

NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT. Saturday, May 12, 7 a.m. Local resident and avid birder **Evan Mann** will lead a walk to identify as many bird species as we can by sight and sound. We'll search the campground and ravine for the park's signature species, Louisiana waterthrush and winter wren, and visit meadows for bluebirds and the upper fields for bobolinks. The upper gorge will yield multiple warbler and thrush species, and the early successional fields of the Friends land will add another suite of birds to our list. Expect to detect 60 different species. We'll begin in the Wheaton House parking lot at 7 a.m. and conclude late morning. Join us for all or part of the walk. Good walking shoes and binoculars are recommended. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

ARCHERY FOR BEGINNERS. Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m.–Noon. We offer a beginner's program based on the National Archery in Schools Program, which makes it easy for anyone to learn. We provide the equipment, and you bring your focus and maybe someone else for a little friendly competition. All ages are welcome. This is a great family activity taught by **Diane Wurth**, a NASP-certified instructor. **Fee: \$5; \$15/family.**

MAMMALS OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. Saturday, May 19, 1–3 p.m. Local professional trapper **Bill Kasten** will talk about the mammals of NEPA and show us a variety of animal pelts and traps. Mr. Kasten has years of experience learning about these animals' behaviors and habitats to share. Held in the Carriage Barn. **Fee: \$5; \$15/family; members, free.**

BIKE THE BORDER. Sunday, May 27, 1:30 p.m. Ride the roads through Salt Springs Park and the Friends land and get a feel for how big the park is. Four-, 8-, and 12-mile loops will be considered based on riding levels of participants. Some simple bike maintenance and safety tips will be covered first. **Fee: Free-will donation or nonperishables for the local food bank.**

June

ACRYLIC LANDSCAPE PAINTING WORKSHOPS. Sundays, June 3 and 10, 1–3 pm. Artist in Residence **Earl W. Lehman** will lead two fun and instructive workshops. Bring acrylic paints, brushes, and drawings or photos if you have them; otherwise we'll have some on hand. See website (or call 570-967-7275) for a list of other materials to bring if you can. Composition will be emphasized, along with the elements of art and principles of design, with the goal of creating a good painting or two. **No special skills or knowledge needed—Earl's here to guide us through the steps.** All ages welcome,

but kids must be accompanied by an adult. **Fee: \$10/ person per class.**

AMPHIBIAN & REPTILE WORKSHOP AND SURVEY WALK. Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. **Tim Matthews**, with the PA Amphibian Reptile Survey and in partnership with the E.L. Rose Conservancy, will provide general information about PA amphibians and reptiles and a detailed "how to" on field surveying. After lunch we'll hit the trails to conduct a field survey. Bring lunch, water, notebook, and camera. Meet at the Wheaton House. **Fee: \$5; members and kids, free.**

BASIC ORIENTEERING TREASURE HUNT. Saturday, June 23, 11 a.m. For those wanting to know how to read a map better, this program is for you. **Kelly Finan** will teach us some basic orienteering skills—map reading and compass navigation—in a fun and safe environment. Build your confidence with a knowledgeable instructor, and then apply your skills when you venture out on your own. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Wheaton House. **Fee: \$5; \$15 for families; members, free.**

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION. Saturday, June 23, 1–4 p.m.; 8 p.m. Enjoy the longest day of light at Salt Springs Park, with a variety of solar demos in the afternoon (bring lunch!) and storytelling and a campfire at dusk (bring snacks!). **Fee: Free-will donation.**

TWO-WHEELED TOUR OF SALT SPRINGS PARK. Sunday, June 24, 1 p.m. Ride the roads through Salt Springs Park and the Friends land. Easy to moderate riding, depending on participants' skill levels. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

FULL MOON HIKE. Friday, June 29, 8:30–10 p.m. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards, a flashlight, and an adventurous spirit. Meet at the Wheaton House. **Fee: Free-will donation or nonperishable food items for the local food bank.**

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Friends of Salt Springs Park

Programs & Events

March – June
2018



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:
570-967-7275
www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org



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NOTE: For all programs, children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

WINTER SNOW FUN EVENTS. Dates and times will be posted on Facebook. Learn to snowshoe! 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. Children welcome. In case of inappropriate weather conditions, the outing will be rescheduled. **Fee: \$5; \$15 for families; members, free.**

March

OH! THE MANY FEET WE MEET! Sunday, March 4, 12:30–2:30 p.m. Most woodland mammals lead largely secret lives. Learn about those common in the park. We'll follow their tracks (in the snow or mud!) and look for other signs of activity. Dress for the weather, and meet at the Wheaton House. **Fee: \$5; members and kids, free.**

COLLAGE WORKSHOPS. Sundays, March 11 and 18, 1–3 pm. Meet and create collages with our Artist in Residence **Earl W. Lehman**. We ask that you begin collecting (and bring with you) *thin* interesting scraps of material—paper, cloth, plastic, tags from clothing, ticket stubs, advertising scraps—in various colors, shapes, and textures, real or implied. See website (or call 570-967-7275) for a list of other materials to bring if you can. We'll have fun! **No special skills or knowledge needed—Earl's here to guide us through the steps.** All ages welcome, but kids must be accompanied by an adult. **Fee: \$10/person per class.**

AN eBIRD PRIMER. Saturday, March 17, 10–11:30 a.m. Bird watchers love to keep records of what they see. Learn how to use the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's free online listing program for birders (which researchers also use to advance our understanding of bird distribution). Topics will include how to enter data, look up your records, sort and view data, see what other birders are finding, attach photos and sound recordings to your checklists, and use eBird to find birds on trips to unfamiliar areas. The procedures will be demonstrated live and online using an active eBird account. Our instructor, **Evan Mann**, is Susquehanna County's eBird Reviewer and Filter Editor. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

COLLAGE WORKSHOP. Sunday, March 18, 1–3 pm. See March 11 entry for details. **Fee: \$10.**

WHOOO GIVES A HOOT? OWLS AND NIGHT HIKE. Saturday, March 24, 7 p.m. Nancy Wottrich will give a short presentation on our native owls. Then we'll wander the woods "calling in" some owls common in the forest. Bring a flashlight, wear sturdy shoes, and dress in layers. Meet at the Wheaton House. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

TREE PRUNING CLASS. Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. till Noon. Yearning for spring and summer bounty? March is the perfect time to prune for it. Focusing on several different species, retired forester **Jim Kessler** will discuss and demonstrate the why, where, how, what, and when to cut. Bring your questions, as the discussion is interactive. **Fee: \$10; members, \$5.**

April

BUILD YOUR OWN NESTING BOX. Saturday, April 7, 1–3 p.m. As spring approaches, birds are thinking about building a home and raising a family. **Evan Mann**, local birder and Friends' member, will teach us how to attract birds to our properties by offering them nesting boxes. Learn which species will use these boxes, where best to place them, and how to be a "good landlord" so their young successfully fledge. After a 45-minute A / V presentation (with lots of beautiful pictures), we'll move to the Carriage Barn where you will assemble the nest box you pre-ordered with your class registration. **Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please preregister by March 17** (570-967-7275 or friends@saltspringspark.org). Meet at the Wheaton House. **Fee: \$5; members, free; PLUS \$20/nest box.**

"TAKE A BREAK" HIKE. Sunday, April 8, 1–4 p.m. Take a break from your taxes. We'll hike a 3-mile moderately difficult loop along a lesser known trail. Wear appropriate layers and sturdy shoes, and bring snacks and drinks. Meet at the Wheaton House. **Fee: Free-will donation or nonperishables for the local food bank.**

CHAINSAW DAY. Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. Come tackle the trees with us on this first day of spring cleaning. We turn dead trees into firewood to sell and address some of the larger tasks. Bring chainsaws and trucks if you can. **Free food, drinks, and T-shirts provided to all volunteers. Please pre-register (friends@saltspringspark.org) so we have enough supplies.**

FOOD FOR THE TROUT FISHERS. Saturdays, April 14 and 21, 9 a.m. Fall Brook and Silver Creek are designated Approved Trout Streams and stocked each spring by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. We'll be on hand to

welcome all to Salt Springs on the first day of trout season and the following weekend. **We sell hot food and beverages for modest prices.**

TRAIL DAY. Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. On this second day of spring cleaning, we tackle everything else! We'll finish up with the firewood; clear trails, lawns, and flowerbeds; clean the buildings; attack invasive species; and more. **Free food, drinks, and T-shirts are provided to all volunteers. Please pre-register (friends@saltspringspark.org) so we have sufficient supplies on hand.**

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY. Sunday, April 22. We offer three afternoon activities. Come for one or all. **Meet at the Wheaton House. Fee: \$5; members and kids, free:**

1 p.m. Tree Planting with Jim Kessler. Trees produce nearly 30% of the earth's oxygen. Learn more about them and help us plant a few near our native garden. Bring gloves. The first 20 participants will receive a bare-root sapling for their own yards.

2:30 p.m. Bees and Beekeeping with Jim Perkins. Bees aren't just for honey—they pollinate approximately 33% of our food. Learn more about these insects as well as becoming a beginner beekeeper. The presentation will include discussion, demonstrations, honey samples, and Q&A.

4 p.m. Egg Hunt. Celebrate spring's new life with a hike to collect amphibian eggs. Learn about PA amphibians and setting up a system for egg hatching. The hike is less than a mile, with an easy pace and a stream crossing. Bring drinks, snacks, and an empty container.

May

ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP. Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m. Help us clean the roadsides in and around Salt Springs Park. We work in teams. Bring a truck if you can. We provide bags, vests, and gloves. **No fee.** There's an afternoon hike scheduled, so bring a lunch and then join the gang at 1 pm.

GO WILD FOR WILDFLOWERS! Sunday, May 6, 1–4 p.m. Let's see how many wildflowers we can find along our hike. A wildflower guide, camera, and notebook are handy but not necessary. Bring snacks and drinks, sturdy shoes, and appropriate layers for a 1.5-mile easy to moderate hike. Meet at the Wheaton House. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**