



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Maple Syrup Class

Salt Springs Park held its first class of the season on February 24, "Make Your Own Maple Syrup", and it was great fun. The room was filled to overflowing with folks excited to learn about how to make small batch maple syrup. Dr Jim Hayes kept our attention with personal anecdotes and tips from his own experience. We braved the cold to watch a tree get tapped. Armed with spoons and napkins we sampled the sap in different stages of production. We all learned a lot from Dr. Hayes, and many of us drove immediately to the local hardware store afterwards to buy maple sugaring supplies.

Following the class we tramped around our property looking for sugar maples, and selected several candidates. The next morning we assembled our buckets, spiles, hoses and drill, and got tapping! In the next newsletter, we'll share how well we did.

Attention Campers!

We have exciting news about firewood. For the upcoming season, we will be installing a firewood vending system called Woodshax. Instead of tracking down a live person to buy firewood, now you will be able to buy as many bundles of firewood as you need, whenever you need. Look for the new installation by the dairy barn.



Mark Your Calendars!

Park Events coming this year:

Friday, March 1: Owls of PA 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 20: Spring Cleanup Day.
This annual park cleanup day is made possible by the dozens of volunteers who come that day and do what needs to be done to ready the park.

Saturday, June 8: 7:30 p.m. Bats of the NE and Bat count.
Hosted by DCNR's Tony DeSantis

Sunday, June 18: Father's Day.
Car Show and Cornhole tournament

Saturday, June 29: Independence Party
Food, music, and more.

Saturday, July 13, 8:30 p.m. Bat Count.

Saturday, August 17: Taste of the Endless Mountains Beer & Wine Festival, with selected alcohol, food, and artisan vendors

Sunday, September 15: Fall Picnic at the Williams Pavilion.

Saturday, October 12: Apple Cider and Art

Summer Hosts Needed

We so appreciate our members volunteering to be weekend hosts at the Wheaton House. This summer we still have dates available if you or someone you know are interested. Please email administrator@saltspringspark.org if you would like to participate.

Wheaton House Apartment Available

Second floor walk-up. Two small rooms plus bathroom and galley-style kitchen. Suitable for one person. \$650/mo. rent plus \$650 security deposit. NO smoking/No pets. Utilities paid. Previous work & rental references and credit check required. Check our Facebook page for photos. Email administrator@saltspringspark.org for application.