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Wish You Could Speak Whale?

This June, families can turn awe into action for orcas

Friday Harbor, WA... Dolphinitely! Join us this June for our annual celebration of the black and white creatures so quintessential to the Pacific Northwest. Orca Action Month is a time to celebrate the presence of the Southern Resident orcas in the Salish Sea and take concrete action together for their survival and recovery. Festivities will be hosted throughout British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington. For the little ones, fun and learning combine at [The Whale Museum](http://TheWhaleMuseum.org) in Friday Harbor, the first museum on the West Coast dedicated to the stewardship of whales.

Orca awareness events in the San Juan Islands:

- June 9, 2019, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Whales in Your Neighborhood *Meet up with expert naturalists at local parks, like Lime Kiln Point State Park on San Juan Island, to search for and learn more about land-based whale watching and the whales who live in the Salish Sea, in particular, our endangered Southern Resident orcas. This event is hosted by Orca Network, Whale Scout and Friends of Lime Kiln Society (FOLKS).*
- June 14 – September 16, 2019 DEEP DIVE *The San Juan Islands Museum of Art is bringing the finest of Pacific Northwest art to showcase the denizens of the deep and the icons of the Salish Sea. The exhibition will illustrate the ecology in our ocean and look deeply into the waters at colorful marine life. While the exhibition will delight with glowing art by many Northwest artists such as Raven Skyriver, it will also send messages about threats to the approximately 130 variously endangered species, including orcas.*
- June 22, 2019, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Orca Sing: *Gather for an evening of music at Lime Kiln Point State Park to honor the Southern Resident orcas! Participants are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy the lingering sunset. Tours of the historic lighthouse will be offered before and after the concert.*
- June 30, 2019 Lime Kiln Lighthouse Centennial Celebration *Join us at Lime Kiln Point Lighthouse Centennial Celebration for lots of fun activities! Lighthouse tours, live music & performances, silent auction & raffles, lighthouse cookie decorating & crafts, keynotes from Coast Guard, Washington State Parks & Lighthouse experts, special Lighthouse Anniversary Wine label, and so much more!*

For families traveling to the San Juan Islands (www.visitsanjuans.com) this summer, Pod Nods—fun and educational sleepovers at [The Whale Museum](http://TheWhaleMuseum.org)—give parents a break from the kids and vice versa while everyone vacations. Marine learning adventures include games, crafts, labs & the ever-popular flashlight tour to keep 6-11-year-olds engaged. July 12, August 2, and August 23, 2019 (dates may be subject to change, please see www.whalemuseum.org for details). \$44 per child for members, \$49 non-members. For older lifelong learners, there's a summer Marine Naturalist Training July 25 – 31, 2019. To register, call (360) 378-4710 ext.30.

A complete list of Orca Month events can be found at <https://orcamonth.wordpress.com/>. Don't forget to tag us: #orcamonth #sanjuanislands

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