



E xplore nature with Oakland Township Parks and Recreation
Summer 2014 Nature Programs

We are thrilled to offer these fun, hands-on programs featuring our scenic and unique parks close to home but with the feeling of being 'up north'!

Resident registration open NOW, non-resident begins two weeks before the registration deadline of each program. **Registration is required.** We accept cash, check, MasterCard, Discovery & American Express. Mailed checks may be sent to: 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, MI 48306. Our office is in the Paint Creek Cider Mill Building, 4480 Orion Road, 2nd floor, Oakland Township, M-F 8am-4:30pm. Call 248-651-7810 for more information.

Programs led by Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve naturalists unless otherwise specified.

Basic of Birding-Adults

Saturday, May 31st, 9-11am
Cranberry Lake Park
388 West Predmore Road



Find out why birding is one of America's fastest growing hobbies! Learn about the behavior, migration and habitat of common birds you are likely to see in our parks and backyards. We'll also cover binocular use; bring along your own pair or share the few we'll have on hand. Participation in this program qualifies you for our upcoming advanced birding walks and events.

Residents: \$3 each
Non-residents: \$5 each
Register by: May 27th

Dancing with Dragonflies-Pre-K

Wednesday, June 25th, 10-11:30am
Bear Creek Nature Park
740 West Snell Road



Dragonflies flit and float above the meadows and ponds of Bear Creek...join us for a fun and fascinating exploration of these colorful critters! We'll observe them in action, find out what they are up to and what makes them special. We'll also do a very cool dragonfly craft to take home.

Residents: \$3 each
Non-residents: \$5 each
Register by: June 18th

Free Fishing-All ages welcome!



Saturday, June 7th, 10am-12Noon
Lost Lake Nature Park
846 Lost Lake Trail

and

Sunday, June 8th, 10am-12Noon
Draper Twin Lake Park
1015 Inwood Road

Fishing is part of Michigan's heritage. Fishing is also a relaxing pastime and a great way to spend time with your family...there is no room for cell phones, texting or TV on the dock. This program is your chance to try out fishing. We will supply the equipment and knowhow...you supply the sense of humor and willingness to try something new. We will also learn about types of bait and lures to use, the types of fish you may encounter in township parks and some tips on nearby "fishing holes"...you don't have to go up north to get away! **"FREE"!**
All fishing license fees are waived!
Register early as we fill up quickly! Register by: May 30th



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Full Moon Family Fire Fest-All ages

Saturday, July 12th, 8-9:30pm
Lost Lake Nature Park
846 Lost Lake Trail

Being good at starting a campfire can totally give you some bragging rights on family camping trips...but did you also know that fire was essential for survival for early man...come try out your "inner caveman" as we learn the tricks of building a fire! We'll get to try our hands at different methods, have a little fire building contest and, of course, learn the essentials of fire safety...once we get our fire started we can enjoy some S'mores.

Residents: \$3 each, \$12 per family of 4 or more
Non-residents: \$5 each, \$20 per family of 4 or more

Register by: July 7th



Really Rad Rockets-Teens
(6th-12th grades)

Wednesday, August 6th, 6-8pm
Charles Ilsley Park
1479 East Predmore Road



Oh yeah...this will be cool! We will actually assemble and fire off our own fuel powered rockets. We'll learn about fuel selection, rocket body shapes, engine sizes, wind and weather and discover how these factors impact our rocket performance. Essential rocket safety will also be covered. Participants will take home their own spent rockets which may be reused. Come join the fun!
Residents: \$5 each
Non-residents: \$7 each
Register by: July 30th

Quest for Lost Lake-K-5th grades

Tuesday, July 22nd, 10am-12Noon
Lost Lake Nature Park
846 Lost Lake Trail

Join us on this ultimate quest as we search for the secrets of Lost Lake...was it really lost? What types of creatures lurk in the depths? What lives among the leaves and logs? Is there anything strange in the water? Use maps, water testing kits, dip nets, microscopes and more to unlock the mystery.

Residents: \$3 each
Non-residents: \$5 each
Register by: July 15th



The Great Blue Heron Mystery-Adults

Saturday, August 23rd, 10am-12Noon
Blue Heron Environmental Area
3320 North Rochester Road

The Great Blue Heron is a sight to behold when it flies overhead...and we have a lot of herons overhead in Oakland Township. Ever wonder just where that big bird is headed? For many years they headed to Blue Heron Environmental Area, the site of a former large heron rookery. Why do they no longer nest there? Join us as we try and solve the mystery! We will follow the lives of the heron, learning about their feeding and migration habits, nesting behavior, and so much more.

Residents: \$3 each
Non-residents: \$5 each
Register by: August 15th

