



2019 Swan Island Events

All events are \$8 per person; ages 5 & under free; unless otherwise noted

All events meet at our Richmond parking area

All events require a reservation!

Call 207-287-5322; email Swan.Island@Maine.gov

Space may be limited! www.Maine.gov/swanisland



JUNE

Thursday June 6 Evening Island Tour

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Join Swan Island staff for an evening wildlife sightseeing tour to observe wildlife when they are more visible. Enjoy riding in our new trolley the length of the island through a variety of habitats. Dress for the weather & don't forget your binocs/camera!

Saturday June 15 Scouting and Setting up Deer Stands/Blinds *NEW

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm **Space Limited:** First 30 people

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers hosts a Field Day with workshops focusing on scouting and setting up stands and blinds. Come look for deer sign and learn from local experts. Event reservations here: https://www.backcountryhunters.org/new_england_bha You must also make an island/ferry reservation.

Saturday June 15 Lobster Bake with boat tour of Little Swan Island

Time: 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Space Limited:** First 50 people

Fee: \$40 advance payment required. Call 207-287-5322;

Bring the family out for some time on the water viewing Little Swan Island, then stop at the campground for a traditional lobster bake! Clams, lobster, corn, potato, coleslaw, and dessert. Dress for the weather, as it can be cooler and breezy on the water. Bring your camera and/or binoculars!

Sunday June 16 Father's Day - FREE Admission for Maine Residents

Time: All day on our four regularly scheduled ferry trips: 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm

Fee: Free!

The history of Swan Island and surrounding communities are deeply intertwined, creating a profound sense of appreciation by area residents and visitors. Now we want to invite you to come see what the island has to offer! Hopefully you will return to enjoy some paddling, camping, and hiking, right in your own backyard.

JULY

Saturday July 6 Boat Tour of Swan Island

Time: 9am – 11am **Space Limited:** First 40 people

Fee: Free!

Come enjoy some time on the water as we explore the shores of Swan Island from the river. Dress for the weather, as it can be cooler and breezy on the water. Bring your camera and/or binoculars! Seating for 32 people - but you can bring a chair.

Saturday July 20 Lobster Bake with boat tour of Little Swan Island

Time: 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Space Limited:** First 50 people

Fee: \$40 advance payment required. Call 207-287-5322;

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Saturday July 27 Swan Island takes part in Richmond Days Celebration

Time: Ferry/truck tours at 11:15am, 1:15pm, 3:15pm and 5:15pm from mainland

Fee: \$5 per person. 5yrs & under free.

Each tour will leave the Swan Island landing in the island ferry and travel across the river for a 2-hour tour in our new trolley; returning directly to the dock. **The Tubbs-Reed house, filled with many historic island artifacts, will be open to the public!**

Once back at the dock, you can join in many other Richmond Days festivities. Space is limited, so make sure you put your name on the list at the Friends of Swan island booth located in the Island parking lot. For more information on Richmond Days visit www.richmondmaine.com.

Sunday July 28 10K Race and 5K Race

Time: 7:30am – 12:00pm **Space Limited:** First 100 people

Fee: \$25.00 **Pre-register online** at www.richmondmaine.com. Board the ferry at 7:30

a.m. (maybe 8am, TBD) to be ferried over to Swan Island. Race kicks off at 9:00a.m. This year the 10K traverses the scenic gravel road from the campground to the southern end of the historic island and the 5K goes to the northern end.



AUGUST

Saturday August 10 Deer Tracking & Field Dressing *NEW

Time: 8am – 1pm **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Interested in hunting but you want to learn more before taking to the field? What happens after harvesting an animal? Come learn from local experts with this hands-on workshop. Please dress accordingly.

Saturday August 17 Lobster Bake with boat tour of Little Swan Island

Time: 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Fee: \$40 advance payment required. Call 207-287-5322;

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Saturday August 24 Morning Island Tour

Time: 7:00am – 9:00am **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Join Swan Island staff for a morning sightseeing wildlife tour to observe the abundant wildlife when they are more visible. Enjoy riding in our new trolley the length of the island through a variety of habitats. Dress for the weather & bring your binocs/camera!

SEPTEMBER

Friday September 6 Historical Tour with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay I

Time: 9:15am to 1:00pm **Space Limited:** First 40 people

Step back in time with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay (FOMB) on their ever-popular historical tour of Swan Island. FOMB member and Friends of Swan Island president, Jay Robbins, will lead the tour to the unique, isolated island.

We'll go by ferry around to the east side campground. Here we'll split into two groups of up to 20. One group will take the new trolley tour and other group will have programming at the boathouse. Then groups will switch. We'll leave from campground just before 1:00pm to return to Richmond landing. Folks can bring a snack or lunch, or eat in Richmond upon return. Call 737-2239 to make your reservation today!

Saturday September 7 Butchering and Cooking Venison *NEW

Time: 8am – 1pm **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Interested in hunting but you want to learn more before taking to the field? What happens after harvesting an animal? Come learn from local experts with this hands-on workshop. Please dress accordingly.

Sunday September 15 Historical Tour with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay II

Time: 3:15pm to 5:30pm **Space Limited:** First 40 people **Fee:** Free!

Second opportunity for September 8th event but...this one will be a 2-hour narrated tour by water as we circumnavigate the island. Dress for the weather, bring an extra layer and bring your binocs/camera. Bring a chair if you want to ensure a seat. Call 737-2239 to make your reservation today!

Saturday September 21 Lobster Bake with boat tour of Little Swan Island

Time: 3:30pm – 6:30pm **Space Limited:** First 50 people

Fee: \$40 advance payment required. Call 207-287-5322

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Thursday September 26 Evening Island Tour

Time: 5:00pm – 6:30pm **Space Limited:** First 20 people

Join Swan Island staff for an evening sightseeing tour to observe our abundant wildlife when they are more visible. Enjoy riding in our tour truck the length of the island through a variety of habitats. Dress for the weather and don't forget your binocs/camera!

Saturday September 28 Mentored Deer Hunt *NEW

10 first time deer hunters who have been mentored by IFW staff will take to the field on the island today. A tagging station will be set up at the campground to register and collect biological data from harvested deer. The public is welcome to come and ask questions of staff. Public access will be restricted south of the viewing tower for the day.