



Friends of Salt Springs Park

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Holiday Weekend Offerings

There are a variety of things to do at Salt Springs over a long holiday weekend. Consider picnicking, camping, hiking, and attending a program or two.

On **Saturday, May 27**, in **Plan and Plant Your Garden, Part I: Native and Pollinator-Friendly Plants (11 am to 3 pm)**, we'll re-view some basics of earth-friendly landscaping, help you plan your garden, and then begin planting in ours. Bring lunch; participants will receive a starter plant. In the evening (**the Star Party begins at 8:30 pm**), we'll star-gaze from a field close to the Wheaton House. Bring your own telescope, or view through ours. Meet at the Wheaton House.



On **Sunday, May 28**, let's pick up the pace a little with a bike ride through the park. We'll meet at the Wheaton House at 1:30 pm and go from there.

Spring Scenes

If there is a name for that vibrant shade of green the young spring leaves are wearing right now, I don't know what it is. But I know that color when I see it, and it is all around us right now. And the snakes are out sunning, and the wasps are building their hives, and the spring wildflowers are transitioning to the summer varieties. It's a colorful, humming world right now. Enjoy it in our photographs, and enjoy it onsite, in person!



Top right: Creeping phlox in the Wheaton House front yard. Middle left: Inquisitive young cardinal in the campgrounds. Middle right: Garter snake sunbathing among the rocks in the wall by the main kiosk. Bottom right: Rock adorned with a painted bee, hanging out at Cabin 2.

Mark Your Calendar!

Plan and Plant Your Garden, Part I: Native and Pollinator-Friendly Plants. Saturday, May 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn some basics of earth-friendly landscaping; then get your hands dirty planting the park garden. Bring a lunch and tools, if you have them. Free starter plant. **\$5/person; members and kids, free.**

Star Party. Saturday, May 27, 8:30 p.m. Mike and Mary Sinkovich provide tips on using the telescope; then we view the heavens from an upper field. **\$5/person or \$15 for families; members, free. Rain date: Sunday, May 28, 8:30 p.m.**

Bike the Border. Sunday, May 28, 1:30 p.m. Ride the roads through Salt Springs Park. **Free-will donation.**

Plan and Plant Your Garden, Part II: Organic Vegetable Gardening. Sunday, June 4, 1 to 4 p.m. After a presentation on raised beds, soil testing, and composting, we'll plant in the garden. Bring a lunch and tools, if you have them. Free starter plant. **\$5/person; members and kids, free.**

Full Moon Hike. Friday, June 9, 8:30 p.m. We'll end the evening around a campfire sharing snacks and stories. **Free-will donation.**

Re-use Ref-use: Transitioning to a Zero-Waste Lifestyle. Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carmen VanNess provides a three-part introduction, including concepts, steps, benefits, and strategies to establish personal practices. Bring lunch. **Free-will donation.**

Summer Solstice Celebration. Saturday, June 17, 1-4 p.m. We'll have on-going demos and activities. Bring a picnic and blanket to sit on. **Free-will donation.**

Summer Solstice Celebration. Saturday, June 17, 8 p.m. Join us for story-telling around a campfire. Bring snacks to share. **Free-will donation.**

Amphibian & Reptile Workshop and Survey Walk. Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m. Led by Tim Matthews. **\$5/person; members and kids, free.**



All-American Patriotic Music. Monday, July 3, p.m. With Kelly and Susan Pratt. **Free evening concert at the Barn Pavilion.**