

**the weather looks iffy (570-967-7275). Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

**HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE AND NATURE CRAFTS. Sunday, November 15, 1 p.m.** Let's take a walk to gather some of nature's treasures and create a piece of art—maybe a wreath, ornament, or centerpiece. Bring your creativity, a container for your artwork (like a shadow box or a picture frame) and any accessories you might want to add. Bring your own tools—scissors, glue, glue gun—if you have them; we'll have a limited supply available to share. Children 3 to 103 welcome! All activities are outside, so dress for the weather! **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

### December

**FIRST DAY HIKE—END GAME. Tuesday, December 1, time TBA.** Have you stuck to your New Year's resolution? Here we are at the end of 2020, and what a wild, weird year it has been! Yet many of you have continued hiking with us every month. Great job! Here is our end game before 2021. Come out for this celebratory hike! Check Facebook for weather-related updates. **Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

**WINTER SNOW FUN. Saturday, December 12, 1 p.m.** Get out to see some winter wonders—animal tracks, dazzling snow drifts, whitened land-

scapes. We will provide snowshoes or ice cleats and poles—just wear your winter boots. Basic instruction will be given to those new to these winter sports. **If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll reschedule. Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

**HOLIDAY CENTERPIECE AND NATURE CRAFTS. Sunday, December 13, 1 p.m.** Let's take a walk to gather some of nature's treasures and create a piece of art—maybe a wreath, ornament, or centerpiece. Bring your creativity, a container for your artwork (like a shadow box or a picture frame) and any accessories you might want to add. Bring your own tools—scissors, glue, glue gun—if you have them; we'll have a limited supply available to share. Children 3 to 103 welcome! All activities are outside, so dress for the weather! **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

**WINTER SNOW FUN. Saturday, December 19, 1 p.m.** Get out to see some winter wonders—animal tracks, dazzling snow drifts, whitened landscapes. We will provide snowshoes or ice cleats and poles—just wear your winter boots. Basic instruction will be given to those new to these winter sports. **If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll reschedule. Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

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Friends of Salt Springs Park

Programs & Events

October - December  
2020



**Salt Springs Park  
Franklin Forks, PA**

(From Montrose: 6 miles N on Rt. 29;  
1 mile W on Silver Creek Rd to park)

For latest program information:  
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[www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org](http://www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org)



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**NOTE: Programs are adapted to comply with current pandemic health and safety guidance from DCNR and the PA DHHS. 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.**

**\*\*For all programs, children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.  
\*\*Meet outside the Wheaton House unless otherwise noted.**

## October

### **FIRST DAY / FULL MOON HIKE.**

**Thursday, October 1, 6:30 p.m.** Come explore the park by the light of a full moon. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards and a flashlight. **Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

### **HOW DO DEER AFFECT THE FOREST? Cornell Project at Salt Springs.**

**Saturday, October 10, 10–11:30 a.m.** **Kristi Sullivan**, Wildlife Biologist at Cornell University, will discuss the effects deer are having on Pennsylvania's woodlands and share signs you can use to determine the degree to which deer might be affecting a particular forest. Learn how AVID, a citizen science method to Assess Vegetation Impacts from Deer (aviddeer.com), is being used at Salt Springs and how you can use it in your own woodlands. Significant deer browse is negatively affecting certain

habitats in the park. The Friends are taking this first step of studying the impacts in hopes of implementing a plan to slow it down and protect the biodiversity. This project is partially funded by the Actus Foundation in conjunction with Cornell University. **Meet at the Friends Parking Lot on Buckley Road; after a presentation, we'll walk to an affected site via Cliff and Bunny Trails. Fee: Free-will donation.**

### **THE FIVE ELEMENTS—METAL.**

**Sunday, October 25, 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, and each element has its own connections with different aspects of nature. **Tami Noonan's** workshops explore these relationships and interactions and how they might influence you, with hands-on experiences as well as reflection and discussion. Dress for the weather, as the workshop will be held outside. We will explore Metal, which is associated with autumn, the color white, and dry climates. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

**HALLOWEEN FEST. Saturday, October 31, 4 to 6:30 p.m.** Our popular fall family event is back, with lots of pumpkins, activities, and food. We begin at 4 pm with pumpkin carving. The petting goats, Benji and Barney and a new

baby goat, will be here, and they love to be around children. At dusk we'll gather around the campfire for some tantalizing treats and ghost stories. We'll end the evening watching the Full Harvest Moon rise. All activities are outside, so dress for the weather! **Fee: \$5; \$20 for families; members, 50% discount.**

## November

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**Sunday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.** Come explore the park by the light of a full moon. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards and a flashlight. **Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

**STAR PARTY. Saturday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.** **Mike and Mary Sinkovich** will host this autumn star party. We begin at the Wheaton House, with some tips about telescopes and finding good astronomy resources on the Internet. Then we'll head to the field above on Salt Springs Road, where viewing is ideal. All levels of astronomers and stargazers are welcome, with or without your own equipment. Bring binoculars if you have them and a cheap flashlight that we'll transform into a red light with nail polish. Dress in warm layers. **Total cloud-out and rain can be unpredictable; call if**