



Friends of Salt Springs Park March 2022

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Spring Is Here—Can Warm Days Be Far Behind?

At least we have a lot of planning and preparation work to keep us busy at this time, as we wait impatiently, behind closed doors and windows, for warmer weather. Like, for example, our annual Spring Clean-up Day in April, a mere three weeks away (details below). And the Salt Springs Park Challenge, the kick-off event of the Endless Mountains Heritage Region's 2022 Hikes & Bikes Series. This will be held over Father's Day weekend in June. For Mother's Day in May we're again offering BBQ dinners from Red Rock for a modest price. Full details on these holiday happenings will be out soon.

Upcoming Programs Full Details on Our Website

Owl Prowl Night Hike Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.



Tony DeSantis, Environmental Education Specialist at Lackawanna State Park, will give a short talk on local owls, and then we will take a mile and a half walk with hopes of hearing some—so be prepared to stand still at times and be silent. Dress for the weather, and bring a flashlight. **Fee: free-will donation.**

First Spring Hike. Sunday, April 3, 1 p.m. All hiking levels welcome. We'll chose a trail when we meet. **Free-will donation.**

Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 9, 1 p.m. This egg hunt will get you out to one of our vernal pools to see what we can find beneath the water. Egg clusters and tadpoles can be seen from March through late April. Wear waterproof footwear.

Celebrate Arbor Day. Saturday, April 30 10 a.m. till noon; again at 1-4 p.m. Learn about our riparian buffer, and plant a tree. We created the buffer with native trees and shrubs for streambank stabilization as well as enhanced water quality and wildlife habitat. Come be a part of this important project and learn about the native plantings. **Meet at the Dairy Barn by the main parking lot. Dress for the weather. Our walk along the North Creek Trail 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. Sunday, 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.**



Last year's haul.



Come get yours!

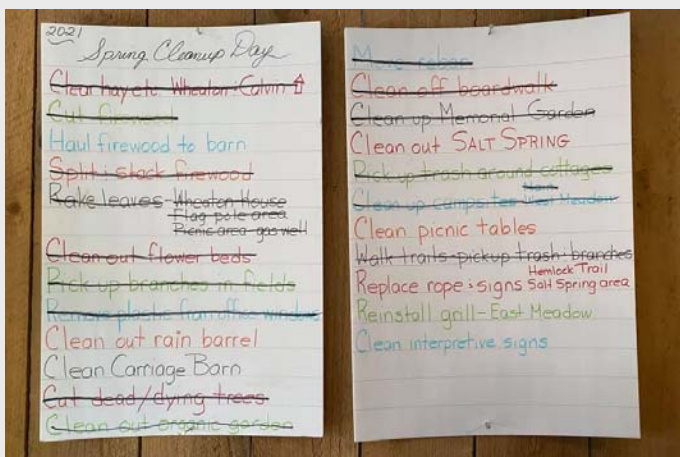
Trout Season—Stocking and Opening Day

Beginning in 2022, the PA Fish and Boat Commission has changed opening day of trout season to roll out across the state on the same day, the first Saturday in April. That is April 2 this year, and the fishing begins at 8 a.m.

Silver Creek will be stocked on March 29, April 12, and May 9, and Fall Brook will be stocked March 29 and April 12.

The average stocked trout (brook, brown, and rainbow) is 11 inches long and weighs .58 pounds.

Spring Cleanup Day Saturday, April 23, 2022



Rain or shine, or snow, we're gathering for our annual Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 23.

It was a windy winter, which causes more work for us around the park each spring than do snowy winters. We need teams to fan out over our 842 acres and pick up trash, clear brush from the trails, and note where trees will need to be cut up and moved aside.

New this year is a pile of over two dozen logs that will need to be cut, split, hauled, and stacked in the barn. The lawns, beds, and campsites need their annual raking. Campground paths need trimmed back, and the fire rings need shoveled out. Directional signs need painting . . . you get the picture!

As always, to show our appreciation, we will give you lunch and a T-shirt. **Please—let us know if you can make it so we have enough supplies on hand (email friends@saltspringspark.org or call 570-967-7275).**