



# Friends of Salt Springs Park May 2016

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## Bring It On!

Clear skies and warm weather, meats and veggies on the grill, sleepovers and camp outs, music floating in the air, birthdays and reunions and graduations and weddings and casual get-togethers, spring and summer and fall (let's set aside winter for now), and opportunities galore to get outside at Salt Springs Park.

## Trail Days a Super Success

More than 80 volunteers came out over two days to make this one of the most successful spring clean-ups ever. *Thank you, volunteers!*

We now have enough firewood to get us through this year and well into the next. The flowerbeds are debris free, with blooms, buds, and greenery vying for the attention of passersby.

Volunteers removed a cow fence, cleared and re-marked trails, picked up litter throughout, cleaned buildings, and so much more.

Thank you, again, to the organizers, the volunteers, and the sponsors!



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Chris Wilkerson, Mike Merritt, and Todd Latzko sawed up trees hauled out from the woods.



Girl scouts picked up trash in the campgrounds.

## Mark Your Calendar!

Full details are on the website.

**Full Moon Hike. Saturday, May 21, 8 p.m.** Explore Salt Springs by moonlight.

**Bike the Border. Sunday, May 29, 1:30 p.m.** Take a bike ride through the park.

**Star Party. Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m.** Mike and Mary Sinkovich lead an evening of astronomy — from telescope tips to stargazing.

**Let's Grow! Sunday, June 5, 1 p.m.** Learn about pollinators and then get your hands dirty planting the garden.

**Twitter, Tweets, and (Bird) Talk. Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.** Evan Mann's presentation includes time to practice hearing and sighting birds.

**Dating Our Hemlocks. Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.** Learn about our state tree during a walk with Jim Kessler through the old-growth forest.

**Summer Solstice Celebration. Saturday, June 18, 1 p.m.** Afternoon demos are followed by stories around a campfire.

**Life in the 18th Century for Women and Children. Sunday, June 26, 8 p.m.** In full costume, George Cummings enlightens us about an earlier era.

## Special Musical Event

featuring

*The Celtic Martins*



Friday, August 12, 7 pm

This high-energy band features **traditional Celtic music, American fiddle tunes, and Irish step dancing.** The Celtic Martins are a family band from southeastern PA. They began performing in 2004 and quickly became popular at regional fairs and festivals, such as the Smokey Mountain Highland Games, the Kutztown Folk Festival, and the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival. Rain or shine in the Barn Pavilion. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on. *Free, but we pass the hat.*

**Announcement:** We were awarded a \$3,000 grant from the DEP in support of a new garden section with native plantings for pollinators.