



# Friends of Salt Springs Park

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### Further Thanks for Your Support

We try to convey to you, our members, on a regular basis how much we appreciate your support. Here are some expressions of approval from others (reviewers on Google and Facebook) as well —

Brenda K.: “Beautiful place to enjoy nature. . . . Great place for families to enjoy the outdoors.”

George H.: “Great diversity of trail options.”

Christine S.: “Absolutely lovely. Feels like it's part state-park, part family homestead! We had a wonderful time camping and exploring.”

Elizabeth D.: “Always beautiful and a great hike with fantastic views! What a great gift to the community.”

Busy V Hive: “Impromptu visit thru local reference. Ended up being the gem attraction of our summer family vacation. ”

James S.: “...and you can enjoy the outhouse style bathrooms too!”

### Master Watershed Stewards

Master Watershed Stewards (MWSs) play an important role at Salt Springs. In 2016, the PA DEP upgraded the designations of Silver Creek and Fall Brook, which run through Salt Springs Park, to Exceptional Value, and their waters remain pristine. We know this because MWSs regularly test the streams.



Silver Creek. Courtesy of Paul DeSera.

MWSs love nature, wildlife, and the environment. They love being outdoors, learning, and helping their communities. They value nature and understand the importance of preserving our waterways and natural areas.

Does this sound like you? If so, please consider attending a free online webinar on February 8 to learn about the Master Watershed Steward Information Session. Here’s the link to register: <https://extension.psu.edu/master-watershed-steward-information-session-for-the-endless-mountains>

### Do You Know Where These Are?

Another Google reviewer said: “A gorgeous park with lots of hiking trail options! There are some very cool large boulders a bit off the path, up a steep hill. If you are up for the challenge, it's worth climbing up and exploring them. There is a gorgeous view at the top.”

He included these pictures. Do you know where they are? If not, challenge yourself to find them this year.



### Mark Your Calendars!

We are in planning mode, still enjoying some winter pleasures but also looking forward. There will be more as the year unfolds and details are nailed down, but here are some events we hope you will participate in and enjoy.

**Saturday, April 22: Spring Cleanup Day.** This annual park cleanup day is made possible by the dozens of volunteers who come that day and do things like paint picnic tables and haul and stack firewood. This year, with the footbridge finally restored, the old picnic area that’s been inaccessible since 2018 will need some tending this spring as well.

**Sunday, May 14, Mother’s Day.** Preorder takeout picnic dinners.

**Sunday, June 18, Father’s Day.** Preorder takeout; possibly a car show.

**Saturday, July 1, Independence Party** with quilt show, mercantile tent of used and useful things, pie auction, plant sale, music, and more.

**Saturday, August 12, Taste of the Endless Mountains Beer & Wine Festival,** with selected alcohol, food, and artisan vendors

**Sunday, September 10, Friends’ Annual Meeting,** with a catered dinner for all members at the Williams Pavilion.

**Saturday, October 7, Apple Cider and Art**

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