



2015 Program Guide

Weekly Programs

Weekly programs scheduled below also are available on request. For information, call 360-378-2240, ext. 2226, or go to www.nps.gov/sajh and click "contact" in left-hand column of our home page. You can also find us on Facebook.

Pig War Story Guided Walk — Park rangers and volunteers describe events leading up to and including the Pig War and the peaceful joint occupation of San Juan Island by English and American troops. **Saturdays, 11 a.m. to noon, June 13 to August 29, American Camp.**

Wildlife in the San Juan Islands — Puzzled by an animal or bird? Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Education answers questions and uses a variety of media to talk about wildlife in the San Juan Islands. Founded in 1982, Wolf Hollow is a non-profit organization located on San Juan Island in Northwest Washington State. We serve all of San Juan and Skagit Counties and northern Whidbey Island. **1 to 3 p.m., Fridays, June 12 to August 28, English Camp barracks.**

Living History: Life during the Joint Military Occupation on San Juan Island — Park rangers and volunteers recreate military and civilian life during the island's early pioneer period. Activities include blacksmithing, coopering, weaving, needlework and exhibitions of military equipment and skills. Some activities may not be included. **Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m., June 13 to August 29, English Camp parade ground.**

Birding in the Park — The forests, prairies and lagoons of American Camp attract a variety of birds throughout the summer, and offer a prime birding and hiking experience. Join park staff in enjoying this wonderful island resource. **Fridays, 8 to 10 a.m., June 12 to August 28, meets at American Camp visitor center; or by appointment. Call 360-378-2240, ext. 2226 for details.**

A Walk to the Salmon Bank — Accompany a park ranger or volunteer on this cross-prairie journey to the historic Salmon Bank at South Beach, where springs attracted Indians and Europeans alike. This activity can be strenuous. **Thursdays, 2 to 3:30 p.m., June 18 to August 27, American Camp parking area, or by request. Call 360-378-2240, ext. 2226.**

Contra Dancing at English Camp — Folk singer Michael Cohen and local folk musicians present an evening of traditional folk tunes and dancing for those wishing a turn on the floor. Cohen plays regularly at the San Juan Farmer's Market. He has worked with the Smithsonian in cataloging American folk music. The core group of dancers meets on Mondays throughout the winter at the Mullis Center in Friday Harbor, so there are always experienced dancers to help along the novices. **Mondays, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., June 15 to August 24, English Camp barracks.**

Young Hill/Royal Marine Cemetery Guided Hike — Serious hikers will enjoy this two-hour journey, led by Park Historian Mike Vouri up the south slope of 650-foot Young Hill, where the summit offers views of the northern straits, Vancouver Island, and the Olympic Mountains. The hike can also divert to 410-foot Mitchell Hill depending on the interests of the day's group. The activity includes a discussion of the Royal Marine garrison at the cemetery, as well as a few words about the Garry oak woodland. **Sundays from 2-4 p.m. the north end of the English Camp parking area.**

Frazer Homestead Walk — Many of today's island families are descended from U.S. Army soldiers. Join Park Historian Mike Vouri and learn more about how American Camp's "frontiersmen in blue" played a key role in pioneering Euro-American settlement on San Juan Island. Vouri also will discuss how agricultural operations changed the character of island landscapes, including American Camp. This season's walk may be limited to the park boundary because of the Cattle Point Road construction activities. Stay posted to the park's web site for information. **Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m., June 17 to August 26, meets at the American Camp visitor center.**



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Ancient Visitors: Tracing the Pre-history of San Juan Island Through Archaeology — University of Washington archaeologist, Dr. Julie Stein, traces ancient habitation of San Juan Island in this popular annual guided trek on the American Camp prairie. **10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 6, South Beach. Meets at Alaska Packer's Rock at the end of the Salmon Banks Road. Park in the main parking area.**

The Birds of American Camp — Come join San Juan Island bird expert and former national park ranger Barbara Jensen for a colorful 90-minute walk through American Camp's prairies. **7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 31, American Camp visitor center.**

Belle Vue Sheep Farm: Who came next? — San Juan Island historian Boyd Pratt describes how Belle Vue Sheep Farm at American Camp transitioned from a corporate to a private farm and will explore the legacy that can be seen and experienced each week at the Friday Harbor Farmers Market. **7 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, San Juan Island Library.**

Einstein's Cat: The Coming of Telegraphy on San Juan Island, Part Two — Time and distance had a profound effect on events as they unfolded during the Pig War crisis of 1859. Learn when the telegraph arrived here and how it affected communications on San Juan Island in the second installment of this presentation introduced in 2014 by Park Ranger Doug Halsey. **7 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, San Juan Island Library.**

Landscape Painting Workshops — Join San Juan Island artist Nancy Spaulding to learn how she utilizes photography and sketching on site to create many of her landscapes of American Camp features and vistas. The July program will cover photography and sketching subjects on site. In August participants may bring their projects from the first session, but all are welcome. **2 p.m., Saturdays, July 18 and August 8, meets at the American Camp visitor center.**

Storytelling with Karen Haas — Join Washington State's beloved storyteller Karen Haas for an entertaining evening of pioneer lore as told by the people who lived it. **7 p.m., Friday, July 24, Royal Marine barracks.**

Northwest Pioneer Folkways Demonstrations — Author and educator Janet Oakley will set up at Encampment for demonstrations of pioneer folkways from butter churning to Dutch oven baking and other tasks. **Noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 25, English Camp parade ground.**

Encampment 2015 — Park staff, volunteers and re-enactors from throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada recreate life on San Juan Island at mid-19th century. The Candlelight Ball is scheduled 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturday. **All day, Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26, English Camp parade ground.**

Sheep to Shawl at English Camp — Join weavers from throughout the San Juan Islands when they gather in the barracks to demonstrate how pioneers transformed raw wool into yarn, and witness how a period loom transforms the yarn into cloth for blankets, apparel and more. Outside, Roger Ellison and Anita Barreca will show how woven latticework of wooden stakes (called wattles) could be daubed with a mixture of mud and clay, animal dung and straw to create a structure. Visitors will have a hands-on opportunity to make and take home their own small crafts projects. **All day, Sunday, August 2, English Camp parade ground.**

Limeys on San Juan: The Royal Navy in the Pacific: — The Royal Navy called at and then operated from the Esquimalt Royal Navy Dockyard (just north of Victoria, BC) from the survey of the site by HMS *Pandora* in 1842 until it abandoned the yard at sunset on March 1, 1905. The yard also served as auxiliary base of the British Eastern Pacific Station at mid-19th century. Learn more about the lasting British legacy here in this PowerPoint program by park historian Mike Vouri. **7 p.m., Wednesday, August 12, San Juan Island Library.**

Mapping the San Juan Islands Redux — Join Boyd Pratt, Doug McCutcheon and Mike Vouri for a reprise and update of their evening of viewing 1890s images of the San Juan islands by the U.S. Coast Survey's John Gilbert, contrasted with photographs taken from the same perspective today. Vouri will open the discussion with a look at the first survey of the islands from 1853-1860. Pratt will follow with insights on Gilbert's land-use T-sheets. McCutchen will then present a series of slides that capture from the same perspective today the sites of Gilbert's images. **7 p.m., Wednesday, August 19, San Juan Island Grange.**

Park Update: An Evening with Superintendent Lee Taylor: Learn how park operations fared in the 2015 summer season, from a Cattle Point Road realignment update to the Mitchell Hill trail network signage to operations on Westcott Bay and its attendant trails. Lee will be pleased to field questions from the audience. **7 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, San Juan island Library.**

All programs are free and open to the public, except where noted. Programs are subject to change without prior notice. For updates on additional programs and accessibility information, call San Juan Island National Historical Park at (360) 378-2240, ext. 2233; or