



Friends of Salt Springs Park July 2020

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Celebration Cancelled

The Friends' board of directors has reached the same conclusion as most other organizations and nonprofits. It is better to cancel our annual fundraising event than to risk the health and well-being of anyone involved. With regret, the annual Salt Springs Celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 5, has been cancelled.

This comes after two years of tough times thanks to the torrential rain-storm in August 2018 that rearranged and/or destroyed parts of the park. We lost a significant portion of our income for more than a year, and we still have major expenses in order to restore all services lost at that time. We were finally approaching pre-flood income levels again when we had to close down completely in mid-March.

As our mission is to keep Salt Springs *safe, clean, and open*, we will offer a few smaller scale fundraising events throughout the summer and fall this year in accordance with all PA public health guidelines. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website and in the pages of the *Susquehanna Co. Independent* and *Weekender* for details as they arise.

And, of course, we would deeply appreciate a donation. You can donate by check (payable to "FSSP" and mailed to P.O. Box 541, Montrose, PA 18801); credit card over the phone (570-967-7275); cash in a donation box during your next visit; or PayPal on our website (www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org).

We see many of you only once a year—at our Celebration party in the park at the end of the summer. We will miss everyone this year. But, there are countless reasons to celebrate each and every day. Come on out when you can and celebrate your special, and mundane!, reasons. We keep the doors open for you every day of the year.

New Fence!

Imagine our delight when a work crew with fence posts and bags of concrete showed up unexpectedly last Thursday to build a fence along the top of the new stacked stone wall. We'd been wondering how to raise funds for a new fence.

It will be a three-rail split rail fence along Silver Creek and Fall Brook at the top of the wall to encourage visitors to not walk along there. It is provided by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, which also paid for the stone wall.

Thank you, DCNR, for this terrific improvement!



Above: Pieces are laid out and the ground marked where the posts will go in, along Fall Brook (currently holding so little water!).

Left: The section along Silver Creek was completed today (Monday, July 27).

Mark Your Calendar

[Full Details on Our Website](#)

NOTE: Programs are adapted to comply with current pandemic health and safety guidance from the Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources and the PA Dept. of Health and Human Services. At a minimum, we require participants to practice social distancing and to be respectful of other participants' personal space and comfort. Please bring a mask with you in case a situation arises where guidelines advise its use. See individual program listings for additional requirements.

First Day Hike—Tree ID. Saturday, August 1, 10 a.m. Meet at the Bunny Trail Parking Lot on Buckley Rd. Jim Kessler will get you primed to find the largest trees in the park (the contest is open until September 5). Come enjoy some nature while getting some exercise and learning about trees. \$5; \$15/family; members, free.

Full Moon Hike. Sunday, August 2, 8 p.m. Come explore the park by moonlight. \$5; families, \$15; members, free.

Archery for Beginners. Saturday, August 8, 10 a.m. Our program is based on the National Archery in Schools program and taught by NASP-certified instructor Diane Hawley-Wurth. Face masks are required. \$5; \$15/family.

The Five Elements—Earth. Sunday, August 23, 1 p.m. According to Chinese philosophy, the five elements of Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water are believed to be the fundamental elements of everything in the universe. In this workshop, Tami Noonan explores the element Earth, which is associated with the changing of the seasons. Free-will donation.

Mushrooms and Mycelia. Saturday, August 29, 1 p.m. A short presentation will be followed by a mushroom hunt to identify and photograph these forest gems. \$5; families, \$15; members, free.

First Day / Full Moon Hike. Tuesday, September 1, 8:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards and a flashlight. \$5; families, \$15; members, free.

Riparian Buffer Walk. Saturday, September 5, time, TBA. May 8 was the culmination of a great feat—20 volunteers planted 700 trees along Silver Creek to create a riparian buffer. View the site and learn why the buffer is important to our environment. Wear waterproof boots, as we cross the creek twice; an alternate route is available for those who cannot cross the creek. Free-will donation.

Geocaching with Ron Nagy. Saturday, September 12, 1 p.m. Ron's presentation will give us the basics. Then we'll head out for a hands-on treasure hunt. \$5; members, free.