



Proposed Future Programs

at

Stony Creek Corridor Park

Sponsored by the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission

In The Land of Glaciers

Saturday, January 21, 1 pm - 3 pm

Meets at Stony Creek Corridor Park



Giant 500 pound beaver, mastodons and other mega beasts disappeared with the end of the last ice age; a catastrophic event of mile-high ice that crushed, scraped and rebuilt the landscape. Today you can stand on a snow covered moraine - a ridge of glacial till - and look down at lowlands created by the great melt and visualize that almost unimaginable event. The great beasts are gone, but the land still bears the signature of glaciers. Today a great diversity of flora and fauna thrives in this diverse habitat, and can be found even on a winter's day. In the valley Stony Creek meanders and gurgles its way through 11,000 years of history as it creates its own legacy. Join the Parks Management Coordinator for a wintry look at the landscape and wildlife of Stony Creek Corridor Park.

Dress for a winter hike and bring a hot thermos!

Adults & accompanied children. Min 5/Max 20.



On Silent Wings - Going on An Owl Walk

Sunday, February 12, 8 pm - 9:30 pm

Meets at Stony Creek Corridor Park

Join the Parks Management Coordinator on the full moon night of February 12th for a winter adventure you will not soon forget: an owl walk! Great horned and screech owls both hunt the woods and fields of Stony Creek Corridor Park. These amazing raptors glide on silent wings and are nature's perfect flying mouse traps. Wear warm clothes and bring patience and a spirit of adventure as we walk silently in search of owls on the prowl. This is a great nature adventure - full of fun facts. Bring a flashlight for your exit from the park.

Evening program; dress for the weather.

Adults & older children. Min 5/Max 20.

Programs are **FREE** to Oakland Township residents.

Register by calling the Oakland Township Parks & Recreation office at (248) 651-7810.

Non-Residents may register starting January 16 by mailing this form with \$3.00 in advance to:
Oakland Township Parks and Recreation, 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, MI 48306



Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____

Program Title/Date _____

Number of Adults _____ Number/Age(s) of children _____



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Cryptic Creatures - A Family Wildland Exploration

Saturday, April 22, 10 am - Noon

Meets at Stony Creek Corridor Park



11,000 years have passed since the last great glacier melted, creating a mosaic of rolling hills, small lakes, outwash plains and stream beds. Stony Creek Corridor Park is home to many of these unique land features, in addition to a high quality stream. Join our Parks Management Coordinator for an exciting spring trek over these lands as we discover secrets of the amazing flora and wildflowers in this park. We'll search for evidence of the creatures that survive in this protected area such as wild turkey, white tail deer, tracks and trails of coyote, trills of spring frogs, and songs of nesting birds. We may also discover blue-spotted and red-backed salamanders, blue racers, turkey vultures, red-tailed, and even Cooper's hawks.

Rain or shine even; dress for the weather.

Adults & accompanied children. Min 5/Max 20.



Turkey Tails And Coyote Tales

Saturday, June 17, 10:30 am - Noon

Meets at Stony Creek Corridor Park

You'll never walk alone in the Stony Creek Corridor: a habitat rich with native wildlife. Many woodland species not only survive, some thrive just yards from human habitation. Wild turkey roost in bottomland trees. Coyotes hunt the edge zones for rabbits, mice and voles. Great horned owls glide silently over clearings at dusk and deer follow the muddy meander of Stony Creek. You may get lucky and find a turkey 'dust bowl', a site where wild turkey dust and preen. And in the sand, a feather from a hawk or the paw print of a coyote tell the story of predator and prey, life and death. This program is perfect for your young naturalist!

Rain or shine event; dress for the weather.

Adults & accompanied children. Min 5/Max 20.



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Number of Adults _____ Number/Age(s) of children _____



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Lost Lake Ice Age - Afterschool Nature Nuts (K-5th grade)

Tuesday, February 10 4:30-6pm

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail



Get ready to go on an amazing adventure as we pack our bags and travel back in time to explore Lost Lake Nature Park during the ice age! What animals would we find there? Do any of the same ones still live here today? How do we know the ice age even happened? We'll search for evidence of the ice age and use those clues to imagine what it would have been like in the township when the world was frozen! Examine fossils close up and hone your geologic detective skills! Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

Min 9/Max 12 Resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$7 Register by February 3

Monster Maples - Family All Ages (2 sessions)

Sunday, March 8 11am-12pm or 12:30-1:30pm

Cranberry Lake Park, 388 West Predmore Road



Your family is sure to have a great time as we gather around the Monster Maples at Cranberry Lake Park! We'll explore the history of maple sugaring, learn how to identify a maple tree, then tap an actual tree. During the program you will also learn how to take maple sap and turn it into sweet maple syrup and get a few tasty test samples. Each family will also get to take home their own tapping toolkit with basic supplies necessary for tapping a tree in their own yard!

Min 18/Max 25 per class

Resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$7 Register by March 2

Families: Resident: \$12 Non-resident \$20 maximum

Learn to Bird - Adults

Saturday, March 28 10:30am-12pm

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail



Did you realize that birding is one of the fastest growing recreational activities in the country? Come see what all the excitement is about. This program will introduce you to the basics of birding...everything you need to know in order to get out in the field to watch the birds. You will learn how to select and use binoculars, how to use a field guide (and which ones are our favorites). You will also learn about the best times of the day to bird and even when and where to observe spring and fall bird migrations.

Min 9/Max 12 Resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$7 Register by March 23

Everything Eggs - Preschool Park Pals (3-5 year olds)

Wednesday, April 1 11am-12:30pm

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail



Eggs, eggs, everywhere there's eggs! Do all animals lay eggs? What about bugs? Birds? Bees? Yikes! We will discover some of the common egg-layers of Oakland Township and some that might surprise you! Outside we will search for eggs and indoor at the nature center we will have the chance to examine eggs up close...check out a whole bunch of different bird eggs and nests and maybe even examine some insect eggs! We will also find out what makes eggs alike and what makes them different.

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Fantastic Frogs - Family All Ages

Saturday, April 18 7-8:30pm

Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 West Snell Road



Spring has sprung! We'll welcome spring by taking a walk to listen to the calls of our native frogs including the spring peeper! Peep, peep! Your family will have the chance to see live frogs and listen to frog calls indoor then practice your detective skills as we try to identify what frogs are calling in Lost Lake! We'll also learn about the different frogs that call Oakland Township home and the best times to hear frog calls in the parks. We will also discover why listening to frogs is more than just fun and how you can help scientists by listening for frog calls around the township! Maybe your family will decide to become part of the township frog team!

Min 9/Max 12 Resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$7 Register by April 13

Families: Resident: \$12 Non-resident \$20 maximum

Who Flew There? - Afterschool Nature Nuts (K - 5th grade)

Wednesday, April 22 4:30-6pm

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail



What can we learn from Bald Eagles, Ivory Billed Woodpeckers and Passenger Pigeons? Millions of these birds were lost, or almost lost, to extinction. In this program we will learn about some cool birds that used to call Oakland Township home and what we can do to protect other animals from this fate. Let's make a difference for the animals and also have some fun making Passenger Pigeon origami too!

Min 9/Max 12 Resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$7 Register by April 15

Bird Watching Field Day - Adults

Saturday, May 9 7:30-10:00am

Cranberry Lake Park, 388 West Predmore Road



Join us as we get up with the birds and hit the trails in search of feathered friends. An experienced Dinosaur Hill naturalist will be on hand to lead this small group as we learn about what birds we might find in the parks in Oakland Township this time of year. The majority of the program will be spent taking a leisurely hike to observe and identify bird species. Whether you are just beginning your birding adventure or already have a lot checkmarks on your "life list" of birds this program will be fun for you. It is always fun to spend time with fellow birders! It is suggested that you have either had previous birding experience or have taken one of our introductory birding classes prior to participating in this program. Please bring binoculars and wear appropriate footwear and clothing for hiking. We will provide a convenient checklist of Michigan birds you can use to keep track of your sightings as well as information about nearby parks that provide good birding opportunities.

Min 9/Max 12 Resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$7 Register by May 4

Habitat Hunt - Preschool Park Pals (3-5 year olds)

Wednesday, May 27 11 am-12:30pm

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail



Got Habitat? Check out which critters are sleeping in the mud at the shore of the lake and which were hiding high up in the trees. A habitat is a home and every animal needs a place to live! Join a naturalist on a habitat hunt as we search for the homes of different animals. We'll learn about the different types of habitats at Lost Lake and what animals might live there. Back in the nature center you will have the chance to examine mounts of the animals up close. We'll also build our own animal habitat.

Min 9/Max 12 Resident: \$5 Non-resident: \$7 Register by May 20



Oakland Township Natural Areas Stewardship Events



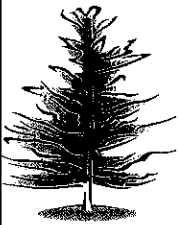
Please come out and join us for one of these free events! Drop-ins are welcome, but it's best if you email or call Ben VanderWeide in advance so that we can bring enough tools and supplies (bvanderweide@oaklandtownship.org, phone number 248-651-7810 ext 401). Updated information on these events can be found on our blog at oaklandnaturalareas.com.

Volunteer Workdays

Please remember to wear long pants and closed-toe shoes suitable for uneven terrain. We provide tools, light snacks, water, and know-how. All minors must have a waiver signed by a guardian, and minors under 14 must be accompanied by a guardian.

Prairie Restoration Workdays at Charles Ilsley Park

Prairie restoration is planned for the fields at Charles Ilsley Park, but first we need to remove the woody plants in these fields! Join us to help cut and burn brush. Tuesdays in January (6, 13, 20, 27) and February (3, 10, 17, 24), 10 am to 1 pm. Meet at Charles Ilsley Park.



Forest Cleanup Workdays

Early spring is the best time to spot tires, old fences, and other trash in the woods. Join us for forest cleanups from 9 am - 12 pm the following dates: Saturday, March 14 at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park; Tuesday, March 17 at Blue Heron Environmental Area; and Tuesday, March 24 at Charles Ilsley Park.

Garlic Mustard Pulls

Join us the following Saturdays from 9 am - 12 pm to compete in the Garlic Mustard Challenge: April 11 at Bear Creek Nature Park, April 25 at Blue Heron Environmental Area, and May 9 at Lost Lake Nature Park.

Educational Opportunities

Birding Walks

Join us every Wednesday from January to May to help us figure out which birds are using our parks. Some extra binoculars are available if you contact us in advance. Some experience with birding will help, but is not necessary. If you'd like to pick up basic birding skills, check out the Oakland Twp birding classes. *Starting Times:* Jan and Feb - 8:30 am. March - 8 am. April and May - 7 am. *Locations:* 1st Weds of month - Bear Creek Nature Park. 2nd Weds of month - Cranberry Lake Park. 3rd Weds of month - Lost Lake Nature Park. 4th Weds of month - Draper Twin Lake Park. 5th Weds in April - Gallagher Creek Park.



Fire as a Land Management Tool

Learn more about reasons for using prescribed fire, preparations for conducting a fire, necessary tools, roles of each burn crew member, and ignition patterns. Join us at 7 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the Paint Creek Cider Mill. Please RSVP to bvanderweide@oaklandtownship.org by Monday, January 19.

The History and Future of Prairie in Oakland Township

Learn more about the ecology of prairie and savannas, the history of grasslands in our township, and current work restoring grasslands in our parks. Join us at 7 pm on Thursday, February 19 at the Paint Creek Cider Mill. Please RSVP to bvanderweide@oaklandtownship.org by Monday, February 16.





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Yoga By The Lake *Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail*

The holidays are over, it's cold and dreary, and you feel like hibernating...get out from under your blanket and join us at Lost Lake Nature Park for some restorative yoga! Whether you are a seasoned practitioner or newer to yoga, this gentle All Level class is just right for you! Bring your own yoga mat.

Led by Jay Williamson of YOGA REFUGE. www.yogarefuge.net

Min 6/Max 8 Adults 12+ All Levels. 6 sessions **Register by January 5th.**

All classes take place in our new and cozy nature center with a window view of the lake.

Sundays, January 11 - February 15, 2015 9:30 - 10:30 am

Residents: \$30.00 Non-residents \$60.00



Yoga On The Lake *Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail*

Wouldn't you rather be outside during springtime? Step out of the studio and enjoy doing yoga in the warmth of the sun and in full view of serene Lost Lake. Whether you are a seasoned practitioner or newer to yoga, this gentle All Levels class is just right for you! Bring your own yoga mat. Led by Jay Williamson of YOGA REFUGE. www.yogarefuge.net

Min 8/Max 10 Adults 12+ All Levels. 6 sessions **Register by April 25th.**

All classes will take place on the dock. Rain location is the on-site Nature Center.

Sundays, May 3 - June 14, 2015 9:30 - 10:30 am

Residents: \$30.00 Non-residents \$60.00



Introduction to Ice Skating *Marsh View Park, 3100 Clarkston Rd.*

Learn how to skate with 10-time National Medalist, Tracey Daniels! Clinics will be held at Marsh View Park's NEW Outdoor Skating Rink. These clinics are for people who have little or no skill at ice skating. Each clinic will focus on basic fundamentals of ice skating like falling down, skating forward, stopping and on practicing your new skating skills. Safety is very important and we encourage skaters to wear a helmet and additional padding. Please wear weather appropriate clothing including gloves.

All clinics will be held on Saturday, January 24, see below for age groups and times. Register by January 19.

Tots 4-5 years old and Parents (45 minutes) 11 - 11:45am

\$10 each tot, parents free Min 6/Max 8 tots

Come and share the excitement of ice skating with your child! Each tot must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who can skate. For the first 30 minutes, tots will learn basic balance and skating skills. The last 15 minutes will be free skate playtime to help your tot practice their new skating skills. **All skaters 6 years old and under are required to wear either a bike or hockey helmet.**

Ages 6-11 years old (1 hour) 12 - 1pm

\$10 each Min 8/Max 12

Be like Elsa and Kristoff from the movie "Frozen" and learn how to skate! Learn the basic fundamentals and have fun practicing at our Outdoor Skating Rink!

Ages 12-15 year olds (1 hour) 1:15 - 2:15pm

\$10 each Min 8/Max 12

Learn how to skate with your friends! Come and try a fun winter activity!

Adults 16+ years old (1 hour) 2:30 - 3:30pm

\$10 each Min 8/Max 12

Have you always wanted to learn how to skate? Tracey will give you the tools to learn how!



Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to class to check-in and change into skates. Please bring a pair of your own sharpened skates, or skates may be rented for a fee of \$3 a pair. Please provide your shoe size during class registration. Please do not walk with exposed blades on parking lot or asphalt paths. Wear your skate guards when not on the ice surface.



Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Spring 2015 Archery Offerings

Resident registration open NOW. Non-residents begins April 1st. **Deadline** for paid registration is April 17. USA Archery certified instructors. To register call 248-651-7810, or visit us at 4480 Orion Road, Oakland Twp, M-F 8am-4:30pm or email at dgallo@oaklandtownship.org. Marsh View Park Archery Range, 3100 Clarkston Road., Oakland, MI 48363. *The archery range includes 10 universally accessible shooting lanes as well as a universally accessible observation and staging area.*

BEGINNING ARCHERY - ALL AGES (Ages 8 - Adult)

Learn the fundamentals of archery while you review equipment, learn about safety, learn basic shooting skills & have fun! All equipment provided. 5 week class. Min 10/Max 20 students per class.

Residents: \$60 Non-Resident fee: \$77

Fridays 4/24/15 - 5/29/15 no class 5/22/15 6:00 - 7:30pm



INTERMEDIATE ARCHERY - ALL AGES (Ages 8 - Adult)

This class is for archers who have taken Beginning Archery and archers with some experience. Focus will be on improving your archery form and accuracy. All equipment provided or archers may use their own equipment. No crossbows. 5 week class. Min 10/Max 20 students per class.

Residents: \$60 Non-Resident fee: \$77

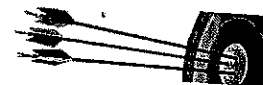
Saturdays 4/25/15 - 5/30/15 no class 5/23/15 10:00 - 11:30am

OPEN RANGE SHOOT - ALL AGES (Ages 8 - Adult) Free to the public.

Drop-in opportunity to practice archery skills! Prior archery experience necessary. No instruction provided. Monitored by a safety officer. Bring your own equipment or use ours on first come-first serve basis. No broadhead or crossbows allowed.

Children between 8 and 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturdays 4/25/15 - 5/30/15 no class 5/23/15 8:45 - 9:45am



JUNIOR OLYMPIC ARCHERY DEVELOPMENT (Ages 8-20) & ADULT ARCHERY PROGRAM (Ages 21+)

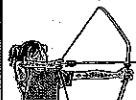
Archers who have completed Beginning and Intermediate Archery courses can join our JOAD Club or Adult Archery Program to begin advancing their archery techniques. Both programs are the logical "next step" for archers pursuing this lifetime sport. In addition to receiving clear instruction and coaching via our National Training System, membership in an archery club or program provides unique benefits including the opportunity to compete and earn awards, make new friends, build confidence & team building skills and a great upper body workout! In collaboration with *Rising Phoenix Archery*. USA Archery sanctioned club.

Resident fee: \$60 Individual/\$130 Family (up to 4)

Non-Resident: \$75 Individual/\$150 Family (up to 4)

Tuesdays 4/21/15 - 5/19/15 6:30 - 8:00pm 5 week class.

JOAD and AAP registrations are through Brandon Wright at 586-770-1859 or risingphoenixarchery@gmail.com



Marsh View Park Archery Range can be reserved for a workshop designed to help Scouts earn a merit badge in archery, or have your child's birthday party or even a corporate team-building event. Please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 248-651-7810 with reservation date preference and to confirm instructor availability.

Resident fee: \$150 for one and a half hour session

Non-resident: \$200 for one and a half hour session

Scouts fees to be determined.

SUMMER SESSIONS SNEAK PEEK!

Summer sessions (two five week sessions) will feature Beginning and Intermediate Archery Camps and all the classes listed above!

