. Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. Retired forester **Jim Kessler** will discuss and demonstrate the why, where, how, what, and when to prune in this interactive class. **\$10; members, \$5.**



First Spring Hike. Saturday, April 10, 1 p.m. All hiking levels welcome. **Free-will donation.**

Alaska Adventures Sunday, April 11, 2-4 pm



Sandy Babuka has been a Denali National Park and Preserve tour guide for 4 years and an environmentalist all her life. Come listen to her adventure stories and participate in the discussion about climate change and how our decisions and choices can make a difference. Meet at the Wheaton House for registration and move to the Williams Pavilion for the outdoor presentation. Dress accordingly. **Seating provided at picnic tables, or bring your own. Free-will donation.**

Celebrate Earth Day. Thursday, April 22, 10 a.m. till noon; again at 4-6 p.m. Come plant trees with us and learn about our riparian buffer project. Bring a small shovel and gloves to participate in our hands-on tree-planting demo. **Our walk involves a stream crossing, so wear boots for this route; an alternative, dry route will also be shown. Free-will donation.**

Annual Roadside Clean-Up. Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. Help us clean the roadsides in and around the park. We work in teams. Bring a truck if you can. We provide bags, safety vests, and gloves. **No fee.**

Mother's Day Weekend Bird Walk. Saturday, May 8, 8 a.m. Treat Mom to a lovely spring morning of bird watching. Bring binoculars and field guides, if you have them. **Free-will donation**

