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It's Easy to Be Green in the San Juan Islands!
Make it more than a garden-variety Earth Month in the San Juan Islands

FRIDAY HARBOR, WA... Kermit the Frog would find it easy to be green for Earth Day in the San Juan Islands. Given the Islands' strong connection to nature, Earth Day events often focus on environmental preservation, community engagement, and local conservation efforts.

Kick up your heels during the fifth annual Daffodil Frolic at the [San Juan Islands Sculpture Park](#). There will be over 8,000 Daffodils spread through the 20-acre park and thousands of Irises to follow. Starting April 2nd, join expert birder Tyler Davis for the monthly bird walks on the first Wednesday of every month. Tyler has so far identified over 100 species of birds at the Sculpture Park. All bird watchers are welcome - no fee, but donations are appreciated!

Spring into action for Earth Day and join locals for [Great Island Cleanups](#) at some of Lopez, Orcas and San Juan Islands' most beautiful beaches. This is an opportunity for our community and guests to get outside and help make our islands plastic- and litter-free by the sea. Kids can join the Great Nurdle Hunt! Nurdles are tiny plastic pellets that are a primary raw material in plastic manufacturing. Unfortunately, they often end up in the ocean, where they can harm marine life and ecosystems. Cleanup after parties will have live music, local food and drinks, and trash art projects for kids. Find more ways you can help take care of the Islands [here](#).

Ride your bike in the 19th Annual [Tour de Lopez](#) on April 26th. Since 2004 the Tour has been the kickoff event for cycling in the beautiful San Juan Islands and serves as a great introduction to what Lopez Island has to offer visitors. This is a great family event – come for the day or come for the weekend. It's a non-competitive rural road tour with marked short and long routes (3.1, 5, 10, 18 and 31 miles), on public county roads through the scenic landscape of Lopez.

Interested in learning more about local flora and fauna? Join The Whale Museum for their hybrid spring [Marine Naturalist Training](#) and get an in-depth look at the San Juan Islands natural history. Or just dip a toe in the water with a half-day [whale and wildlife tour](#) – their local naturalists are experts in identification and often share stories about the family history of familiar whales.

Other Earth Day stewardship events throughout April make a [springtime visit](#) to the San Juans not only a relaxing getaway, but a great learning opportunity for families with children. Whether you're taking part in a cleanup or simply enjoying the outdoors, Earth Day in the San Juans is a chance to celebrate both nature and the collective effort to protect it!

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