



2011 Summer Programs

Daily Programs:

Walk to the Eagle's Nest — Curious as to where the American Camp bald eagles are now nesting? Ask a staff member to show you! An easy 10-minute, (one-way) walk on the new Fraser Homestead trail. *Daily, June 4 to August 27, American Camp*

Scoping the Osprey — Want to know about ospreys nesting above English Camp parade ground? Check out our spotting scope at the east end of the Royal Marine barracks. A park ranger or volunteer is always on duty to answer your questions. *Daily, June 4 to August 27, English Camp barracks.*

Weekly Programs:

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 from 11 a.m. to noon, June 4 to August 27, American Camp.*

Winter Village and Bell Point Trail Nature Walk — Take a walk with a park ranger or volunteer along the shoreline and through the Pacific madrona forest and learn about 2,500 years of continuous occupation. *Saturdays at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 4 to August 27, meets at the English Camp barracks.*

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. *Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m., June 4 to August 27, English Camp parade ground. * On June 18, this program will take place at the San Juan Historical Museum instead of at English Camp (see below).*

Preserving the Prairie Walk — The prairie at American Camp is one of the last natural prairies in the region. Join Park Ranger M Karraker to learn about its past and discover how you can play a role in its future. *Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m., June 4 to August 27, meets at American Camp visitor center.*

A Bird Walk through the Prairie — The prairie at American Camp attracts a variety of birds throughout the summer, and offers a prime birding and hiking experience. Join park staff in enjoying this wonderful island resource. *Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon, June 4 to August 27, meets at American Camp visitor center.*

The Habitats of Jakle's Lagoon and Mount Finlayson — So much variety in so little distance! Accompany a staff member along this three-mile loop that passes through salt water lagoons, coniferous forests, and upland prairie. *Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., June 4 to August 27, meets at Jakle's Lagoon trailhead parking area.*

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. *Mondays from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., June 20 to August 15, English Camp barracks.*

Hike with Mike (Young Hill/Royal Marine Cemetery) — Serious hikers will enjoy this 2-hour journey, led by Park Historian Mike Vouri up the slope of 650-foot Young Hill, where the summit offers splendid views of the Juan de Fuca and Haro straits, Vancouver Island, and the Olympic Mountains. See the Royal Marine Cemetery and the Garry oak woodland. *Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m., June 4 to August 27, meets at the north end of the English Camp parking area.*

Hike with Mike (Fraser Homestead) — 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,

especially on the American Camp prairie. *Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m., June 4 to August 27, meets at the American Camp visitor center.*

Special Programs:

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 guided walk on the American Camp prairie. *10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 4, South Beach.*

Meets at Alaska Packer's Rock at the end of the Salmon Banks Road. Park in the main parking area.

Celebrating the San Juan Historical Society's 50th Anniversary —

Park staff recreate military and civilian life during the island's early pioneer period and time of joint occupation. Activities include blacksmithing, coopering, weaving, needlework and exhibitions of military equipment and skills. *Noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 18, San Juan Historical Museum, Friday Harbor.*

The Birds of American Camp —

Come join San Juan Island bird expert and former national park ranger Barbara Jensen for a colorful walk through American Camp's prairies. The program is suitable for beginning as well as veteran birders and provides insights into the park's rich flora and fauna. *7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Sunday, June 19, American Camp visitor center.*

America's Pastime at American Camp

It is likely that the new game of base ball (two words then) was played by the soldiers posted at American Camp. Join Park Ranger, and co-founder of the annual vintage base ball matches at Fort Vancouver NHS, Doug Halsey for a workshop on this gloveless game, where unruly "cranks" (fans) could be fined by the umpire! You will be surprised at the other differences, and similarities, to today's rules. *10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 25, American Camp parade ground.*

San Juan and Civil War

Park Historian Mike Vouri explores the impact of the American Civil War on San Juan Island, the soldiers and sailors stationed here. He also touches on how the secession crisis affected Washington Territory and the Pacific Coast before and immediately after Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter. *7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 8, San Juan Island Library.*

Northwest Pioneer Folkways Demonstrations —

Janet Oakley, former Education Coordinator for the Skagit County Historical Museum in LaConner, demonstrates pioneer folkways from butter churning to Dutch oven baking and other tasks. *Noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 16, English Camp parade ground.*

Encampment 2011

Park staff, volunteers and re-enactors from throughout the region recreate life on San Juan Island at mid-19th century. The major highlight of the weekend will be the Candlelight Ball, an evening of dancing and refreshments, scheduled from 8 to 10p.m. on Saturday. *All day, Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24, English Camp.*

A Prairie's Life

in a region known for its ample amount of rainfall, lush forests and coastal climate, American Camp's prairie is unique in the Puget Sound/Salish Sea Basin. Join Park Historian Mike Vouri and Integrated Resources Chief Jerald Weaver for a journey across time as they explore changes in the resource from the glacier to today's restoration efforts. *7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, August 1, San Juan Island Library.*

Pickett's Irish: The Irish in the U.S. Army in the 1850's —

Folk musician Michael Cohen and historian Mike Vouri bring back this popular program that takes a closer look at the Irish in the U.S. Army in words and song. *3 to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, August 6, English Camp barracks.*

A Weaving Weekend

Weavers from throughout San Juan Island and Washington State will gather for the weekend to demonstrate how European and American Indian techniques melded to create woven objects and clothing unique to the Pacific Northwest. Cowlitz Nation weaver Judy Bridges and Fort Nisqually interpreter and storyteller Karen Haas will show how it was done with all-natural fibers, including wild reeds. *All day, Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, English Camp parade ground.*

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 visit our web site at www.nps.gov/sajh.