

May

FIRST DAY HIKE—GO WILD FOR WILD-FLOWERS! Friday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. Come celebrate spring in the park and enjoy a family-friendly activity. Let's see how many wildflowers we can identify and photograph along a 1.5-mile easy to moderate hike. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

TREE PLANTING. Saturday, May 2, time TBA. We need your help! We have taken on a 3-year project to plant native trees and shrubs along Silver Creek to create a Riparian Buffer. This buffer helps stabilize the stream, enhance stream quality, and increase wildlife habitat. Be a part of this important project and help us plant the trees and shrubs—leaving a legacy for years to come. Mark the date on your calendar and look for more details.

FULL MOON HIKE. Wednesday, May 6, 7:30–9 p.m. Come explore the park by the light of the moon. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards, a flashlight, and an adventurous spirit. **Fee: \$5; \$15/family; members, free.**

ARCHERY FOR BEGINNERS. Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. till Noon. Once a month from May to September (also 6/20, 7/11, 8/8, and 9/26), we'll provide a beginner's program based on the National Archery in Schools Program, which makes it easy for anyone to learn. Come every month and watch how you progress. 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 Hawley-Wurth**, a NASP-certified instructor. **Fee: \$5; \$15/family.**

SPRING BIRD WALK Saturday, May 23, 7:30 a.m. Come celebrate the arrival of spring in color and song. Local resident and avid bird-

er **Evan Mann** will lead us through a variety of habitats in search of the park's signature species, Louisiana waterthrush and winter wren, through meadows for bluebirds, and to the upper fields for bobolinks and meadowlarks. Multiple warbler and thrush species inhabit the upper gorge, 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 and conclude late morning. Good walking shoes and binoculars are recommended. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

June

FIRST DAY HIKE. Monday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. Join us to get outdoors, enjoy nature, and make new friends while getting a little exercise. Each month our First Day Hikes will focus on a different theme. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

FULL MOON HIKE. Friday, June 5, 8:30 p.m. Come explore the park by the light of the moon. Bring a flashlight and a snack to share around a campfire afterwards. **Fee: \$5; \$15/family; members, free.**

ARCHERY FOR BEGINNERS. Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m.–Noon. Archery is one of the fastest growing sports today. This is the second of our five summer archery programs. Come for one or all! This is a beginner's program based on the National Archery in Schools Program. 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 Hawley-Wurth**, a NASP-certified instructor. **Fee: \$5; \$15/family.**

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Salt Springs Park Franklin Forks, PA

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

March

FIRST DAY HIKE REVISITED. Sunday, March 1, 1 p.m. Start the month with an invigorating hike. Come out of hibernation, get moving, and maybe see some winter wonders. If needed, we'll provide snowshoes and poles—just wear your winter boots. Children welcome. **Fee: \$5; \$15 for families; members, free.**

FULL MOON HIKE. Saturday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. Come explore the park by the light of the moon. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterwards, a flashlight, and an adventurous spirit. Dress for the weather. **Fee: \$5; \$15 for families; members, free.**

HELLBENDERS AND OTHER SALAMANDERS. Saturday, March 21, 1–3 p.m. The eastern hellbender is the largest salamander in the United States. Devin Welch will present on his volunteer work with these mud devils, as they are often called, and incorporate general information on many of our other local salamander species, including their identification and life spans. Live species will be on hand, and the presentation will be followed by a salamander hunt and a vernal pool search for eggs. Wear waterproof footwear for the hunt. **Fee: \$5; members and kids, free.**

TREE PRUNING CLASS. Sunday, March 22, 1–3 p.m. 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

FIRST DAY HIKE—TAKE A BREAK AND GET OUTDOORS. Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m. This is no joke: another “First Day” hike revisited, and we have another hour of daylight! Take a break from your taxes, or give yourself a great mid-week treat outdoors at Salt Springs Park. All hiking levels welcome. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

OWL PROWL—OWLS AND NIGHT HIKE. Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. Rain date: Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. Whooo gives a hoot? **Angela Lambert**, Environmental Education Specialist, will begin the evening with a short presentation on local owls as we wait for the moon to rise. Then we'll wander the hemlock forest “calling in” some owls common to the habitat. Bring a flashlight and binoculars, wear sturdy shoes, and dress in layers. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—CHAINSAW DAY. Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. We need volunteers for this annual spring workday. We turn downed trees into firewood to sell and address some of the larger spring cleaning jobs around the park. 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 on hand.**

THE FIVE ELEMENTS OF NATURE. Sunday, April 19, 1 p.m. (also on Sundays June 28, August 23, and October 25). Learn about the 5 Elements of Nature and our relationship to them in this series of workshops led by **Tami Noonan**. Expect a hands-on experience

with the elements, as well as reflection and discussion. Each workshop will occur in its own season. This session will be on the Wood element; part of it will be outside, so dress accordingly. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—TRAIL DAY. Saturday, April 25, 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 26. Enjoy the afternoon at Salt Springs Park participating in one or both of these activities. **Fee: \$5; members and kids, free:**

1 p.m. Recycle Mania. Test your sleuthing skills on a scavenger hunt for recyclable items. Race against time (and your opponents) to collect all the items and put them in their proper recycle bins. Prizes for all. Then examine materials that are made with recycled plastic, and use your imagination to invent something that might change the world.

2:30 p.m. Plant a Tree and Get One for Free. Trees produce nearly 30% of the earth's oxygen. Learn more about native trees and their benefits to us and wildlife as we walk along Silver Creek to see our Riparian Buffer Project in progress. Become a part of this important project by helping us plant a few seedlings on May 2. The first 15 participants will receive a bare-root sapling to plant in their own yards.