



2013 Program Guide

Weekly Programs

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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 8 to August 31, American Camp.**

Captain Delacombe's English Camp Guided Walk – Join NPS Volunteers for this guided walk and learn how the Royal Marines lived during the 12-year joint occupation. **Saturdays, 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 15 to August 31, meets in the English Camp parking area.**

Wildlife in the San Juan Islands — Puzzled by an animal or bird? Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Education Coordinator Shona Aitken answers questions and uses a variety of media to talk about wildlife in the San Juan Islands. **1 to 3 p.m., Thursdays, June 7 to August 30, 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. **Saturdays, noon to 3 p.m., June 8 to August 31, English Camp parade ground.**

Field Work with Rangers: Prairie Restoration — The prairie at American Camp is one of the last natural prairies in the region. Join Park Rangers as they gather native plant seeds, cultivate them in tubes or plant the seedlings in designated plots. In the process you'll learn about the prairie's past and discover how you can play a role in its future. **Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, June 15, July 13, August 17, meets at American Camp visitor center.**

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 7 to August 30, meets at American Camp visitor center; or by appointment. Call 360-378-2240, ext. 2228 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 6 to August 29, American Camp parking area, or by request. Call 360-378-2240, ext. 2233.**

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, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., June 10 to August 19, English Camp barracks.**

Young Hill/Royal Marine Cemetery Guided Walk — 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. **Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m., June 9 to September 1, meets at 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, at American Camp. **Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m., June 12 to August 28, 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 guided walk on the American Camp prairie. **10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 1, 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, June 2, American Camp visitor center.**

Connections: Pig War to Civil War — Several of the key American officers in the Pig War crisis would play central roles in the American Civil War in both Confederate and Union ranks. Join park historian Mike Vouri for this lively and informative PowerPoint presentation. **7 p.m., Friday, June 28, San Juan Island Library.**

Life and Times of General George Pickett — Historian Mike Vouri and folk musician Michael Cohen join with the San Juan Community Theatre in presenting an evening of drama and song as George Pickett comes back to life to talk about his days on the frontier and Civil War battlefields. **Wednesdays, July 3 and August 7. All shows 7:30 p.m., San Juan Community Theatre. Tickets \$15, \$8 Student and \$5 Student Rush. Call the theater at 360-378-3210 or visit their website at <http://sjctheatre.org>.**

Northwest Pioneer Folkways Demonstrations — Janet Oakley, author and 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 13, English Camp parade ground.**

Territorial Voices: A Civil War Reader's Theater — Seattle Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) historian Lorraine McConaghy commemorates the Civil War Sesquicentennial through interactive, living theater in which the audience reads the words of ordinary settlers, territorial military and administrative leadership. **7 p.m., Saturday, July 20, San Juan Island Library.**

The Disputed Islands During the American Civil War — San Juan Island historian Boyd Pratt describes how settlement proceeded during the joint military occupation at the height of the American Civil War when regular U.S. Army troops shared the island with Royal Marines and citizens and subjects from both nations. **7 p.m., Friday, August 2, San Juan Island Library.**

I Am Always on the Women's Side — Historian and storyteller Karen Haas portrays women from differing walks of life and points of view. Her vignettes address a neglected side of Civil War life: women striving to survive in a time of violence, turmoil and societal change. **7 p.m., Saturday, August 3, San Juan Island Library.**

American Officers, Indian Families and the Civil War — Historian Candace Wellman will discuss American Indian and First Nations families who trace their roots back to white U.S. Army officers (including George Pickett) and boundary survey officials. These men entered into Indian marriages, then returned east to fight in the Civil War, resume a practice or scholarship and never came back. **7 p.m., Saturday, August 10, San Juan Island Library.**

Landscape Painting Workshop — 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. **2 p.m., Saturday, August 17, meets at the American Camp visitor center.**

Conversations with Crazy Horse — Bruce Brown, author of *Mountains in the Clouds*, talks about American Indian oral histories as they relate to the Battle of the Little Bighorn. The testimony reveals how the fight developed and sheds new light on oral histories as they applied throughout the Westward Expansion. **7 p.m., Saturday, August 17, San Juan Island Library.**

Encampment 2013 — Park staff, volunteers and re-enactors from throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada 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 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturday. **All day, Saturday and Sunday, July 27-28, English Camp parade ground.**

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. **All day, Saturday and Sunday, August 3-4, 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 or find us on Facebook.