



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Time for Spring Cleaning



Last year, nearly 60 volunteers helped out over two days in April to clear almost 13 miles of trails of winter debris, from large downed trees to sticks, limbs, and trash.

Let's do it again!

Food and beverages provided. T-shirts provided to those who pre-register. info@friendsofsaltspringspark.org / 570-967-7275.

Chainsaw Day – April 14, 7 am

We need volunteers with chainsaws to move and cut up the heaviest of the winter debris from the trails and creek banks.

Trail Day Cleanup – April 21, 12 - 4 pm

Now that the trails have been cleared of major debris, it's time to remove the remaining sticks and stones, pick up trash, and make note of any remaining problems. Dress for the weather and bring gloves.

Register today!

Also in April

April 14, Saturday, 7 a.m. First day of trout season. Again this year we'll offer coffee and hot food for sale.

April 28, Saturday, 12 to 3 p.m. Wilderness Survival Day at Salt Springs Park. Presented by the Susquehanna County Library as part of this year's Susquehanna County Reads Program featuring *The Hunger Games*. **Kristen Battle** from the Girl Scouts will give a seminar on Basic Wilderness Survival Skills. **Mark Thomas**, Camp Manager of Camp Iroquoia, will give a hands-on archery demonstration. **Ed Price**, of the District 9 Trapper's Association, will provide a trapping demonstration. The demonstrations will run simultaneously during the afternoon, so plan to view them all. Check out the Library's website for full details on Susquehanna County Reads — www.susqcolibrary.org.

The Streams at Salt Springs

We met March 8th with Dr. Thomas Barnard and students from Wilkes University, who paid one of their periodic visits to Salt Springs. They are monitoring Fall Brook and Silver Creek, analyzing both water quality data and aquatic life, for signs of pollution. All indications are that the Salt Springs waters are healthy. Visit our Facebook Page for more information and pictures.



Dr. Barnard holds the monitor (a YSI-6600 V2-4 sonde) that is submerged in Silver Creek. It transmits data (eg, conductivity, turbidity), via a solar-powered cell phone, to Wilkes Univ. computers.



Low levels of aquatic specimens indicate bad water. Students were surprised at the high number of mayflies they counted in Fall Brook. They were also satisfied with the numbers of leeches, worms, and other fly species counted.

Apple Tree Pruning

One way to get this



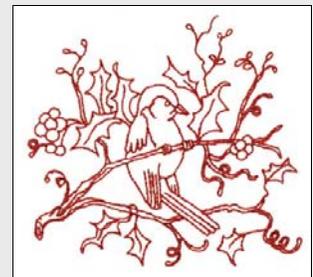
is to attend **Jim Kessler's** Apple Tree Pruning workshop on **Saturday, March 24, 9 am**, and learn how to prune properly.

Jim is a retired DCNR Forester. He'll discuss and demonstrate the why, where, how, what, and when to cut. He'll focus on four apple trees, beginning in front of the Wheaton House and moving west through the fields. Other trees along the way may also be pruned. Program fee: \$5, members; \$15, nonmembers.

A Stitch in Time

The Art and Tradition of Embroidery

Sunday, April 29, 2 p.m.



Since the time humans stitched animal skins together for clothing, they have used fibers to embellish their works. Embroidery, the art of decorating fabric with needle and thread, is experiencing a revival. 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.