

CAMANO WILDLIFE HABITAT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PUBLIC WILDLIFE HABITAT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Third Wednesday of the month 7 p.m. at Camano Multi-purpose Center, 141 N East Camano Drive. Check website for program speaker information and topic descriptions.

2016-17 WEDNESDAYS

Nov. 16: Amanda Farm...Permaculture

Jan. 18: Habitat Stewards...BWH 101

Feb, 15: Everett Chu...Landscape Design

Check website for March thru November 2017

HABITAT STEWARDS TRAINING

Habitat Stewards help the community enhance wildlife habitat. Training is at the Camano Multipurpose Center, 141 N East Camano Drive every two or three years. It includes optional work parties at the Camano Wildlife Habitat demonstration gardens. The training is \$40 for course expenses and a 30-hour volunteer commitment to assist FOCIP's Camano Wildlife Habitat Project. If interested in the Habitat Stewards

Training, call 360-387-2236, visit

www.camanowildlifehabit.org or email
camanowildlifehabitat@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

Of BWH Demonstration Gardens

Ongoing Stewardship of the BWH Demonstration Gardens is done on some Tuesday mornings. Bev Reaume is the contact. <FOCIP.BevR@gmail.com>

LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMANO WILDLIFE HABITAT ACTIVITIES.

Visit our table at some of the community events. Better yet, come to the third Wednesday Community Programs at 6:00 p.m. for the Volunteer Stewards meeting which is followed by the 7:00 p.m. Speaker Programs.

TENTH ANNUAL CAMANO ISLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT GARDEN TOUR JUNE 25, 2016 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit a variety of Backyard Wildlife Habitat certified gardens in the NORTH AREA of Camano Island. Learn from Habitat Stewards and garden owners about landscaping to attract wildlife and responsible gardening practices to protect our natural resources.

HABITAT CERTIFICATION

The Camano Wildlife Habitat Project is sponsored by Friends of Camano Island Parks with wildlife habitat certification by the National Wildlife Federation.

865 Certified Wildlife Habitats

• 9 Neighborhood Habitats

• Demonstration Gardens

Camano Center • Four Springs Lake Preserve
Vista/Madrona Fire Station

• Schoolyard Habitat

• Elger Bay Elementary School

• Interpretive Trails

• Elger Bay Preserve Nature Trail
• Al Emerson Trail, Camano Island State Park

CERTIFYING YOUR YARD IS EASY.

Provide the essentials for wildlife:

• **Food:** Attract birds with native plants, beneficial ornamental plants or feeders. • **Water:** Birdbaths, water gardens, fountains and shallow containers will assist wildlife. • **Shelter:** Bushy shrubs, thickets, hedgerows and rock piles provide shelter for birds, snakes and small mammals. • **Places to raise young:** Cavities in trees, especially dead trees, are habitats for many birds and small mammals. Nesting boxes for birds are another easy addition.

Practice responsible gardening:

• Water quality and conservation • Soil conservation
• Exotic species control • Organic practices

For a Backyard Wildlife Habitat application or information:

• Call : 360.387.2236
• E-mail: camanowildlifehabitat@gmail.com
• Website: www.camanowildlifehabitat.org
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Stanwood, WA. 98292

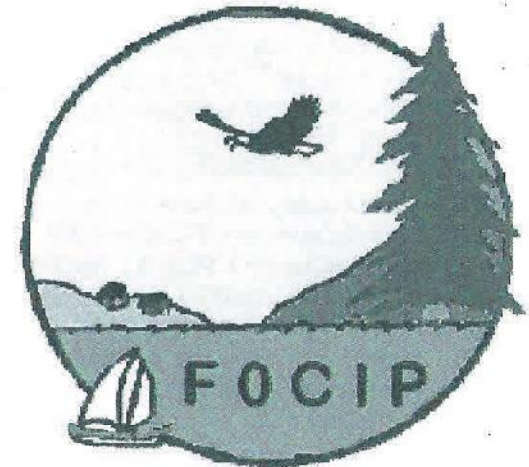
For Friends of Camano Island Parks membership or information

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FRIENDS OF CAMANO ISLAND PARKS

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

2016 & 2017



In Harmony with Nature
One Yard At A Time



ANNUAL WINTER

WALK PROGRAM

WORK PARTY-STEWARDSHIP PROJECT SCHEDULE

1995 was the year Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) began conducting a schedule of guided Camano Winter Trail Walks for the public on the first Saturday of the month November through May. This year a new walk may take place the first Saturday of June.

Walks take place on Island County and State park trails constructed, maintained and enhanced by FOCIP through its stewardship program. All walks start at 9:50 a.m. and are completed by noon. Join FOCIP members and the Backyard Wildlife Habitat stewards on these walks. See the unique features of each park. The pace is moderate and walks take place rain or shine. Walks are canceled if there is snow or extremely high winds. Walkers are asked to wear appropriate clothes for the weather and sturdy shoes or boots. No pass requirement for State Park walks. No dogs please for the safety of the walkers.

NOV 5 2016 SATURDAYS

Saturday, Jan 7th, Camano Island State Park: Meet at 9:50 at the picnic shelter near the boat ramp at Camano Island State Park. Park pass required, but for those without, a temporary is provided by FOCIP. The walk includes 2 elevation gains of about 50' with the rest of the walk fairly level. The trail is 2.6 miles long with excellent views of Saratoga Passage and Elger Bay including a walk through a beautiful "fern grotto," and ravine.

Saturday, Dec 3 Elger Bay Preserve: Meet at 9:50 a.m. at the junction of Elger Bay Road and Dry Lake Road just north of the Elger Bay Elementary School and Elger Bay Store. This is a fairly level trail with one 50' gain toward the middle of the walk. The beautifully signed Elger Bay Nature Trail with a side trip to the beaver marsh platform is part of the walk. The walk is a 2.5 mile round trip, completed by noon.

2017 SATURDAYS

Saturday, Jan 7: Cama Beach State Park: Meet at 9:50 at Ivy Road and Dry Lake Road junction. You may access Dry Lake Road from Elger Bay Road north of Elger Bay Elementary School or Monticello Road that intersects West Camano Road and Elger Bay Road. Parking is on the Ivy Road cul-de-sac. We will walk from the N.E. section of Cama down hill to the Cut Off Trail and then walk the Marine View loop Trail, followed by the Bluff Trail and Old Entrance Trail 2.7 miles total. Shuttles will be available for those wishing a ride back to Ivy. Option to walk back to Ivy would make the walk 3.9 miles total. A State park pass is not required. The walk is completed by noon.

Saturday, Feb. 4: Camano Ridge Forest Preserve: Meet at 9:50 a.m. at the Camano Center on East Camano (Blue building next to Tennis Courts) for the 3.3 miles walk. There will be a brief stop at the Kristoferson Beaver Marsh on the way back to the cars. The first 1/2 mile of trail has a 200' gain. Trails on top are level with short up and downs and include a forested loop and a wetland trail.

Saturday, Mar. 4: Cama to CISP: Meet at 9:50 at Ivy Road and Dry Lake road junction. You can access Dry Lake Road from Elger Bay Road or Monticello Road. Walk from the Cama trailhead to the South beach of Camano Island State Park enjoying the downhill and level terrain with great views. Shuttle cars will be available to return drivers to the trailhead. If you wish you can walk back. The walk is 3.3 miles one way.

Saturday, Apr. 1: Four Springs Lake Preserve: Meet at 9:50 in the parking area of Four Springs. Proceed from East or West Camano Roads on Camano Hill Road and turn north on Lewis Lane which is located just west of the Camano Ridge Road. See this beautiful preserve with a walk on the perimeter trail including the wetland trail. The perimeter trail includes two 50' fairly steep hills with benches at the top. The distance of the walk is approximately 2 miles. A tour of the day-rental Four Springs House, Meadow room and Barn is available.

Saturday, May 6th: Iverson Spit Preserve, Kristoferson Creek Habitat, English Boom Historical Park: Participants should arrive at Iverson Spit Preserve at 9:50 a.m. It is accessed from E. Camano Drive via Russell Road east to Sunrise Road, and south & east on Iverson Beach Road to the beach area and drive north to the end. After a short level 1 mile walk with views of Port Susan Bay, a beaver activity area, and the "Hobbit Trail" drivers will leave there and caravan to Kristoferson Creek Habitat for a short visit. The caravan directions to the next stop at English Boom Historical Park will be handed out at Iverson Spit. The walk at English Boom Historical Park is about 1 mile in length on a marsh trail along Skagit Bay. Baker view, interpretive boards and a boardwalk are some of the special features of this historical park. Interpretive boards and a boardwalk are some of the special features of this historical park.

Saturday, June 3: Possible new walk **Barnum Pt. County Park** if FOCIP and Island County have completed the parking lot by this date.

Saturday, Nov. 4: 2017 Cama Beach State Park
Saturday, Dec. 2: 2017 Elger Bay Preserve

Volunteer work parties are scheduled the first two or three Tuesdays a month: October through August. FOCIP volunteers meet at Camano Island State Park or one of the Backyard Wildlife Habitat project areas at 9:30 a.m. for stewardship assignments and to pick up the FOCIP tools necessary for the tasks. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. and after lunch tasks of cleaning and storing equipment ends the day by 2:00 p.m. Individuals may adjust their own schedule for the day staying; 2 to 5 hours.

2016 TUESDAYS

October: 4,11,18 November: 1, 8,15 December: 6, 13

2017 TUESDAYS

January: 3,10,17	February: 7, 14, 21
March: 7, 14, 21	April: 4, 11, 18
May: 2, 9, 16	June: 6,13,20
July: 4, 11	August: 1, 8
September=break!	October: 2, 9, 16
November: 7, 14	December: 5, 12

ADOPT A PARK AND/OR TRAIL

Members wishing to volunteer on their own schedule, can sign up to monitor a specific trail.

FOCIP / ISLAND COUNTY ROADS

LITTER PICK UP

FOCIP volunteers gather 3 Saturdays a year to pick up litter on six miles of designated Camano roads. Usually scheduled in Feb, June, and October, meeting at 9:30 a.m. near the Elger Bay Store. 1.5 hrs. of volunteer time is needed. Next date: Feb.TBA June date TBA Oct TBA

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DAYS

Two- hundred second graders from 3 local schools are hosted by FOCIP, Puget Sound Water Stewards, Park Staff & Stillaguamish Educational Outreach, for Nature Discovery Days of exploration in the forest and on the beaches at Camano Island State Park in May 2017. Many volunteers are needed for guides, presenters, and the event logistics.

FOCIP also participates in several community events such as Cama Harvest Festival, Camano Chamber Chili Feed, Snow Goose Festival, Camano Center 55+Information Event. Look for our table! Attend Special Saturday evening CISP summer, speaker programs, 7:30 p.m. at Amphitheater.