



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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New Website Launching!

Big News! Our newly redesigned website move into production this week!

Last June we hired Inspired Studio to help us redesign our website and we couldn't be more pleased with the result. We think you will find the new site very easy to navigate and find whatever you are looking for, be it a campsite reservation, downloadable trail map, upcoming educational programs, becoming a member of the Friends, or finding a place to stay while you're in the area.

Our URL will remain the same, www.friendsofsaltspringpark.org, so you won't need to update the link in your Favorites. If you haven't bookmarked our site yet, you will want to once you see it!

Upcoming Programs

First Spring Hike. Sunday, April 7, 9:30 a.m. All hiking levels welcome. We'll chose a trail when we meet. **Free-will donation.**

Solar Eclipse Viewing. Monday, April 8, 2 p.m.. -4 p.m. If you can't take the time to drive to an area with "totality", we will be conducting an eclipse event at the Park. The eclipse begins at 2:07 and reaches 96.5% coverage at 3:23 p.m. We have a limited number of eclipse glasses, so bring yours if you have them. **Fee: \$5/Members free**

Cleanup Day. Saturday, April 20, 9 a.m. Please register with friends@saltspringpark.org to help clean up the park and prepare for a busy summer and fall season!

Trail Hike. Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. All hiking levels welcome. We'll chose a trail when we meet.

New Trail Reveal Trail Hike Saturday, May 4, 2p.m. Come see the newest trail, admire the rock outcropping and learn about the geology. You can even make your suggestion to name the new trail! **Fee: Free-will donation.**

Beginner Archery Saturday, May 11, and Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. All ages are welcome. This is a great family activity taught by NASP-certified instructor Diane Wurth. **Fee: \$5; \$15/family.**

Bats of the Northeast. Saturday, June 8, 7:30p.m. Bats, the only mammal capable of true flight, are right at home in the nighttime skies. Find out how vital bats are for the environment and for us in a presentation by Environmental Education Specialist Tony DeSantis. Afterwards, we will take a count of our resident bats as part of the PA Game Commission's Appalachian Bat Count initiative to monitor the health of bats. We will also have a bat count on July 13 at 8:30 p.m. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

Trail Hike. Sunday, June 9, 1 p.m.. All hiking levels welcome. We'll chose a trail when we meet.

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION Saturday, June 15, 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Come join us for a Car Cruise-in, Cornhole Tournament (must pre-register: **Scoreholio app**, \$15 fee) and Food Trucks! It's the Ship and Pinkies food trucks will be in the Wheaton House parking lot. **Free General Admission, \$15 pre-register for Cornhole Tournament**



Trout Season—Stocking and Opening Day

The PA Fish and Boat Commission opening day of trout season is the first Saturday in April. That is April 6 this year, and the fishing begins at 8 a.m.

Campsites are still available to make a weekend of it!

Come get yours!

Spring Cleanup Day Saturday, April 20, 2024



Rain or shine, we're gathering for our annual Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 20.

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. Logs 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. Skip the gym and get your workout in at the park!

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@saltspringpark.org).**

Come Say Hello At Ag Day!

Salt Springs Park will have a table at this year's Susquehanna County Ag Day. It will be held Monday, April 1, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Elk Lake High School.