Friends of Whidbey State Parks  2020 Accomplishments!
A great year for Friends helping to support our local State Parks...

January  1st Day Hike at Fort Casey State Park
More than 130 people attended the 1pm hike and 75 came for the 3:30 hike. Friends members Isaac Bozeman and Bill Young led tours of the historic Batteries. The Friends served cocoa, hot cider, small oranges & cookies.

Scouts Help with Trail Maintenance
Seven Scouts from Troop 4056 in Conway volunteered to clean up the trails at South Whidbey State Park. They did a great job!

February  Fort Ebey Campground Cleanup - Friends cleaned 50 campsites for the March 1 opening.

Sound Waters University - We did outreach and recruited new members at our information table.

State Park Partner Meeting - Board members shared how we assist park staff to care for parks we serve.

March  Before State Parks were closed due to Covid-19...

The rotting amphitheater deck at South Whidbey State Park was re-decked.
April, May & June  When the parks were closed, dedicated volunteers completed two projects at members' homes for Ebey's Landing State Park ~

They built a new bench for the bluff...and a new park entrance sign!

July

Friends volunteers cleared the overgrown trails at Possession Point State Park

Washington State Parks Foundation awarded our Friends group 2 grants ~ Funds will be used to:

- Build tent pads at the Campground and the Hiker/Biker campsites at Fort Ebey State Park
- Replace rotting creosote steps with treated wood box steps and gravel at South Whidbey State Park

A Wells Cargo trailer was donated to the parks to store Friends tools and supplies

We partnered with WSU to start an Adopt-A-Beach Program. Volunteers can adopt Keystone Spit and other State Park beaches

August

Volunteers helped slay invasive weeds at Joseph Whidbey State Park ~ they removed large piles of weeds, including Canada Thistle and Teasel
September

Friends volunteers removed a large grove of Poison Hemlock at Joseph Whidbey State Park

October

Our Friends 2020 Operating Plan was submitted to Washington State Parks

Friends members donated funds to purchase volunteer tools that will be stored in the cargo trailer so they can be transported to any park for a work party.

November

A new connector on the Loop Trail at Possession Point State Park was completed

December

Trail signs paid for by Friends members were installed at Possession Point State Park
Thanks to all of our Adopt Volunteers who have adopted trails, picnic areas, beaches and special park areas, to care for them year-round!

Here are some of our Adopt Volunteers...

Thanks to our Members, Volunteers, Donors and Partners who worked hard and donated funds to care for and support our local Whidbey State Parks during this challenging year!

Thanks to State Park Staff who care for Joseph Whidbey, Fort Ebey, Ebey's Landing, Fort Casey, Keystone Spit, South Whidbey & Possession Point!

We have a great Team!

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