



Friends of Salt Springs Park May 2021

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Always Looking for a Few Good People!

From time to time we reach out to encourage anyone interested in becoming more involved at Salt Springs to let us know. We are lucky to have a solid core group of volunteers on several fronts, but that doesn't mean there isn't room, and a need, for you, too.

No one likes meetings, including us, so we keep them short — board meetings and committee meetings alike. Do you like history or environmental education or want to help ensure the Friends plan effectively for the future? Do you like to brainstorm, plan events, give talks on a favorite subject? Let us know!

Accept the Challenge—Earn Tags

Several years ago the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation compiled a small book with entries for each PA state park and forest, supplemented with information about what each has to offer as well as historical information about the parks and forests system. It's the *Pennsylvania State Parks and State Forests Passport*, it costs \$10, and you can now get your copy here at Salt Springs.

Each entry has an empty square for placement of that park's individualized stamp. Short sections in the book identify which parks have, for example, historic features, environmental centers, kid-oriented amusements, horse trails, Civilian Conservation Corps connections, or especially notable large trees and special stands. These are further classified into six categories. If you visit 10 parks or forests in any category you can earn a Champion Tag. Accept the challenge, explore Pennsylvania, and earn all six tags.



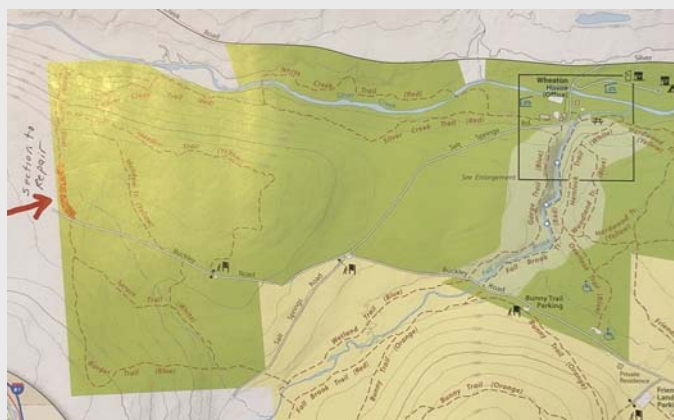
Grant Awarded for Border Trail Work



We were awarded an \$8,500 grant by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development to address a problem along a section of the Border Trail where an underground spring runs across it. It is muddy or icy most of the year, and when it rains it becomes a small swamp.

Now, sluice pipes will be placed to divert the water, lessening the erosion and making it safer for hikers.

Thank you **Tami Noonan** and **Debra Adleman** for pursuing this funding.



Upcoming Programs Full Details on Our Website

Identifying Birds by Song. Saturday, May 22, 8 a.m.

In spring-time, birds sing to defend their territory and to attract mates, and each bird's song is as unique as the bird itself. **Kelly Finan**

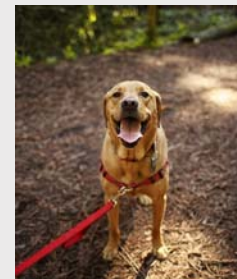


will lead our exploration of different types of bird songs and strategies for identifying common birds using the sounds they make. If you have them, bring binoculars, field guides, and a smartphone. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

Get the Garden Growing Saturday, May 22, 1 p.m.



We plant herbs and vegetables in raised beds in the organic garden at Salt Springs, with flowers and shrubs surrounding the area. **Penn State Master Gardeners** will share some tips about starting and cultivating gardens. Come with questions and gloves, as this is an interactive, hands-on program. All participants will receive some free seeds. Children are welcome! **Fee: \$5; kids and members, free.**



Doggie Hike. Friday, June 4, 6:30–8 p.m. (Also 6/25)

Bring your dog along on a hike, led by **Tyler Krowiak**, for some canine comradery. Please bring socialized dogs only, as well as a leash and

clean-up bags. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

Archery for Beginners. Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m. This is a great family activity taught by **Diane Hawley-Wurth**, a National Archery in Schools Program instructor. **Fee: \$5; families, \$15.**

Yoga in the Park. Saturday, June 19, 1 p.m. Join us for a Vinyasa Flow (Yoga) Practice along Silver Creek. Beginners are welcome. Hosted by Friends' members **Tressa Tedino** and **Ramona Kacyvenski**. Bring a yoga mat or blanket and drinking water. **Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**