



## Islesboro Islands Trust Summer 2020 Events and Activities

Covid forces us to assess everything. Should I call-in my food order to the store today or wait until tomorrow when I might remember that thing I really craved three days ago? Is ordering by mail safer than going to the mainland? What is the best way to honor a birthday this month? You know what I mean.

Organizations and businesses everywhere, including here on the island, must assess the risk associated with pursuing track A, B, C or some hybrid approach this summer, with our friends' and neighbors' health and safety utmost in mind.

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### IIT Trails and Access to the Shore

We considered a number of factors before deciding what summer events and activities we will and will not undertake. Happily, we did not need to think much about opening trails and Preserves. The importance of being out in nature cannot be over-stated. We continue to maintain the trails and access to the shore for the community's Covid-compliant use and well-being. So, when visiting an IIT trail or preserve, we all should maintain six feet of distance from others, bring a mask and wear it if we encounter anyone else while outdoors, and disinfect or wash hands after touching any surface like a bench, table or kiosk handle.

Maintaining Covid compliance while spending hot summer days swimming and lounging on the sand at Big Tree Beach could be a bit more challenging than when walking a trail. Still, users should maintain six feet of distance from anyone outside your family cohort and wear a mask when not in the water if the number of beach visitors becomes appreciable.

### New Way to Explore Islesboro!

Sadly, after extensive discussion and assessment, IIT will not host any walks and talks or children's Explorations gatherings this summer. But WAIT. Hurray! Chloe will film location-specific activities almost as if Explorations were occurring in real time and then post those videos, along with lists of materials and helpful guiding notes for parents, on Flipgrid (<https://info.flipgrid.com/>)! In addition, those wishing to enjoy these outings and activities will have some

materials available for curbside pick-up at the Cregar/Mellencamp Center. Details will be forthcoming, including exactly how parents can access these social learning tools and have almost as much family fun as past Explorations.



Speaking of IIT trails and Preserves, we circulated a fun quiz about these open places a couple of weeks ago. Fifty-eight people opened the email link to the quiz but only four people provided the correct response to the five multiple-choice questions. Congratulations to Laine Alexander, Ben Dove, Nakomis Nelson and Gabe Pendleton. Your trail and Preserves brilliance shines brightly. The Dark Harbor Shop agreed to award each of you an ice cream cone because of your success! Watch your email for a certificate to use when getting your prize.

In further good news, the IIT office began reopening slowly as of June 1. For the month of June, unless circumstances require amendment, Chloe, Robyn and Steve will each spend one day a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) in the Cregar/Mellencamp Office. The office officially closed April 1, though we all continued some degree of remote activity. Please call or otherwise make arrangements with staff if you wish access the building during June.