

Deception Pass State Park

# CURRENT

January 2014



*A monthly newsletter from the desk of the park manager  
to this park's friends and neighbors*

## A Look Back at 2013

Everyone has his or her own version of what was most memorable about the past year. There were certainly enough stories around the region, the state, and our world to make the year quite unforgettable.

Here is a look back at some of the highlights that we saw take place at Deception Pass State Park, presented in chronological order because they are all important for different reasons to different people.

### 1. King Tides: January

When anyone sitting in the front row of the amphitheater can't put his or her foot down without standing in the salty waters of Deception Pass, you know this was a high tide. The moon is closer to the earth in January, and the right combination of high tide, high Skagit River flows, low air pressure, and on-shore winds can bring the tide higher than expected. I have never seen it this high, however.

### 2. CXT Vault toilet at Pass Lake: February

We always had a vault toilet at the lake, hidden in the trees, but permitting would not allow us to put this new restroom that close to the water. So there it sits, in the parking lot, helping fisherfolks at the lake and people driving by on the highway in need of a quick spot of relief.

### 3. Connector trail at Dugualla State Park: April

Where is Dugualla State Park, you ask? So do many other people. It is a square mile of state park at the east end of Sleeper Road on Whidbey Island, with trails through forests, hidden wetlands, and a natural beach the way Puget Sound used to look. The Skagit-Whatcom-Island Trail Maintenance Organization built a half mile of trail connecting two of the trails to make them into a potential loop walk. One more connector may be built soon to make all the trails connect as a loop walk.

### 4. Cornet Bay Planting: April

More volunteers making a difference! Led by the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, the new beach at Cornet Bay came to sprout hundreds of new grasses and other intertidal plants as part of the makeover of this former industrial looking beach.

### 5. AmeriCorps teams up with Park staff, the Navy Base and Retired Chief Petty Officers: April

Dozens of people from several walks of life joined together for one day to change the face of the park. AmeriCorps members from around Puget Sound cleaned buildings, painted signs, assembled our whale bones, and spiffed up the park. Alongside them, crew members from the Navy Base pressure washed old shelters and restrooms at Bowman Bay, and members of the Chief Petty Officers scraped and stained the Bowman Shelter to restore it to new-found old beauty.

### 6. Lions Club Day of Service: April

Not to be outdone by the above groups, a hundred Lions Club members joined us for a full day of building fences, painting, raking, cleaning, and trailer building to further improve the park.

### 7. Two Hands and a Shovel: July

Interpreter Sam Wotipka and I were able to gather a large quantity of CCC photographs from Deception Pass State Park and bring them into one place in a book about the history of the development of this park by the CCC. Profits from the sale of the book go to the Deception Pass Foundation.

### 8. Washington State Parks Centennial Celebration: August

In August we celebrated what began in the year 2013 with the creation of Washington State Parks. With music and great food and special gifts and speeches and a big cake, we then sang happy birthday to this state park system.

### 9. CCC Shelter at the Cornet Bay Retreat Center rebuilt: August

The Pacific Northwest Field Preservation School devoted two weeks to rebuild a CCC shelter at the retreat center that had fallen down not too long ago. Bob Johnson of Ward-Johnson Masonry and National Park Service experts rebuilt the rock stove, while students learned the original methods of construction that the CCC used as they rebuilt the wood shelter.

### 10. Thirtieth Birthday party for Kokwalalwoot: September

The Samish Indian Nation celebrated the 30th birthday of the Maiden at Rosario Beach with a ceremony worthy of the occasion. Blessings were prayed at the story pole, traditional canoes paddled to Rosario from Bowman and back, and many of the tribe and friends of the tribe gathered at Bowman to honor this significant milestone of tribal and park history.

11. Okay, there were more than ten significant events. Here are some other highlights that must be mentioned:

- Cranberry Lake re-opened after too many geese spoiled the lake quality
- Hope Island scotch broom party again removed hundreds or thousands of scotch broom from the meadows. The flowers are returning!
- American Roots music series presented five concerts during the summer
- Park staff re-roofed many park buildings, including the main park shop
- Park staff built a new park entrance sign, welcoming visitors to the park with a sign that truly reflects the stories of the park's important themes
- Deception Pass Challenge triathlon a great success in its second year
- Harvest party at East Cranberry brought old time fun in a new way
- Kiket Island trails restored in anticipation of opening to the public in the near future

(For an overwhelming website to explore the world's year in review, check out the National Geographic's version, which has their usual collection of photographs that are so repetitively stunning we take them for granted, plus more ways to explore the background to each subject so that you could truly spend 24 hours on the site and not have explored it all. Click all the arrows, "for more info" buttons, left, right, up down, it's amazing. Go to <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/year-in-review-2013/#/environment> ) Check out the expression on a lion seeing a remote controlled camera that looks like "Wall-E".)

## 2014?

My crystal ball is made out of mud, but here is what I see on the horizon:

- **A new restroom at Rosario**, with an office for the beach naturalists to store interpretive materials and maybe greet visitors throughout the year.
- **Beach Naturalist training** in March for anyone interested in learning more about the tidepools and visitor education. This year we will be partnering with Skagit and Island County Beach Watchers and other educational groups.
- **Bowman Bay beach restoration planning:** a dream of mine since my college days, when I studied the management of our State Park beaches. How would Bowman look with its beach restored to its original dynamics? How much better would it be without rocks blocking access to the beach?



*Bowman Bay's beach is currently not very user friendly, for people or other creatures sharing our planet*

- **Cornet Bay beach restoration phase 2:** seeking grant funding to restore the rest of the beach to the west and at the old Navy dock area. This could also be tied into the Superfund cleanup at the private marina next door.
- **Dugualla trail connections phase 2:** hoping to connect the south trail with the main beach trail to enable hikers to make a loop trip whichever way they go in the park.
- **Kiket Island development removed** to restore the island to natural beauty while still being accessible and visually rewarding to visitors.
- **Kiket Island open?** It's a possibility. Stay tuned.

There are more surprises in the works, too. Let's see if they happen.

# Happy New Year!

By Liz Merriman, President  
Deception Pass Foundation

Happy New Year.

Words that mean change...

...and that is what 2013 was for the Foundation: a year of growth, learning, gains, losses, some good-byes... and hellos! You know, the usual: Change.

In December's *Current*, Park Manager Jack Hartt summarized the diverse and numerous accomplishments that occurred over his tenure, many with the assistance of the Foundation. We are proud to be part of the formula that helps Deception Pass State Park succeed in its mission.

But the main ingredients for the Foundation are the Board Members who give of their time and resources so generously. That is truly how things happen. The Foundation is an extension of family, created around shared values in education and resource protection to ensure that there will be a park for future generations to experience and enjoy. Each member brings their level of knowledge, dedication, energy and creativity to find ways of raising funds that directly benefit Deception Pass State Park. And boy is it fun "playing" with all of these talented and passionate folks!

A couple times a year the Board goes on Retreat (usually to the West Beach Shelter... pretty nice view!) where we review Board responsibilities, job descriptions, member agreements, and committee chair responsibilities. We also decide on short and long term goals, review the business plan and budget, and set the calendar for the year's fundraising projects. See! It's not all fun and games! But, yea, it really is.

We would like to share with you some of the goals for this and the next 10 years...

## Long term:

- ⇒ Our experience with Washington State Parks has shown that in order for them to hire a full time interpreter, they require an interpretive center. There was a movement to raise funds for an interpretive center that was included in the blueprints of the new restroom facility at Rosario but the timing was unfortunate – too short to launch such a large capital campaign in time to secure the same contract bid. But it's not out of the question. Whatever funds we have raised dedicated to the interpretive center remains in a restricted account for when that day happens.
- ⇒ And we believe that this is the year that something will happen....so stay tuned!

⇒ In the meantime, funding of an interpretive intern is crucial. We have been very fortunate with our AmeriCorps interns Sam Wotipka and now Jessica Osterloh. This position is the buffer between the thousands of visitors per day during the summer and the park they love to play in. These energetic and knowledgeable interns provide opportunities for engaging kids - of all ages - in the cultural, historical, recreational, and natural environments around the park. Enough cannot be said of the importance of funding for this position.

And last but not least

⇒ Deception Pass State Park is a natural living laboratory, which is why some Environmental Learning Institutes use Deception Pass State Park as an outdoor classroom. Environmental Learning Institutes bring together the specialist/professor/teacher of the environment they are experts in (ancient forest, estuaries, sand dunes, marine life, etc.) with the students who choose to attend. The business of running an Institute has proven to also provide funds for new and existing infrastructure, new support positions, and opportunities for partnering to the fullest extent with the park staff. We are in the early stages of developing a strategy to make this happen, will monitor its progress, and report if it is a viable path to take for a source of revenue consistent with the essence of Deception Pass State Park.

## Short term:

- ⇒ Continue to look for ways to provide funds for education and resource protection for the park.
- Deception Pass Challenge – June 14, 2014
- Fix-It Day at the Anacortes Farmers Market
- Annual celebrations at Cranberry Lake in early August. This year will be a day recognizing our members and volunteers, and for Navy appreciation.
- Annual photo contest
- Sales of Foundation merchandise
- Recruit businesses to co-sponsor an annual fundraising event special to the Park.
- ⇒ Provide opportunities for members to volunteer with fundraising events, sales, marketing and promotion, and to engage with the public.
- Set a presence (booth) at the south parking lot at the bridge
- Also at West Beach, Rosario Beach/Tidepools, and/or Cornet Bay
- ⇒ Continue to provide support to the Rosario Beach Naturalist Program.

⇒ Continually seek qualified members for a diverse and effective board.

- We are currently without a Treasurer and would like to find someone experienced in finance and willing to commit to a two-year term.

⇒ Continually work towards an outstanding reputation, including our financial/operational profile, expanding community relations, and providing opportunities for evaluation/feedback.

So... you can see that we have our work cut out for us but we're up to the task and excited to get started in this New Year!

Deception Pass State Park is your park. It's in your back yard. Would you like to be part of shaping the future of Deception Pass State Park?

Please consider joining us. Call the park office or visit our website [www.deceptionpassfoundation.org](http://www.deceptionpassfoundation.org) to find out how! Let's get this party started!

*“There are some good things to be said about walking.... Walking takes longer, for example, than any other known form of locomotion except crawling.*

*Thus it stretches time and prolongs life...*

Edward Abbey

From *The Journey Home* (1977)

## Seasonal Park Area Closures

- North Beach gate and restroom (opens March 1)
- Rosario gate and restroom (sanicans will be open) (opens March 1)
- Cranberry Campground Lower Loop, Forest Loop and Bowman Campground

## Icing on the Cake

As I write this, I am looking out at Pass Lake and seeing a skim of ice over half of its surface. Ice, an interesting word in our Indo-European language families that comes back to English in a variety of ways.

In Latin, there are several variations to the word 'ice'. One is 'gelu', meaning ice or frost. From that root word Italian eventually developed gelato, their word for ice cream, and English came up with gelatin, a hardening of food.

Our Spanish neighbors know ice as hielo, pronounced 'eeAYlo' in Mexico (the 'h' is silent) but 'jiAYlo' in the rest of the Spanish speaking world, where the 'h' becomes a soft 'j' or our soft 'g' sound, again reflecting the Latino roots.

The French modified 'gelu' to arrive at glase, pronounced 'glass'. And now you can see where and why we use that word for our windows.

Another related Latin root for ice is 'glacies'. Doesn't take much of a telephone game to arrive at our English word glacier, many of which are visible today on Mt. Baker.

Two other similar Latin roots are crustallos and crystallos. And yes, these are the sources of our words for crust and crystal, both with hardness as a common thread, and ice-like features as we see in crystals.

The Latin 'gelu' is a derivative of even earlier languages of the Proto Indo-Europeans, who had the

word gel or gol for low temperatures. Their past participle of this word was kal or kol, which led to the Norse kaldr and the Old German kalt.

As English is primarily derived from German, we soon arrived at cald, which brought us to where we are today, a sunny but cold day at Deception Pass.

Enjoy some gelato or jello and stay warm.



# First Day

Sandwiched between the rains on the 31st and the downpour on the 2nd, our third annual First Day Hike at Deception Pass was almost basking in sunshine this year. Almost. Patches of fog lingered in places, but it was a great day for a hike, and a memorable way to start the new year.

About 60 people joined us to hike from the Cornet Bay Retreat Center down to North Beach.

After enjoying the view of the pass and the bridge from Little North Beach, about half then returned back to the retreat center, while the other half climbed up to the top of Goose Rock, catching our breath from time to time and catching great views at the top of the north end of Whidbey Island.



*First-Day hikers descend from the top of Goose Rock, led by park neighbor Jean Lee.*

The Deception Pass Foundation provided hot drinks and cookies at the retreat center to get people started off at the beginning and at the end. Many who were there had never been to the retreat center, or to Little North Beach, or to the top of Goose Rock, so it was a nice introduction to several of these little known park areas.

Jessy Osterloh, our AmeriCorps interpreter, led the walk to North Beach and back. I brought up the rear of the group. We were able to chat with many of the hikers as we walked, sharing stories about our families, about the park, and about our plans for the new year.

The bare rocks at the summit of Goose Rock turned out to be a little bit slick in the mid-morning wetness, but the views made the effort to get there worth our while. Our thanks to everyone who shared this time with us and with their friends and families.

This was our third "First Day Hike" on New Years. Two years ago we explored Lighthouse Point from Bowman Bay. Last year we went out to Rosario from Bowman. Next year, same time, same day, same park, different trail?

For a perspective on the hike from one of our devoted park neighbors, check out Dave Wenning's blog at:

<http://www.fidalgoweather.net/2014/01/first-day-2014-best-one-yet.html>



*Hikers at the top of Goose Rock, looking west toward Lopez Island. Photo courtesy of Dave Wenning*

## Busy As... Are Busy

Cranberry Lake is a seven course meal for many species of wildlife.

One species in particular finds the shores of the lake to be tempting appetizers, main course meals, and good building materials all in the same place.

Last year, beaver were busy as their namesakes cutting trees along the northeast shore of the lake.

This winter they have taken a liking to the alder trees on the northwest corner, right next to the easternmost parking lot at West Beach. You can park there and walk twenty feet to see the handiwork — no, the toothwork — of *Castor Canadensis*.



These are sizeable trees, or more accurately, these were sizeable trees before they became dinner and lumber.

If you are patient and have some time on your hands, you can see them swimming along the north shore of the lake, usually early in the morning or late in the evening.

## The Pacific Wren – Set Apart by Song

By Jessy Osterloh

The Pacific Wren may not look like much, but if you have spent time outdoors during spring time, you've likely heard his intricate song. One of a variety of wrens, the Pacific Wren is a bit smaller than a chickadee, round and brown. He eats insects from tree bark and spends a lot of time hiding in the underbrush. But pound for pound, this bird has 10 times more "sound power" than a rooster. The wren's song may last up to eight seconds and according to the National Audubon Society contains "a remarkable blend of half-tones and overtones all sung at the same time."

Humans have to slow down the wren's song hear all the details, but female wrens use the song to choose a mate. In this adorable ritual, the male stakes out a small territory and builds several hidden nests. He then sings his song to attract a female. When she comes, he shows her the nests he built. She chooses one, and they line the nest together with fur and feathers and begin their tiny family. The male and female both feed their young until the baby birds are old enough to leave the nest. Various varieties of wren live all across the Northern Hemisphere. Interestingly, the wrens' songs differ significantly across this broad area.

Wrens that live on the west coast of North America (subspecies *pacificus*) have very different songs from those that live in the interior and on the east coast (subspecies *heimalis*). Wrens in Europe sound like east coast wrens and wrens in Siberia sound like west coast wrens. Genetic studies of the birds showed similar differences by region. Birds living in neighboring regions throughout the world are fairl



Pacific Wren, photo obtained from <http://birds.audubon.org/birds/pacific-wren>

y similar to each other in song and genetics, except in North America. This prompted scientists to question whether *pacificus* and *heimalis* might actually be different species of wren. Finding the answer to this question required finding a location where these more dissimilar wrens have overlapping territories (Toews & Irwin, 2008).

A pair of Canadian scientists set out to find a place where these birds occur together. They used the birds' songs to identify which subspecies lived in a particular region. After obtaining samples of bird calls in Ontario and New Brun



Winter Wren, photo obtained from [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/winter\\_wren/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/winter_wren/id)

swick (in the east) and various sites in British Columbia, Alberta, Washington and Oregon (in the west), they finally found a site in eastern British Columbia where the birds lived near enough for interbreeding to occur between the subspecies\*.

The scientists confirmed that wrens with western DNA sang western wren songs and birds with eastern DNA sang eastern songs. They found only one bird in their sample that shared both types of DNA, but they were not able to record that particular bird's song. Also from DNA tests, they found that the eastern and western wrens have not shared a common ancestor for as long as 4.3 million years.

The birds can mate, but they very rarely do, suggesting that something isolates the populations. One idea is that the different types of wrens winter in different areas and return to shared territory to breed at different times. Additionally, female wrens select males within their subspecies over males outside their subspecies. The females seem to tell the males apart by their songs. Based on this evidence, the researchers recommended in their 2008 paper that the western wren and eastern wren be classified as different species (Toews & Irwin, 2008).

In 2010, the American Ornithologists Union promoted the two subspecies *Troglodytes troglodytes pacificus* and *Troglodytes troglodytes hiemalis* to different species, now known as the Pacific Wren (*Troglodytes pacificus*) and the Eastern or Winter Wren (*Troglodytes hiemalis*). The two species of wrens look very similar, but if you know what to listen for you can tell the difference by their song.

\*For more in-depth information about speciation, explore <http://evolution.berkeley.edu/evosite/evo101/VSpeciation.shtml>, and <http://evolution.berkeley.edu/evosite/evo101/VCCausesSpeciation.shtml>, especially the links in the left side bar of the “Causes of Speciation” page.

For more information about the Pacific and Winter wrens and to hear their songs, visit:

<http://birdnote.org/show/winter-wren-champion-songster>  
<http://birds.audubon.org/birds/pacific-wren>  
[http://birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/pacific\\_wren](http://birdweb.org/birdweb/bird/pacific_wren)  
[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Winter\\_Wren/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Winter_Wren/id)  
<http://www.allaboutbirds.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=1306>

The 2008 paper by Toews and Irwin can be downloaded here:

[http://www.zoology.ubc.ca/~toews/graduate\\_student\\_files/Toews&Irwin2008.pdf](http://www.zoology.ubc.ca/~toews/graduate_student_files/Toews&Irwin2008.pdf)

## Upcoming Park Events

**First Annual Whidbey Island MLK Day of Service**  
January 20, 2014 @ 8:00 - 1:30 pm

Every year, AmeriCorps members across the country organize community service projects in recognition of Martin Luther King Day. We call this a ‘Day of Service’. This year, the AmeriCorps members of Whidbey Island are organizing a county wide community service event at Deception Pass State park.

Projects may include trail maintenance, weed pulling, trash cleanup, or many other projects. Please bring your own shovel and other garden/hand tools, and gloves if you have them. Remember to dress for the weather.

Registration and sign-in begins at 8:00 AM. Volunteers may register as teams or as individuals. Individuals will join a team. Between 8:30 and 9:00 groups will begin to head to their project sites.

Anyone under 18 MUST have a parent with them.



### Snow at Deception Pass

*The Maiden faithfully stands watch over Deception Pass even when the park receives several inches of snow, as it did on December 20<sup>th</sup>.*

For kids (14 and under), we may have a short interpretive lesson before heading out for a special kid-oriented project.

Join us after the service project for lunch and volunteer appreciation.

See the event page on the Deception Pass Park Foundation's Website for directions: <http://www.deceptionpassfoundation.org/event/first-annual-whidbey-island-mlk-day-service/>

Please visit our web page to register individually or as a team: <http://www.whidbeydayofservice.org/#!/projects/c21kz>

## Upcoming Community Events

### 2014 Lecture Series

Sponsored by the Friends of Skagit Beaches. Lectures are free and open to the public. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Northwest Educational Service District Building, 1601 R Ave., Anacortes. For more info, contact Matt Kerschbaum, [cherrytree2@comcast.net](mailto:cherrytree2@comcast.net).

#### Friday, Jan. 10: Ocean Plankton: The Life and Times of Tiny Marine Organisms.

Marine plankton are among the most abundant and vital organisms on earth, yet most people know very little about them. Please join Dr. Jude Apple, Marine Scientist, WWU, Shannon Pt. Marine Science Center, to hear what life is like in the planktonic realm and how marine plankton affect all of us.



February 21: PADILLA BAY: A National Jewel in our Own Backyard: A Finger on the Pulse of the Salish Sea

March 14: SALISH SEA OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE ECOSYSTEM STRESSORS: Partners in a Changing Marine Landscape

April 11: IN SEARCH OF POO, SPEW, AND GOO: Scientific Detective Work to Assess Threats to Southern Resident Killer Whales

#### Trail Tales Informational Coffee – Tuesday, January 7, 1:00-2:00pm

at the Anacortes Public Library

Join us for an informational coffee to hear about Trail Tales volunteer opportunities, training for new volunteers and the 2014 activities that are being planned with other groups. Meet current volunteers and learn about Trail Tales projects. For more information, please contact Nancy Olsen, Volunteer Coordinator at [nancy.skagitbeaches@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.skagitbeaches@gmail.com) or visit the Trail Tales link at [www.skagitbeaches.org](http://www.skagitbeaches.org)

Loons at Deception Pass field trip

When: Saturday, January 25th, 2014 9:00AM Pacific Standard Time

Place: north end of West Beach parking lot, Deception Pass State Park

Description: Whidbey Audubon is hosting this field trip. Participants will observe birds of the beach and forest, hoping to see hundreds of Red-throated Loons gathering to feed in the outflowing current of Deception Pass. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Depending on weather and interest, we will end at about noon. Dress warmly and prepare for wind. To carpool, meet at 8 a.m. at Coupeville Prairie Station Transit Park on the east side of South Main Street; or at 8:30 at Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor

## Sound Waters

If you have never experienced Sound Waters, maybe this would be a good year to go.

It is a "one day university for all", held for more than 17 years on the first Saturday in February on Whidbey Island.

Each year, Island County Beach Watchers volunteers begin planning for Sound Waters in late spring, and well over 500 people have attended in each of the last several years.

Sound Waters includes:

- Keynote on a topic of importance to Puget Sound. This year: William Steele, of the UW Seismology Lab, will talk about the Cascadia Fault Zone, Earthquake hazards, and efforts for early warning systems.
- Snack break - to mingle and network
- Morning session - pick from nearly 20 classes
- Lunch and a wide va-

riety of exhibits and displays

- Early afternoon session - pick from another 20 classes
- Mid afternoon session - pick from yet another 20 classes, including a great class about Tides by me!

Date: February 1, 2014

Where: Oak Harbor High School, Whidbey Island.

Registration: \$40 per person, discount of \$25 for students and active military.

Certified teachers 5 clock hours continue ed. credit through Washington State University.

Sound Waters website has further information:

[http://beachwatchers.net/sw\\_2014/](http://beachwatchers.net/sw_2014/)

**Online registration January 2014, or Phone for info: (360) 678-7837.** Hope to see you there!



## 2014 Calendar

Now available for sale by the Deception Pass Foundation, the calendar displays the 13 award-winning photos from this year's photo contest.

Pick your up at the park office or at several outlets throughout the Anacortes and Oak Harbor areas. [Pictured above, the grand prize winning photo on the cover, taken by Lynne Han]

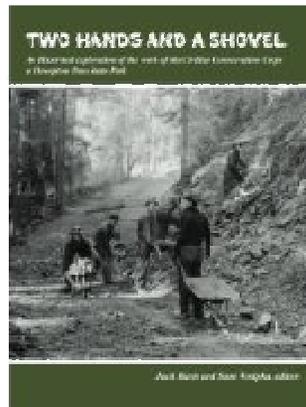


## Two Hands and a Shovel

*An illustrated exploration of the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps at Deception Pass State Park*

All profits from the sale of the book go directly to the Deception Pass Foundation to further their work in protecting the park and educating visitors.

The book is now available on Amazon.com, and at a handful of local outlets.



## Rosario Restroom Framing Underway

Watching the building rise day by day is like watching a flower unfold: slow progress by the minute, but almost miraculous how much has happened in just a few weeks of time. The building should be finished and ready for use, including the office and storage space for our Beach Naturalists, by the day the Rosario gates open March 1.



## Colors On?

Seahawks fans gathered at the Deception Pass Bridge a couple weeks ago to cheer on the team.

It's not weird if it works: the 'Hawks beat the Rams the next day.



## DECEPTION PASS PARK FOUNDATION

The Deception Pass Foundation, formed in 2005, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the funding of environmental education and protection in Deception Pass State Park.

Current efforts include supporting our park AmeriCorps interpreter, rebuilding the park amphitheater stage, sponsoring the Beach Naturalist program, and helping fund the eventual construction of a Rosario Interpretive Center.

Other successes include funding the protection of the Goose Rock meadows and the tidepool area, funding safety fencing at Bowman Bay, roofing of CCC shelters, sponsoring the bridge's 75th anniversary celebration and Washington State Park's 100th birthday, and rebuilding CCC facilities at the Cornet Bay Retreat Center.

If you are interested in furthering the goals of the Foundation, please join as a member. The board is actively seeking new board members to lead the Foundation as it moves forward.

Visit the website of the Deception Pass Park Foundation to see how you can support this park [www.deceptionpassfoundation.org](http://www.deceptionpassfoundation.org)

### Foundation Board members:

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### Foundation Board Advisors:

Jack Hartt, Park Manager  
Jessy Osterloh, Park Naturalist

# ViewPoint

As the writer [Wendell Berry](#) pointed out long ago, the environmental crisis is a crisis of character. It isn't simply that too many of us are gulping down the gasoline and other goodies that corporations are forever dishing out; it's also the *way* that we're doing it.

When we race to a thing, consume it, and then race off to the next thing, there's no sense of our ever having gotten to *know* that thing—whether it's a place, a person, an animal, or a resource. A culture of speed can quickly become a culture of glibness.

There's a reason that environmentalists who fight for the land and against the coring-out of the earth so often frame the battle as one waged on behalf of our children and grandchildren. It's because—cliché though it may sound—that is *exactly* who we are fighting for.

Patience begins when we acknowledge the value in taking this long-term view of things, when we justify the continued fight by citing something beyond our own immediate needs, or someone beyond ourselves.

— Thoughts courtesy of Evelyn Adams and Today's Earth website

## Oil Tanker Traffic in Salish Sea Could Increase 7x

“Whenever there is a huge spill of solar energy, it's just called a nice day.” And when it's a huge spill of oil? That's called a disaster and that's what we may be looking at if even more oil tankers pass through Washington state waters. Tanker traffic could increase almost sevenfold under a proposal by Kinder Morgan Canada to expand the amount of crude it sends to the Pacific Coast.

The company has filed a formal application with Canadian regulators to expand its Trans Mountain pipeline that carries crude oil from Alberta's tar sands to the Vancouver, B.C. area. Under the proposal, up to 34 tankers a month would be loaded with oil at a terminal outside Vancouver, then generally travel through Haro Strait east of San Juan Island and the Strait of Juan de Fuca for export to markets in Asia and the U.S. That's up from about five tankers a month.

<http://www.thenewtribune.com/2013/12/29/2968943/oil-tanker-traffic-likely-to-increase.html>

## Climate Change in the Northwest: Implications for Our Landscapes, Waters, and Communities

This 2013 report is aimed at assessing the state of knowledge about key climate impacts and consequences to various sectors and communities in the Northwest U.S. It aims to be representative (though not exhaustive) of the key climate change issues as reflected in the growing body of Northwest climate change science, impacts, and adaptation literature available at this point in time. <http://cses.washington.edu/db/pdf/daltonetal678.pdf>



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*This monthly update is sent to folks who have expressed an interest in keeping in touch with what is happening or in the planning stages at Deception Pass State Park.*

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*If you wish to communicate at anytime with me or other park staff, please email, call, or visit us. This park is your park.*

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