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Be a Force of Nature in the San Juan Islands

Come out and Play for Earth Day!

Procession of the Species, Great Islands Cleanup, & lots of fun for kids

Friday Harbor, WA ... "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." It's hard to argue with Nobel Prize winner and scientific genius Albert Einstein. Take his advice and come to the San Juan Islands for a chance to "look deep into nature" this April during National Volunteer Month. Spend a day (or more!) working with locals to maintain trails in beautiful Moran State Park on Orcas Island, or clean up a beach on San Juan, Orcas, or Lopez Islands. Ride your bike in the [Tour de Lopez](#) and then enjoy the [Procession of the Species Parade](#) in Lopez Village. After a trip to the islands, you might just "understand everything better."

Find out more at www.visitsanjuans.com/voluntourism-earth-day-events, along with information about quiet-season lodging, dining specials and more. Additional events and opportunities will be added to the website as available. Check out our [Spring Break Packages](#) for lodging and dining specials while volunteering.

Earth Day also makes an excellent time to assess community efforts for a greener future. No more Styrofoam take-out containers? Check. No more single-use plastic bags? Check. Now for the [last straw](#)! Friends of the San Juans teamed up with the San Juan Brewing Company in 2018 to encourage businesses in our community to "stop sucking" and take action to reduce waste by getting rid of plastic straws and utensils. Already over 50 restaurants and cafés on Lopez, Orcas, and San Juan Island have taken the pledge, including island favorites like Ursa Minor, The Mansion at Rosario, and Duck Soup.

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](#). Join locals for [Great Island Cleanups](#) at some of Lopez, Orcas and San Juan Islands' most beautiful beaches. Interested in learning more about local flora and fauna? Join The Whale Museum for their spring [Marine Naturalist Training](#) and get an in-depth look at San Juan Islands natural history.

Curious about the outer, non-ferry-served San Juan Islands? The Keepers of the Patos Light are having their annual [Spring Work Party and Overnight](#) on April 24th – 25th. Volunteers will perform much needed trail maintenance and recreation site maintenance from winter and early spring storms and also prepare the lighthouse for the summer season.

Can't make it in April? Check out other year-round opportunities here: <https://www.visitsanjuans.com/what-to-do/experiences/volunteer-vacation-opportunities>

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