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WILD FOR WILDFLOWERS! Sunday, May 16, 1 p.m. Penn's woods are full of wildflowers at this time of year. Let's see how many species we can identify along a mile and a half of easy-to-moderate hiking. Bring a camera if you'd like, as we'll photograph some as well. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

IDENTIFYING BIRDS BY SONG. Saturday, May 22, 8–10 a.m. Have you ever heard a bird nearby but struggled to find it with your binoculars? In springtime, birds sing to defend their territory and to attract mates, and each bird's song is as unique as the bird itself. **Kelly Finan** will lead our exploration of different types of bird songs and strategies for identifying common birds using the sounds they make. If you have them, bring binoculars, field guides, and a smartphone. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

GET THE GARDEN GROWING. Saturday, May 22, 1 p.m. There is nothing like fresh picked greens and tomatoes for a summer salad. We plant herbs and vegetables in raised beds in the organic garden at Salt Springs, with flowers and shrubs surrounding the area. Penn State Master Gardeners will share some tips about starting and cultivating gardens. Come with questions and gloves, as this is an interactive, hands-on program. All participants will receive some free seeds. Children are welcome! **Fee: \$5; kids and members, free.**

June

DOGGIE HIKE. Friday, June 4, 6:30–8 p.m. (Also 6/25) Bring your dog along on a hike, led by **Tyler Krowiak**, for some canine com-

radery. Please bring socialized dogs only, as well as a leash and clean-up bags. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

ARCHERY FOR BEGINNERS. Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m. till Noon. (Also 7/17, 8/7, and 9/4) Our beginner's program is 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.** your family. **Face masks are required.**

YOGA IN THE PARK. Saturday, June 19, 1–3 p.m. (Also 7/24, 8/28, 9/18) Join us for a Vinyasa Flow (Yoga) Practice along Silver Creek. Beginners are welcome. Hosted by Friends' members **Tressa Tedino** and **Ramona Kacyvenski**. Bring a yoga mat or blanket and drinking water. Afterward, for anyone interested, we'll pick a trail and take a hike. **Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

FULL MOON HIKE. Wednesday, June 23, 8:00–10 p.m. Come explore the park by the light of the moon. Bring a snack to share around a campfire afterward, a flashlight, and an adventurous spirit. **Fee: \$5; families, \$15; members, free.**

DOGGIE HIKE. Friday, June 25, 6:30–8 p.m. Bring your dog along on a hike, led by **Tyler Krowiak**, for some canine comradery. Please bring socialized dogs only, as well as a leash and clean-up bags. **Fee: \$5; members, free.**

In July...

3rd: Free evening concert with Greg Neff
17th: Archery
23rd: Full Moon Hike
24th: Yoga in the park

Friends of Salt Springs Park

Programs & Events

April – June
2021



**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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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.**

April

TREE PRUNING CLASS. Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. till Noon. Yearning for spring and summer bounty? There is still time to prepare for it. Whether your goal is a tidy home landscape or a large fruit crop, pruning your trees properly is imperative. Retired forester **Jim Kessler** will discuss the why, where, how, what, and when to cut. He'll focus on several species of trees. Bring your questions, as the discussion is interactive. **Fee: \$5; nonmembers, \$10.**

FIRST SPRING HIKE. Saturday, April 10, 1 p.m. Take a break from your taxes or just give yourself a treat and head for the hills of Salt Springs Park. We'll meet and then choose which trail to explore. Maybe we'll even find new life teeming in a vernal pool. All hiking levels welcome. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

ALASKA ADVENTURES. Sunday, April 11, 2–4 p.m. Sandy Babuka has been a tour guide at Denali National Park and Preserve for 4 years and an environmentalist all her life. Come listen to her adventure stories and participate in

the discussion about climate change and how our decisions and choices can make a difference. Meet at the Wheaton House for registration and move to the outdoor Williams Pavilion for the presentation. Dress accordingly. **Seating provided at picnic tables, or bring your own. Fee: Free-will donation.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—PARK CLEANUP DAY. Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. We need volunteers for this annual spring workday. We clear trails, cut up downed trees, split logs, stack firewood, rake lawns and flowerbeds, clean the buildings, pull invasive species, assemble picnic tables, paint signs, and more. **Free food, drinks, and T-shirts provided to all volunteers. Let us know if you can make it (friends@saltspringspark.org) so we have enough supplies on hand.**

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY. Thursday, April 22. 10 a.m. till Noon; again at 4–6 p.m. Did you know that trees produce nearly 30% of the earth's oxygen? Come plant trees with us and learn about our riparian buffer project. We'll talk about native trees and their benefits to us and wildlife as we walk along North Creek Trail. Bring a small shovel and gloves to participate in our hands-on tree-planting demo. **Accessing North Creek Trail involves a stream crossing, so wear boots for this route; an alternative, dry route will also be shown. Fee: Free-will donation.**

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING. Friday, April 30, time TBA. The Friends have taken on a 3-year project. We planted over 700 native trees and shrubs along Silver Creek to create a riparian buffer. Such buffers help stabilize creeks, enhance stream quality, and increase wildlife habitats. Mark the date on your calendar and look for further details on Facebook.

May

ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEANUP. Saturday, May 1, 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, safety vests, and gloves. **No fee.**

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND BIRD WALK. Saturday, May 8, 8–10 a.m. Treat Mom to a lovely spring morning of bird watching. May is an active month for birds, with the males flaunting their best colors and performances for the ladies. **Nancy Wottrich** will guide our identification of birds by sight, song, or habitat. This is a great experience for kids and for those just getting started in this exciting pastime. Bring binoculars, field guides, and your curiosity about the avian world. **Nancy VanCott** will also show one of the Birding Backpacks which are available for checkout from the Susquehanna County Library. **Fee: Free-will donation.**

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