



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Winter Fun!

Come to Salt Springs and build a snow fort. Take a hike and look for animal tracks. Scavenger hunt for winter nature stuff. Skip stones across a creek. Hunt for bird nests to watch over in the spring.

Or reserve the Wheaton House for a special gathering, like the Winding River Paddlers did. Enjoy their experience, and begin planning your own.

Full Moon Hike and Snowshoe Gathering Winding Rivers Paddlers, January 7th

Submitted by Sandy Babuka

On a 50 degree, balmy January night, 39 members of the Winding Rivers Paddle Group gathered at the Wheaton House for frolicking, food, fun and fire. We began with the feast, first, with over 16 types of crock pot food, from stews to chowders to incredible dibs and dabbles. Then half of the group followed Sandy Babuka up to the Meadows Trail under the moonlight while the other half followed Lynn Barnard and husband Rick up the Hemlock trail to listen to the falls. What was the prize of returning to the Wheaton house? Why, to eat some more, of course.



We also had a special surprise video, cake, and train presentation for one member, Warren Wahl, who had retired from the Canadian Pacific Railroad in November after over 34 years of service. His gift was a CD of train memories and a wonderfully crafted toy train complete with kayaks on top to remind him that his friends are with him!



The Winding Rivers Paddle Group formed in 2008 based on a common interest in kayaking. Skills range from nondescript to superb, and some members will paddle anything from flat water to white water. We're a diverse group of fun loving adventurers who also camp, bike, motorcycle, and lots of other challenging things that bring smiles and a great time to all.



We thank Salt Springs for allowing us the adventure of this night and the warmth of the fire
—WRPG

To Be Announced....

We thank all who applied for the Friends' Environmental Education Coordinator position. We received applications from many qualified and enthusiastic people, and we hope all of them will consider volunteering at Salt Springs. The application deadline was January 16, and our new EEC will be announced soon.

Look for These



A pair just like them were spotted in the park last week.



The Historical Committee Asks, What Is It?



It is made of metal and was patented in 1885.