



# San Juan Island

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## 2009 Program Schedule

### 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 British and American troops. **Walks are scheduled at American Camp 11:30 a.m., Saturdays, May 30 to August 29.**

**Living History Life during the Joint Military Occupation on San Juan Island** — Park rangers and volunteers create military and civilian life during the island's early pioneer period. Activities include blacksmithing, coopering, weaving, needlework and exhibitions of military equipment and skills. **12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Saturdays, May 30 to August 29, English Camp parade ground.**

**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., Fridays, June 5 to August 28, English Camp barracks.**

### Special Programs

**Young Hill Wildflower Walk**—Celebrate national park Week with a wildflower walk on the trail and slopes of Young Hill with botonist Bob Lemon. Young Hill is known for its fawn lilies, Indian paintbrush and shooting stars. Wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots, dress for the weather and bring water. **1 p.m., Sunday, April 19, English Camp parking area.**

**Spring Nature Walk**—Join Island naturalist, Bill Engle, on a hunt for spring wildflowers and explore the ecology of the Jakle's Lagoon area in a guided nature walk through the forest. Engle will point out the plants, wildflowers in bloom and natural cycles. He will also explore the ecotone or transition zone between forest and prairie. **10 a.m., Sunday, May 3. The walk is free and meets at the Jakle's Lagoon parking area at American Camp.**

**Prairie Wildflower Walk**—Celebrate National Wildflower Week with a prairie and wildflower walk with Park Resource Manager Chris Davis. American camp's native prairie bursts with camas and death camas lilies, Chocolate lilies, seacoast lupine and several more varieties. Davis also will discuss the park's ongoing prairie restoration project. Hiking shoes or boots recommended. Dress for the weather and bring water. **1 p.m., Saturday, May 9, American Camp visitor center parking area.**

**Intertidal Walk at Grandma's Cove** — Learn about plant and animal life, from algae to invertebrate animals, during this tide pool walk with biologists Bob Lemon and Mike Kaill. Bring rubber boots and an old towel for use as a knee pad and hand wiper. Also bring sun screen, rain gear. Some agility is required for jumping around slippery rocks. **8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 23, American Camp visitor center.**

**Life and Times of General George Pickett** — Park Ranger 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. **Saturday, May 23 and Friday, July 10. All shows 7:30 p.m., San Juan Community Theatre. Tickets: \$15.00 adults, \$8.00 students. \$5 RUSH.**

**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., Saturday, May 30, 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. 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., Saturday, June 6, American Camp visitor center.**



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**The Crook Family at English Camp** — William Crook, an English immigrant, settled with his family on the site of the Royal Marine Camp in 1875. The family remained on Garrison Bay until 1972. Learn more more about this pioneer family during this evening Power Point presentation by park historian Mike Vouri. **7 p.m., Saturday, June 20, San Juan Library.**

**In Concert: Sugar on the Floor** — Folk singer Michael Cohen and the group "Sugar on the Floor" present a variety of songs from the 19th century and other genres. Cohen has worked with the Smithsonian Institution in searching for and cataloging American folk tunes. **7 p.m., Saturday, June 27, English Camp barracks.**

**Northwest Pioneer Folkways Demonstrations** — Janet Oakley, 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 11, English Camp parade ground.**

**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. **7 p.m., Saturday, July 11, San Juan island Library.**

**The People of the Cedar** — Richard Vanderway, education coordinator for Bellingham's Whatcom Museum, makes his 14th annual presentation in the park with an array of objects to provide a glimpse of Northwest Coast Indian culture. **2 p.m., Saturday, July 18, English Camp barracks.**

**Encampment 2009** — Celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Pig War with park staff, volunteers and re-enactors from throughout the region as they recreate life on San Juan Island at mid-19th century. The major highlight of the weekend will be a visit to Garrison bay by the tall ships **Lady Washington** and **Hawaiian Chieftain** from Gray's Harbor Historical Seaport. As with every year, the Candlelight Ball, an evening of dancing and refreshments is scheduled 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturday. **All day, Saturday and Sunday, July 25-26, English Camp.**

**The Pig War: Another Look** — Park historian and author Mike Vouri presents another view of the Pig War crisis of 1859 using images and information from the park's and the San Juan Historical Museum's photo archives. **7 p.m., Saturday, August 8, San Juan island Library.**

**The Night Sky** — San Juan Island naturalist Barry Boyce, astronomy enthusiast Terry Ogle and friends return in 2009 with their exciting star watch program, beginning with a brief introduction to astronomy and ending with Barry and Terry showing how to navigate the night sky via telescope on the redoubt. Dress warmly! **8:30 p.m., Friday August 21, meets in the American Camp Visitor Center.**

**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 join San Juan Islanders Roger Ellison and Anita Barreca, plus spinners and weavers who will show how it was done with all-natural fibers, including wild reeds. **All day, Saturday and Sunday, August 22-23, English Camp parade ground.**

**The Royal Navy in the North Pacific** — Historian Dr. Barry Gough offers a Sesquicentennial lecture on the Royal Navy and the policies that were instrumental in avoiding bloodshed during the Pig War crisis. Gough is the author of numerous books and journal articles on the fur trade and the British Empire in the Pacific Northwest. **7 p.m., Monday, August 24, San Juan Island Library.**

**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) 378-2902 or (360) 378-2240; or visit our web site at [www.nps.gov/sajh](http://www.nps.gov/sajh).**

