



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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It's Summertime!

Summer is in full swing here at the park. Hikers, walkers, campers, picnickers, kids of all ages, and dogs abound. School is out, and staying cool is in.

The Friends are offering a full slate of activities to enjoy as well. Questions, comments, suggestions? Let us know!

Independence Party

Saturday, July 1, 11 am

Kick off the holiday at Salt Springs. There will be a Quilt Show in the historic dairy barn, a white elephant sale in the pavilion, and on the grounds will be a plant sale, a quilt raffle, and lots of food and music. Check out the lineup and come for some, or come for all.

- ◇ 11 - 4: Quilts in the Barn Exhibit & Quilt Raffle, Upper Dairy Barn
- ◇ 11 - 4: White Elephant Sale, Williams Pavilion
- ◇ 11 - 3: Homemade-Pie Sale/Auction, Lower Dairy Barn
- ◇ 11 - 2: Plant Sale
- ◇ 11 - 3: Food Vendors
 - Cable's General Store, with New England Lobster Rolls, \$25
 - Giddy Up 'N Go Snack Shack
 - Gramps' Funnel Cakes & Fried Dough
- ◇ 1 - 3: *Blue Velvet* Big Band music



Blue Velvet is a 10-17-piece dance-oriented Big Band and have been entertaining people for over 2 decades. Their many popular dance music styles, from the 40s to the present, include swing, cha cha, tango, rumba, fox trot, waltz, polka, pop hits, and ballads.

This quilt, "Settlement," is 54 x 60 inches. It will be raffled off throughout the Quilt Show. Tickets are \$1 each, and you need not be here to win.



Taste of the Endless Mountains Beer & Wine Festival

Saturday, August 12, 2-6 pm

Relax for a couple hours in your favorite park. Sample the products of local breweries, cideries, and wineries. We'll also have food and art vendors and live music. This fundraiser is held at the Williams Pavilion, and you must have a ticket to get in.



Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now. A limited number will be sold, so call 570-967-7275 today to get yours. Vendors thus far include:

Deep Roots Hard Cider
 Endless Brewing
 Grovedale Winery and Vineyard
 Joe Perry's Winery
 Maiolatesi Wine Cellars
 2 Dogz and a Guy Brewing

Cable's General Store, with
 cheesesteaks
 Giddy Up 'N Go Snack Shack
 Pop-Pop's Grill & Catering
 And Maple Syrup from
 Firefly Acres

Upcoming Programs

Discussion Series: Are There Too Many Deer?
Friday, July 7, 7 p.m.



Deer browse.

Here is an opportunity to learn about the wildlife that live in our area and the mammals that are common to Salt Springs Park. **Benjamin Rebuck**, a PA State Game Warden, will display his extensive collection of skulls, pelts, and scat and discuss our local mammals, with an emphasis on deer. **In the Carriage Barn. Fee: \$5; members and kids, free.**

Go Wild for Wildflowers. Saturday, July 8, 1 p.m. Wildflowers are abundant in Salt Springs Park. Join our hike to see how many different species we can find. We will photograph and identify them and collect samples to press. The loop is 1.5 miles of easy to moderate hiking. Wear waterproof boots, as we may cross a stream if the water level is low enough. **Fee: \$5; members and kids, free.**

Archery for Beginners. Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m. until noon. Our beginner's program is based on the National Archery in Schools Program, which makes it easy for anyone to learn. We provide the equipment, and you bring your focus. All ages are welcome. This is a great family activity taught by **Diane Wurth**, a NASP-certified instructor. **Meet by the Dairy Barn, beyond the parking lot. Fee: \$5; \$15/family.**

Bat Count. Saturday, July 15, 8:30-9:00 p.m. Did you know that Salt Springs Park is home to a colony of bats? We want to learn more



about this population, so we're taking part in the PA Game Commission's Appalachian Bat Count initiative to monitor the health of our bats, and you can help. After a brief introduction, we'll count our resident bats as they emerge from their maternal roost. Bring something to sit on and a flashlight. The count will be led by Lackawanna State Park's Environmental Education Specialist **Tony DeSantis. Fee: Free-will donation.**