

# Summer Programs



## No-Hassle Relaxers Orca News 2012

A short, engaging update on the endangered southern resident killer whales. Bring a blanket or a chair. Meet out at the point (5 min. walk).

## Sunset Wildlife Watch

Discover the wildlife of the Salish Sea and relax into the peacefulness of an East Point sunset. Dress warmly and bring blankets, chairs and flashlights. Meet out at the point (5 min. walk).

## Saturday Market Activities

Rub shoulders with the locals, check out the bounty and browse for treasures handcrafted by island artisans. Drop by the Parks Canada booth, do the weekly activity and chat with a Park Interpreter.

## Hands-on Adventures Salty Saturdays and Sundays

Explore the beach, dig for clams, seine for fish and have fun with your whole family doing a new marine activity each week. For Pender Island program meet at Roesland. For Saturna Island program meet at Winter Cove.

## Salmon Walk

Slip away from the afternoon sun to a cool, fern-lined trail beside the stream that once again glints with salmon. Meet at the junction of East Point Rd. and Valley Rd.

## High on History

Did you know that the War of 1812 had an effect on the Gulf Islands? From pig wars to wool smuggling, get the lowdown while admiring the best views of the USA - Canada border below. The Mt. Norman trail is steep and takes 1 hour to reach the summit.

## Geocaching 101

Not sure how to geocache? Borrow a GPS and master the basics with help from a park interpreter. Then explore the park on a self-guided adventure.

All Summer: June 22 - August 30			Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Salty Saturdays</b>	3pm - 4pm	Roesland, Pender Island		✓	
<b>Salty Sundays*</b>	11am - 12pm	Winter Cove, Saturna Island			✓
<b>High on History</b>	11am - 1pm	Mt. Norman, Pender Island			✓
<b>Geocaching 101*</b>	3pm - 4pm	Prior Centennial, Pender Island			✓
<b>Orca News 2012*</b>	3pm - 3:30pm	East Point, Saturna Island		✓	
<b>Saturday Market Activities</b>	10am - 1pm	Community Hall, Pender Island* General Store, Saturna Island **		✓	

July Only			Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Salmon Walk*</b>	3pm - 4pm	Lyllal Creek, Saturna Island			✓

August Only			Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Sunset Wildlife Watch</b>	8pm - 9pm	Winter Cove, Saturna Island	✓		

\*No program on July 1<sup>st</sup> \*\* Starts July 7<sup>th</sup>

# Special Events

## June

### 3 World Oceans Day\*

Beacon Park, Town of Sidney • 11pm - 3pm  
Check out the fantastic marine creatures and do a craft inside the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre. Outside on the Sidney waterfront enjoy music, face-painting and exhibitions by local environmental organizations.

## July

### 1 Saturna Lamb BBQ\*

Winter Cove, Saturna Island • 10am - 4:30pm  
Celebrate Canada Day with islanders at a country fair picnic. Play games and win prizes at the Parks Canada marine-themed booth.

### 21 Parks Day Old-fashioned Picnic\*

East Point, Saturna Island • 1pm - 3pm  
Roesland, Pender Island • 1pm - 3pm  
Bring a blanket and a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of old-fashioned pleasures. On Saturna, enjoy free ice cream from Saturna Parks and Recreation, tours of the Fog Alarm Building and kite-making. On Pender, celebrate Parks Day and the birthday of the Pender Islands Museum Society with stories and activities.

## August

### Kids' Day Critter Caper

4 Roesland, Pender Island • 2pm - 4pm  
5 Winter Cove, Saturna Island • 10am - 1pm  
Can you solve the mystery? Find the clues along the trail and examine the evidence. Drop-in anytime, but allow an hour to solve the mystery.

### 25 Pender Island Fall Fair

Community Hall, Pender Island • 10am - 4pm  
Check out the local slow-food, pick up an island treasure from one of the many artisans and drop-in to the Parks Canada booth.



Mark Henry, Coast Salish Artist

### \*Coast Salish Traditions

Discover first-hand the deep traditional bond between Coast Salish people and the land and sea. At special events throughout the summer enjoy singing and drumming, wool knitting or cedar bark weaving with a First Nations educator.

# Geocaching May 19 - September 2

Self-Guided Program

Try one of our geocaching programs and embark on a self-guided adventure to experience the park's cultural and natural hotspots. Choose from two routes: a family-friendly treasure hunt or a more strenuous route. Each visitor to complete a route receives a limited edition geocoin. For more information go to our website.



# More Information

## All park programs and events

**Costs:** Free

**Ages:** All ages

**Registration:** Not required

**Bring:** Water, hat, jacket, sunscreen and appropriate walking gear

**Meeting place:** At the park kiosk/info sign at the location listed, unless otherwise noted

**Trail difficulty:** Varies – for details, download a trail guide from our website

**To get here:** Travel to Pender and Saturna Islands by BC Ferries ([www.bcferrries.com](http://www.bcferrries.com))

**For more information:** Get a copy of the visitor guide from our website. To reserve an activity in French, please contact the park office

**Website:** [www.parksCanada.gc.ca](http://www.parksCanada.gc.ca)



## Park Office

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