



Short Wave

San Juan Island National Historical Park

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THIS WEEK: JUNE 20-26, 2011

Special Programs

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.**



Manager Doug Halsey conducts a strategy session with his 2010 club at Fort Vancouver NHS.

Baby Seals: Lost and Found

Hike or drive to any location overlooking the water and you're likely to spot a seal or two on the rocks or in the water, heads up like periscopes.

Most likely you are viewing the Pacific Harbor Seal. The seal pups will be out and about late June through August. Occasionally, a lone pup may be spotted on one of the National Park beaches. Has it been abandoned? What should a person do if he or she finds a pup by itself?

The best thing to do is leave it alone. Females will commonly park a pup for up to 24 hours while out foraging for food. If a well-meaning visitor approaches the pup thinking it's in danger, the pup may get stressed and dehydrated. Additionally, the visitor's actions may frighten off the mother.

If you do encounter a seal pup



on the beach, contact the American Camp visitor center immediately.

The San Juan County Marine Mammal Stranding Network will be called to assess the situation, and if the pup has truly been abandoned, they will contact the Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

NPS at Farmers Market

Park staff can be found mingling among the island's farmers and artisan's at Saturday's Farmers Market in Friday Harbor. Stop by their table to learn about volun-

teering for the park, chat about your favorite trail or wildflower, or just say 'hi'!

Program highlights:

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.**

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.**

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

English Camp Visitor Center
3905 West Valley Road
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