

Welcome to the Current!

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season - we definitely are! Be sure to check out the awesome things we have going on including the Bowman Bay Holiday and First Day Hike! Read on to learn more about your favorite park and what to do there this holiday season.

An Eye on the Pass.... Park Master Planning in the 1930s

To help guide the extensive development work that the CCC would accomplish, the National Park Service created a park master plan in the mid-1930s. This plan envisioned a campground near Cranberry Lake, and a foot trail out to West Beach. They intended North Beach to have a visitor center overlooking the water and bridge. East Cranberry Lake would be the center of recreation activity, with swimming beaches, docks for strolling over the lake, a bathhouse for changing, and a large parking lot.

Development followed the master plan of the park fairly closely, sensitive to the environment and heritage of the area, while encouraging recreational uses that were appropriate for the locations.

In the few short years that they were here, the CCC built

over two dozen classic structures, nearly all of which are still in use. They built several miles of roads and trails, laid out miles of pipelines and sewer lines, all hand dug, and established Deception Pass State Park as a major destination for park goers, all while also protecting and truly enhancing the natural values of the park.

-Excerpt from [Exploring Deception Pass](#), by Jack Hartt

Read on for more about the Bowman Bay Holiday!

BOWMAN BAY HOLIDAY IS COMING!

Join us on December 14th from 3-7pm

Come and get your picture taken with Santa, sing Christmas carols, enjoy treats and hot apple cider, make an ornament for your tree, and buy a raffle ticket and win a basket full of surprises! This is an annual event for both children and adults and is sponsored by the Deception Pass Park Foundation.

There is a \$5 suggested donation per car and donations can also be made during the event. Parking is limited so please carpool if possible. Be sure to visit our sales table where you will find garments, books about the park, and other surprises! All proceeds will be used to support park programs and projects. See you there!

Read on for more about what has and will be happening in the park!

STATE OF THE PARK MEETING SAVE THE DATE!

January 26, 2020

Deception Pass Park Foundation will hold it's annual State of the Park Meeting at Lindgren Hall, Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory on South Fidalgo Island. This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about the Foundation and the Park. Speakers will include Lori Maul, President of the Deception Pass Park Foundation; Jason Armstrong, Deception Pass State Park Manager; and Joy Kacoroski, Park Interpretive Specialist. Please be sure to read our January CURRENT newsletter for further information.

*Welcome in the new year at Deception Pass
State Park!*

Join us, January 1st, for our annual First Day Hike at the West Beach Shelter. Starting at 10:15am and 10:30am, two fun and easy (½ mile) guided hikes will leave from the West Beach Shelter and head along the Sand Dunes Trail. For those looking for more of an adventure, a more challenging guided hike (2 miles) will also begin at 10:15am and proceed from the shelter along the North Beach Trail. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

The West Beach Shelter is located south of the West Beach parking lot, along Cranberry Lake. Keep an eye out for signage! A Discover Pass is not required for this event. Additional questions, please contact Connor Hall, Interpretive Naturalist, at Connor.Hall@parks.wa.gov (360-675-3767).

We look forward to seeing you there! Check it out on Facebook [HERE!](#)

Rosario Shelter gets new picnic tables!

Rosario Shelter is the first shelter to get the new spectacular C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corps) style picnic tables. These tables were made from a re-claimed Douglas Fir Tree that had failed in Deception Pass State Park. The tree was approximately 250 years old and came from the Forest Loop Campground.

The tree was milled by a local businessman, cutting the wood into traditional full 2 inch by 12 inch planks. The picnic table design was developed by a local craftsman (Julian Lee) with input from Construction & Maintenance

Supervisor Mark Lunz. There are five of these stunning tables in the Rosario Shelter, and it is phase 1 of this project.

Phase 2 of the project is to complete five more tables for the Bowman Bay Shelter prior to the Bowman Bay Holiday on December 14, 2019. The final phase of this project is to complete the remaining 18 tables at Rosario that are outside the shelter. These tables will mimic the style of table that Julian Lee created but will be built with dimensional lumber. Many thanks to Julian and his team as the table are truly amazing, far exceeding the parks expectations.

Want to bring your class to Deception Pass

State Park?

If interested in visiting Deception Pass State Park for a class field trip please call or contact Joy Kacoroski at (360) 675-3767

Keep reading about how you can help DPPF!

Volunteer opportunities!

Have you ever considered volunteering at Deception Pass State Park ? There are a variety of ways that you can be involved, here are just a few:

***Adopt a Trail: agree to walk a trail every couple weeks, look for issues. Also need volunteers for trail maintenance projects**

***Beach Naturalist Program: training every spring for Rosario tidepool activities, which continue all summer, training starts in March for 4 weeks. This training also covers volunteering in the Discovery Center at Rosario.**

***Bowman Bay Holiday: Dec 14th. Help with family fun, crafts, lights, cookies**

***Campground Cleanup: Begins Wednesdays in February and March.**

***Clerical help: The foundation needs special project help.**

***Discovery Center at Rosario/CCC center: we need multiple docents/interpreters for these centers, reopening in the spring.**

***Fun Run: organizing now for March 29th event**

***Fishing Derby: April 18th at Cranberry Lake**

***Garden/Landscape projects: some areas need a winter cleanup.**

***Kiosk Staffing: we would like volunteers to help staff additional days at this small info center in bridge parking lot.**

***Photography: we need a talented photographer for park events**

***State of the Park presentation: January 26th, Walla Walla campus at Rosario. Come help and hear about this year's plans for the park.**

***Special Events: Annual First Day hike, Amphitheater programs, Interpretive walks, merchandise sales at events.**

24 hours of volunteering qualifies you for a free

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