



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Trail Day Cleanups

Saturday, April 14
Saturday, April 21

It's springtime, which means time to spring clean! The trails at the park and throughout the Friends land are generally pretty tidy, even after the winter season (such as it was this year), but there's still some work to be done at this time. And we need your help.

Got an urge to move heavy objects and/or a chainsaw you want to rev up? Join us on **Saturday, April 14**, for Chainsaw Day. This is when the deep cleaning will take place. We've identified where, throughout the park and Friends land, there are downed trees to be cut up; an old couch or two to be hauled out; and piles of logs collected last year to be moved and split into firewood. We provide free hot nourishment and t-shirts to all volunteers.

The task on **Saturday, April 21**, is a great opportunity to help keep your park clean while getting some outdoor exercise and spending time with your family and friends. We'll meet at noon in front of the Wheaton House. Then we'll break up into smaller groups to hike assigned trails, pick up any trash along the way, remove light debris, and make notes to report any other issues there may be. The heavy work will have been done the Saturday before (on Chainsaw Day), so this will generally just be a trail but a necessary one to ensure our trails are clean and safe. Again, we provide free food and t-shirts to all volunteers.

Cycle and Recycle to Celebrate Earth Day

Sunday, April 22

Join us in celebrating Earth Day on this beautiful Sunday afternoon. **The fun begins at 12:30 pm** with an introduction to the park and the schedule of activities. Find out how nature recycles, so you can too. Learn about household recycling, find out how to compost, and participate in the recycling relay or bike rides. *Various activities appropriate for all ages. Program Fee: \$5.00, members; \$10.00, nonmembers. Kids 12 and under, free! Pre-registration is appreciated for the composting class.*

- 12:30 pm— **Greeting at the Carriage Barn**
- 1:00 pm— **Recycling** talks and demos for household recycling
Recycling Jeopardy and Relay Races
- 2:15 pm— **Kids Bike Ride** – Walk up Buckley Road
- 2:00 pm— **Composting Workshop** by Penn State Master Gardeners
- 3:00 pm— **Build a Simple Compost Bin** with Penn State Master Gardeners
- 4:00 pm— **Bike Rides**, short and long, on roads surrounding Salt Springs

Rain Date: April 29

E3: Earth, Ecology, and the Environment

The Friends offer environmental education to all fourth graders in local school systems. The program is called E3, consists of two classroom sessions in the school and one all-day session at Salt Springs, and addresses several PA Dept. of Education Standards. The first classroom session this year for Choconut Elementary was held Tuesday, April 3. For more information on the session, including how we use a human spider web to learn about ecological interconnectedness, visit our website at <http://www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org/html/E32012.html>.



Also Upcoming

A Stitch in Time—The Art and Tradition of Embroidery. Sunday, April 29, 2 pm.



People are rediscovering this traditional way of adding personal touches to their homes and experiencing creative satisfaction in seeing a pattern grow.

In this workshop, we provide the supplies and **Anne Thompson** provides the expert instruction to get you started on a basic project. You'll learn stitches you need to know, like outline, back, and running, and leave with instructions on how to turn your fabric into a finished product. Supply kits, light refreshments, and informative handouts provided. Appropriate for all, ages 12 through adult.

Program fee: \$15 (includes supplies). Space is limited; pre-registration and pre-payment are required. E-mail or call today to reserve your spot.

Annual Salt Springs Roadside Cleanup. Saturday, May 5, 9 am.

Join us to do our part for the annual PA Roadside Cleanup effort. Again organized by **Sandy Babuka**, we meet at the Wheaton House, get instructions and supplies, divide up the territory, and hit the roads to clean them up. Gloves, vests, water, garbage bags . . . all supplies provided. Note: Please bring your pick-up truck if you have one; we can supply only one.