



Short Wave

San Juan Island National Historical Park

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THIS WEEK: AUGUST 1-7, 2011

Weekly Program

Pickett's Irish: The Irish in Song on the Frontier— Folk musician Michael Cohen brings back this popular program that takes a closer look at the Irish in 19th century frontier America in words and song. Cohen has been cited by the Smithsonian Institution as one of the catalysts for the 1950's folk revival in New York City where he recorded and played professionally. **3 to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, August 6, English Camp barracks.**



Michael Cohen will work his magic in telling the story of the Irish on the American frontier in the mid-19th century.

Mitchell Hill trails workshop builds cooperation between park, cyclists, horse riders and hikers

Park staff and local trails enthusiasts came together to learn how trails are planned and built, while getting a little exercise and enjoying the great outdoors during a recent trails workshop. This event took place at the park's newly acquired Mitchell Hill and was jointly conducted by the park, the San Juan County Land Bank, the San Juan Trails Committee, and the Bureau of Land Management.



The purpose of the workshop was two-fold: to remedy deteriorated trails and to foster stewardship. By bringing park staff and local folks together to work toward these common goals, park resources are protected and visitor experiences are enriched.

The enthusiastic group spent the

morning learning about the proper use of equipment, safety, and techniques for trail maintenance. By mid-morning it was obvious that they were itching to use what they had learned and get to work!

The afternoon was spent working on two projects and, no doubt, thinking ahead to future

projects in the same area.

Those who completed the workshop became eligible to sign up as official NPS volunteers in order to continue this good work. It is hoped that with the success of this first workshop, the word will get out in the community and more individuals will want to become stewards of our park's fine trail system.

Coming Up

A Prairie's Life — In a region known for its ample amount of rainfall, lush forests and coastal climate, American Camp's prairie is unique in the Puget Sound/Salish Sea Basin. Join Park Historian Mike Vouri and Integrated Resources Chief Jerald Weaver for a journey across time as they explore changes in the resource from the continental glacier to today's restoration efforts. **7 to 8:30 p.m., Monday, August 22, San Juan Island Library.**

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 storyteller Karen Haas will show how it was done with all-natural fibers. **All day, Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, English Camp.**

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