



Friends of Salt Springs Park February 2013

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Winter

We're getting a taste of winter in 2012-2013. More so than last year but maybe not as much as in the past. Mid-winter I usually share some particularly sunny, green and blue warm-weather scenes. Not this year or at least this month. Here are some of the pictures Fran Durso took at Salt Springs in mid-January that will make even the least-liker of winter appreciate it's beauty.



Hemlock Trail



Along Fall Brook Trail

Eagle Scouts at the Park Yesterday

We're always pleased and grateful when an Eagle Scout chooses to do his project at Salt Springs. Ben Maitland, Harford Troop 98, and his team built us three picnic tables. Thanks guys and mom!



L to R: Jacob Baranski, Keith Maitland, Izaak Cook, Ben Galvin (red cap), Ben Maitland (red and blue coat), Jamie Galvin (scoutmaster), Carol Hartley, and Bill Maitland.



From pieces of wood . . .



Came three much needed and appreciated picnic tables!

Mark Your Calendars

Who Goes There? Sunday, February 24, 2-4 p.m. Most of the mammals that reside in our woods lead largely secretive lives. Learn about the natural history of mammals common to Salt Springs. Take a hike to follow their tracks and discover other signs of their activity. Dress for being outside and walking through snow. Led by **Nancy Wottrich**. Meet at the Wheaton House. **Free**.

"Honey, Have You Seen the Bees?" Saturday, March 9, 1-3 p.m. Join us in welcoming Ginny and James Wood, Officers of the Susquehanna Beekeepers Association, to Salt Springs. Beekeepers for 10 years, the Woods will bring a hive display and talk about honeybees and beekeeping. They'll also bring some honey to sample. Meet in the Carriage Barn. **\$5, members; \$10, nonmembers; kids free.**

Pruning Class. Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to Noon. March is the perfect time in the north to prune some trees. Snow cover has lessened, but it's still cold enough to deter bugs and disease from infecting the cut wound. **Jim Kessler** will discuss and demonstrate the why, where, how, what, and when to cut. He'll focus on pruning several different species, from trees to shrubs. Meet at the Wheaton House. **\$5, members; \$15, nonmembers.**

Full Moon Hike. Wednesday, March 27, time tba. Come and explore Salt Springs Park in the dark. The full moon sheds a new light on the hiking experience. **Free.**

April Volunteer Workdays

Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. Chainsaw Day. We need volunteers with chainsaws to cut and clear up winter debris. And we still have a fair amount of downed trees from a couple high-wind storms last fall. **Free food, drinks, and T-shirts provided to all volunteers. Pre-register** (info@friendsofsaltspringspark.org; 570-967-7275) so we have sufficient supplies on hand.

Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m. Trail Day. After the trails have been cleared of major obstructions, it's time to remove the lesser debris, pick up garbage, and make note of any remaining problems. **Free food, drinks, and T-shirts provided to all volunteers. Pre-register** (info@friendsofsaltspringspark.org; 570-967-7275) so we have sufficient supplies on hand.

And More

We have more programs scheduled in April, May, and beyond featuring pollinators, birding, hiking, and viewing the sun. Check Events & Programs on our website at www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org.