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San Juan Island National Historical Park

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Vision Statement

San Juan Island National Historical Park will protect and interpret the historic features of American Camp and English Camp that commemorate the peaceful arbitration of the boundary conflict between Great Britain and the United States known as the Pig War and will protect and restore the cultural landscape that served as the dramatic setting for the events of the joint military occupation of the island, including rare examples of native prairie and Garry oak woodland and the marine environment. San Juan Island National Historical Park will provide visitor facilities that promote compatible recreation and education opportunities that are accessible to a diverse public and which encourage sustainability of resources. This will be achieved through partnerships that emphasize the community of conservation organizations working together to enhance the unique character and quality of life in Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands and the Gulf Islands of Canada.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

Peter Dederich

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STEWARDSHIP

Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Provide a safe visitor experience.
Replace the outmoded and deteriorating American Camp Visitor Center.
Establish connections between park trails and the island-wide trails network.

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Rehabilitate high-priority historic buildings to good condition, and help communities to preserve their history through programs like Preserve America.

Rehabilitate 60% of park historic structures to good condition.

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Restore native habitats by controlling invasive species and reintroducing key plant and animal species.

Control invasive European rabbits.
Continue control of high-priority invasive plants.
Work with US Fish and Wildlife Service on reintroduction of golden paintbrush.

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Improve high-priority assets to acceptable condition, as measured by the Facility Condition Index.

Maintain park visitor use facilities in top condition.

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Improve the natural resources in parks, as measured by the vital signs developed under the Natural Resource Challenge.

Restore native prairie according to protocols developed under the Natural Resource Challenge, in concert with cultural landscape restoration.
Restore the Garry oak woodland on Young Hill.
Use fire as a management tool in ecosystem restoration programs.

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Complete all cultural resource inventories for designated priority resources.

Complete park archeological resources mapping in GIS.
Update park Historic Landscape Report.

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STEWARDSHIP

Assure that no compelling chapter in the American heritage experience remains untold and that strategically important landscapes are acquired, as authorized by Congress.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Acquire Mitchell Hill at English Camp and adjoining properties at American Camp that were part of the original military reservations and which played a role in the important chapter of American history told by the park.

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ENVIRONMENT

Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

Reduce the environmental impacts of park operations on air and water quality.

Install photovoltaic grids at new American Camp Visitor Center; design the structure to achieve Silver LEEDS certification.

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RECREATION

Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level—federal, regional, state, local—to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.

Rehabilitate over 2,000 miles of trails within or connected to national parks, including trails accessible to those with disabilities.

Improve three miles of Mount Finlayson and American Camp prairie trails.

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Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Provide access to the longest and most varied publicly owned shoreline in the San Juan Islands.
Collaborate with the Island Trails Committee and others to promote development of an island-wide trails network that encourages arrival at island destinations by foot, bicycle, etc.

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EDUCATION

Cooperate with educators to provide curriculum materials, high-quality programs, and park-based and online learning.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Collaborate with the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, the Spring Street International School, San Juan Island School District, and others to provide a variety of curriculum-based education that promotes personal connections between the students and park resources and engages them in protection and management.

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EDUCATION

Promote life-long learning to connect generations through park experiences.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Open additional historic park buildings to public access as funds become available. Historic structures provide opportunities for family groups to enjoy the resource at their own pace through a variety of learning activities.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Use strategic planning to promote management excellence.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Improve capacity to manage park business functions, including strategic planning.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Promote a safety and health culture for all employees and visitors.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Revise the park's Environmental Management Plan and implement strategies within it to promote improved employee and visitor safety

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