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Nurture 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 ... "Now I see the secret of making the best person: it is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth." – Walt Whitman. On this 50th anniversary of Earth Day, 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 Lopez, Orcas, or San Juan Island. 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 discover the best version of yourself.

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 San Juan Island 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. More than 50 restaurants and cafés on Lopez, Orcas, and San Juan Island have taken the pledge, including island favorites like Ursa Minor, Hogstone's Wood Oven, 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 Island's 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 the San Juan Islands natural history.

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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