



Short Wave

San Juan Island National Historical Park

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THIS WEEK: JULY 12-17, 2011

Special Programs

Author and educator Janet Oakley will offer a glimpse of pioneer domestic life as it was lived in the mid-19th century in a demonstration scheduled noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 16, on the English Camp parade ground. The event is free. Disabled persons should contact the park for special access information at 378-2240, ext. 2233.

Her costumed presentation, which coincides with the park's weekly living history program, is highlighted by open-fire cooking, Dutch oven baking (sourdough



Janet Oakley draws laughter from visitors during a recent Pioneer Folkways demonstration at English Camp. Oakley help develop the Pig War Resource Guide for San Juan island National Historical Park.

bread biscuits and cake), butter churning and other domestic tasks.

Oakley is the former education coordinator for the Skagit Valley Historical Museum in LaConner.



Two osprey chicks sighted at EC nest

Two chicks have been sighted in the osprey nest atop a snag on the hill above the Royal Marine barracks at English Camp.

Ospreys have been returning to the same nest over the last 14 years and have raised young almost every year. They rebuilt the nest after it was blown down in a winter storm two years ago.

A bird scope with an accompanying fact sheet is positioned on the east end of the barracks from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Park staff are available to answer questions.

One of the largest birds of prey in North America, the osprey eats almost exclusively fish. It is one of the most widespread birds in the world, found on all continents except Antarctica.

Ospreys stand about 23 inches high, have a wingspan of 59-71 inches and weigh up to 70 ounces. Look for the white breast and belly and black back and wings. The wings are held with the wingtips angled slightly backwards.

In addition to snags, ospreys also nest on man-made structures, such as telephone poles, channel markers and duck blinds.

Wildflowers still here

If you missed the island's spectacular array of spring wildflowers, don't be discouraged. Wildflowers are still around, but you might have to work a little harder to find them.



The pink Nootka Rose can be seen throughout the island.

On the prairie, look for the purple Crown Brodiaea (in photo) and the white Hyacinth Brodiaea. On Young Hill, look for the Large flowered *Triteleia*.

Various species will bloom into the fall season so get out there and be on the lookout for splashes of wildflower color!

Program of the Week

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.**

For dates and times of weekly programs go to www.nps.gov or visit us on Facebook or Twitter.

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