



# Friends of Salt Springs Park February 2016

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## Winter?

It's the second week of February and for the first time this winter both the snow *and* the cold are going to stick around together for more than a couple hours. Let's hope they stay for a few weeks so we can get some quality snow time in this year.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 21, 6:30 pm**, and **Saturday, February 27, 1 pm**. On the evening of the 21st we're going to hike underneath a full moon. We hope we can see it, as well! A blanket of snow will really make the woods light up. On the 27th, we plan to have some Winter Snow Fun. But, snow or no snow, we're going to get outside. We'll hike Fall Brook Trail if there's no snow. In that case, bring poles if you can.



Upper Fall Brook, February 12, 2016.

## April Work Days

We need to get the park and its 15+ miles of trails in shape for the season and are seeking volunteers to help clear brush, smooth walkways, and more. On **Chainsaw Day, Saturday, April 16 (9 am)** and **Trail Day, Saturday, April 23 (11 am)**, we make firewood out of downed trees; spring clean the Wheaton House and Carriage Barn; rake the lawns and flower beds free of old leaves; hike the trails to pick up trash and remove intrusive limbs; cut back vegetation along the paths in the campgrounds, and much more!

In return, we provide lunch and a T-shirt to all volunteers.



Blase Kelly hauls logs to the barn from the fields, where they are split into firewood and stacked in the barn.



A number of signs around the park need a fresh coat of paint each year.



Clearing the beds.

## Upcoming Programs

Full details will be on the website soon!

**Full Moon Hike. Sunday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.** We'll hike a short trail in the moonlight.

**Winter Snow Fun. Saturday, February 27, 1 p.m.** We're getting outside, snow or no snow!

**Oh! The Many Feet We Meet. Sunday, March 6, 1 p.m.** We'll follow mammal tracks in the snow.

**Build Your Own Nesting Box. Saturday, March 19, 1 p.m.** After an A/V presentation, we'll assemble nesting boxes you have pre-ordered. Fee and pre-registration.

**"Take a Break" Hike. Sunday, April 10, 1 p.m.** Join a three-mile, moderate hike.

**Chainsaw Day. Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m.** Sawing, hauling, splitting, and stacking wood are at the top of the to-do list. Bring chainsaws and trucks if you can.

**Whooh Gives a Hoot? Full Moon Hike. Friday, April 22, 7 p.m.** After a presentation on owls, we'll go into the woods and "call" them. Fee.

**Trail Day. Saturday, April 23, 11 a.m.** Time to spruce up Salt Springs trails, campgrounds, buildings, lawns, garden, and flowerbeds.

**Egg Hunt. Sunday, April 24, 1 p.m.** We'll hike to collect amphibian eggs and then set up a hatching system. Fee.

**Go Wild for Wildflowers! Sunday, May 1, 1 p.m.** We'll photograph and collect a few species for pressing. Fee.

**North American Migration Count. Saturday, May 14, 7 a.m.** Join our annual birding walk. Last year we counted 57 species.

**Full Moon Hike. Saturday, May 21, 8 p.m.** We'll end the evening around a campfire sharing snacks and stories.

**Bike the Border. Sunday, May 29, 1:30 p.m.** Bike the roads through Salt Springs.

**Star Party. Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m.** We begin with tips and techniques on using the telescope and end in the field above, where star-gazing is ideal. Fee.

**Let's Grow! Sunday, June 5, 1 p.m.** Be ready to get your hands dirty as we plant the FSSP garden! Participants will receive a starter strawberry plant. Fee.