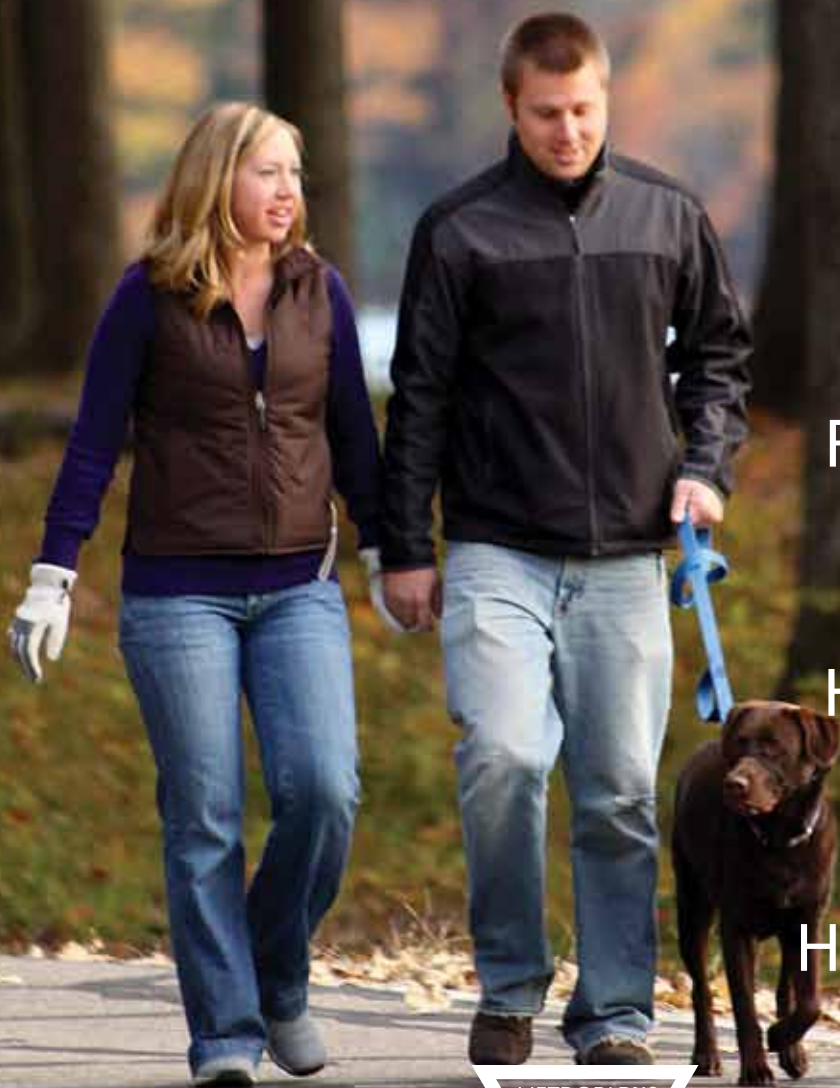


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FAMILY CAMPING

FESTIVALS

HALLOWEEN FUN

CIVIL WAR

HAYRIDES & MORE



FALL'S best bets

In addition to these "Best Bets," see our listings for hayrides and Halloween events.

CANOE TOURS

Stony Creek Metropark
September 2, 9, 16 & 23

Paddle the 34-foot, 18-passenger Voyageur canoe on Stony Creek Lake. Reservations required. \$

ASTRONOMY AT THE BEACH

Kensington Metropark
September 9 & 10

See what Galileo missed. View planets and stars through powerful telescopes at Maple Beach. Hear discussions on outer space and more.

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~dgs/kensington>

HUMMINGBIRDS & MONARCHS

Metro Beach Metropark
September 10

Look for these beautiful winged wonders as you celebrate the fall migration of hummingbirds and monarchs with programs, crafts and activities.

APPLEFEST

Wolcott Mill Metropark
Historic Center
September 11

Taste a variety of apples, try apple recipes, make apple crafts and more. \$

DOGGIE DAY AT THE POOL

Lake Erie Metropark
September 11

Bring your pooch to swim in the pool. Preregistration required. \$

HAWKFEST

Lake Erie Metropark
Marshlands Museum & Nature Center
September 17 & 18

Celebrate the fall migration of thousands of raptors (hawks, eagles, falcons, etc.) with guest speakers, live birds, games, crafts, art and more.

BOATING & OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

Metro Beach Metropark
September 22 – 25

Check out boats and other toys, plus live music, Duma the water skiing dog and more!

www.boatingandoutdoorfest.com

FALL FESTIVAL

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center
September 24

Celebrate fall with crafts, games, cider making and guided hikes. \$

TIMES TO REMEMBER QUILT SHOW

Wolcott Mill Metropark
Historic Center
September 24 & 25

Look at beautiful original design and antique quilts, plus try your hand at a stitch or two. An Antique Car Show will be held Sunday.

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE – GET OUT AND PLAY, MACOMB!

Metro Beach Metropark
October 1

Nature hikes, crafts, a rock wall and other fun family activities will make this your favorite fall daytrip.

FALL FUNFORALL

Lake Erie Metropark
October 8

Celebrate fall with crafts, pumpkin hunts, wagon rides, a touch of Halloween, and more. \$

FALL FESTIVAL

Kensington Metropark Farm Center
October 8 & 9

Harvest good times with farm activities, crafts and hayrides down the lane to the pumpkin patch.

CIVIL WAR SKIRMISH

Wolcott Mill Metropark
Historic Center
October 8 & 9

Union, Confederate and civilian re-enactors will relive Civil War days while camping at the Mill. Advance registration required for Candlelight Tours. \$ for Candlelight Tour.

EVENING LANTERN TOURS

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center
October 14 & 15

Go on a hayride, then a stroll through the woods to meet mythical characters. \$

THE GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT

Indian Springs Metropark
October 15

Meet neighbors, enjoy family activities and go on The Great Pumpkin Hunt. www.huronvalleyoptimist.com

ROSCO & THE ROCK WALL

Kensington Metropark Nature Center
October 15 & 16

Nature-related activities and crafts, a climbing wall, and Rosco the Clown highlight this event.

OWL FESTIVAL

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center
November 5

Meet live owls and take an owl prowling through the woods. \$



FROM THE director

This summer, we received many notes from park visitors, commending us on our exemplary customer service. I'm happy to share a few comments with you:

For a wedding on horseback at Kensington Metropark: ...at every step of the process, staff were friendly, professional, and more than willing to help out. Our guests were impressed! We wish to extend our sincere thanks in making our wedding under our favorite oak tree not only possible, but a wonderful experience.

– Karen Hoffman and Tim Snook

For a church group camping at Wolcott Mill Metropark: ...the staff was incredibly kind, considerate, and helpful. I have never camped anywhere where the staff/police were so nice. Your staff offered to mow the lawn where we were planning to camp and even apologized for making what they felt was too much noise in the morning (which they were not). Thank you and the Wolcott Mill staff very much.

– Ben Jackson

For response to an accident at Kensington Metropark: I was riding my bike on the bike path along with my son, daughter, and a neighbor child. Somehow, my son and our neighbor collided, fell and hurt themselves. While I was talking to 911, the officer showed up... and handled everything for me. He was so kind and caring and, in my opinion, did an exemplary job of handling an emergency situation. I am so very grateful for his help. Please thank him for me.

– Vickie Ray

These are just a few examples of the stories we heard this summer. Our goal is to make every visit as positive and memorable as the ones mentioned here.

Good customer service is high on our priority list. From the moment you enter any Metropark until the time you leave, you should expect to see friendly, helpful employees who make an extra effort to extend our welcome to you.

This fall, come out to enjoy the changing colors, along with our friendly hospitality. Let us be your home away from home.

David C. Robinson



AUTUMN'S awesome trails

As you lace up your hiking boots, slip on a warm sweater and prepare to enjoy a scenic walk outside in the crisp, cool fall air, you may not know that your everyday stroll can be transformed into something far greater. The Metroparks provide an array of interesting and distinctive trails, each with its own unique characteristics, landmarks and histories. Bring a camera and binoculars and explore these gems:

HUDSON MILLS:

Acorn Trail: Trail Head – Tread lightly and you may spot a sandhill crane family that resides near the trail-head in the fall before migrating south for the winter. Their plumage makes a beautiful transformation from rust to gray as the seasons change.

Acorn Trail: Marker 12 – Experience the sound of spring peepers chirping right around the fall equinox (September 23). These frogs get confused this time of the year because the amount of daylight, and the mild weather tricks them into thinking it's spring again.

LAKE ERIE:

Trapper's Run Trail – Take this trail to its farthest reach and come across an ongoing archeological dig site. Once the location of an old log house pre-dating the mid-19th century, ceramic shards, hand-made bricks, white clay pipes, blacksmith-made nails and more have been found on the premises. A great deal of muskrat bones have also been found, a possible indication that the structure may have once been occupied by trappers.

Cherry Island Trail – Along this beautiful trail you will find a vista looking out to Sturgeon Bar Island. The island, which has since been reclaimed by nature, used to be owned by the Whitney family from Toledo, Ohio. Their summer home once sat on the island, along with clay-surfaced tennis courts and a dock for easy boating. All of these features are now lost to time however, as the island slowly erodes into Lake Erie year by year.

OAKWOODS:

Butterfly Viewing Area – Take a stroll down the ¼ mile trail that winds through a myriad of host and nectar plants which attract migrating Monarch butterflies in the fall. The area is a designated Monarch Waystation through Monarch Watch.

Nature Center Overlook – Located at the head of the Split Log Trail, this elevated view of the Huron River lets you spy on a wide array of wildlife, including ducks, egrets, herons, beaver, mink and more! You'll be amazed at the expanse of your view.

STONY CREEK:

West Branch Picnic Area/Trails – The area now covered by the mountain bike-hiking trails and the golf course used to be owned by the Sheldons, an affluent Detroit family. The area known as Greenville farm was their country getaway, and one of the Sheldon daughters was very close friends with Mrs. Edsel (Eleanor) Ford, who was a frequent visitor to the farm. A breathtaking view of the autumn painted landscape can be found between markers 14 and 15.

Reflection Trail – Despite its short length, this trail is packed with wonders, and courses through an area once owned by the Hodges family. Interestingly, the pond located on the property was constructed as a gift from Lizzy Hodges to her husband Charles. Since then, the pond has been visited by tens of thousands of school children over the years, and has been for many, a first chance to experience nature up close.

Hiking trails at the Metroparks are more than just pathways through forests, prairies and wetlands; they're links to history, nature and a world a lot less ordinary. Try one today!



We marvel at cascading waterfalls crashing into deep, crystal clear pools. We stand in awe at the edge of the Grand Canyon, carved into the barren landscape by thousands of years of rushing river water. It's true, water is a truly spectacular resource that creates much beauty in the world, but it is also a force that can do great damage as well.

Every day, waves, whether created by a passing boat or a stiff breeze, gradually erode shorelines, slowly dissolving the land inch by inch. The edges of lakes and streams become weakened and prone to erosion when trees and native vegetation (root systems) are removed from the area, grass is trimmed to the water's edge, foot traffic becomes frequent, etc. These stresses damage the land's natural mechanisms for resisting wear and tear on the shoreline.

It is often common practice to line shorelines with rock and/or chunks of concrete, known as rip rap, to try and stop the erosion. Today, soft engineering methods, using native plants and natural materials, can be used to stabilize shorelines. At Kensington Metropark, a certification project conducted by the Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership (MNSP) gave trainees experience in soft engineering methods as they revamped 110 feet of shoreline on Kent Lake north of Martindale Beach.

For the project, twenty flats of plants were inserted along with pre-vegetative root carpet to encourage the binding of soil through strong root systems. All natural coir logs, made of coconut husks, and erosion blankets were placed to protect the new vegetation while it grows, and waterfowl deterrent was spread to discourage birds from trampling the area. These techniques offer long-term shoreline protection, enhance the habitat for wildlife and are aesthetically pleasing.

Materials for the project were donated by JFNew and MSU Extension, Wildtype Design and Native Plants & Seeds, Ltd. The project will be maintained for the next three to four years to allow it to fully develop.

Stop by to take a look at the project and learn about green solutions to stabilizing shorelines.

SEVEN STEPS for clean water

Follow these steps to keep our water clean:

- Help keep pollution out of storm drains
- Fertilize sparingly and carefully
- Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil
- Clean up after your pet
- Practice good car care
- Choose earth friendly landscaping
- Save water

The Metroparks Storm Water Management Plan is available for review at the Administrative Office, 13000 High Ridge Drive, Brighton or at www.metroparks.com. Address questions and comments to Michael Arens, chief of engineering.

EQUIPMENT auction

Surplus Metroparks equipment will be auctioned at Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center on Saturday, October 1 at 9 am. Auction items may be viewed the day of the sale beginning at 8 am. For more information, contact the Purchasing Department at the Administrative Office at 1-800-477-2757. To view a list of items to be auctioned, go to www.crydermanauctions.com.



METROPARK super golf day

Friday, September 16
\$10 per player, includes cart

Foursome & tee times
required. Excludes leagues.

Only at Hudson Mills,
Indian Springs, Lake Erie,
Willow & Wolcott Mill

Reserve your tee time
beginning September 2.

PLAY YOUR GAME and save

TAKE \$5 OFF 18 HOLES OR \$3 OFF 9 HOLES
Monday – Thursday: 11 am – 3 pm, 6 pm – Close
Fridays: 11 am – Close • Weekends: 3 pm – Close

ENJOY THE WEEKDAY RATE ON WEEKENDS
Noon – 3 pm
Regular, junior and senior rates apply

FALL RATES BEGIN OCTOBER 3
\$25 for 18 holes, \$20 senior rate, Includes cart

Check your favorite Metropark golf course
or visit www.metroparks.com for special
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DIRECTORY

Please call ahead for
course conditions
and tee times.
1-800-23-GOLF-4
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HUDSON MILLS
734-426-0466

HURON MEADOWS
1-800-477-3193

INDIAN SPRINGS
248-625-7870

KENSINGTON
248-685-9332

LAKE ERIE
734-379-0048

LOWER HURON (PAR 3)
1-800-477-3182

METRO BEACH (PAR 3)
1-800-477-3172

STONY CREEK
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WILLOW
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and follow @MIMetroparks on Twitter. Share your
photos, get updates and see what’s happening!



SAFETY on the trails

Throughout the summer, Metropark staff awarded
500 helmets to children and adults at nine Metroparks,
thanks to generous donations to the Metroparks
“Wear the Gear” program. Wolf-Hulbert and CNA
insurance companies, McGraw Wentworth and Greg
Surmont of McGraw Wentworth each made contri-
butions to purchase helmets in an effort to promote
bicycle and in-line skating safety.

Staff at Hudson Mills, Indian Springs, Kensington,
Lake Erie, Lower Huron, Metro Beach, Oakwoods,
Stony Creek and Willow Metroparks gave away the
helmets to lucky park patrons.



Sky watching has fascinated people for centuries. Our ancestors relied on the movement of the stars for their clock and calendar. Ancient Egyptians made use of the stars to indicate the change of the seasons. The annual rising of Sirius would indicate the oncoming of the Nile River flood and the beginning of their new year. With some practice, anyone can tell the season of the year by watching the stars and even tell time by stargazing.

Early explorers used the stars as signposts to guide them on their travels. The Phoenicians, Greeks, Vikings, Polynesians and many others understood the relationship between finding direction and the location of the stars. We can navigate as they did by learning a few easily recognizable constellations.

Many early peoples would look up at the night sky and create stories about the stars. They would “connect the dots” by drawing imaginary lines between the stars to form pictures. Most of the constellations that we know today are based on the star pictures made by the ancient Greeks. Sharing some of these star stories is one of the most enjoyable ways to spend an evening.

Check out some of the “heavenly bodies” and hear stories of the stars when the Great Lakes Association of Astronomy Clubs (GLAAC) and Kensington Metropark host the 15th annual “Astronomy at the Beach”

at Maple Beach in Kensington Metropark on September 9 and 10. This is an opportunity for everyone to learn about the night sky and view celestial objects through high-powered telescopes.

Volunteer astronomers from GLAAC will have a variety of telescopes set up for viewing and will be available to answer any questions. Numerous astronomy-related events will also take place throughout the evening. Keynote speaker David Eicher, Editor-in-Chief of Astronomy Magazine will discuss what’s new in our universe as he reviews the latest discoveries in astronomy and cosmology over the last 10-15 years.

These days we turn on TV to watch “Dancing with the Stars,” but our ancestors watched “The Dances of the Stars” in the night sky and so can you, at Astronomy at the Beach!

– Mike Broughton, interpreter
Kensington Metropark

RUSTIC family camping



Sign up now for rustic camping at Stony Creek Metropark. Kids’ programs and a nightly bonfire make camping easy and close to home! Preregistration and a \$40 non-refundable deposit are required. Hookups are not available.

September 9 – 11
October 7 – 9*

*Halloween-themed weekend

BOARD news

The Board of Commissioners officers for 2011 – 2012. Officers elected for a one-year term expiring in June 2012 are:



Anthony V. Marrocco
Chairman
Macomb County



John E. La Belle
Vice-Chairman
Livingston County



John P. McCulloch
Treasurer
Oakland County



John C. Hertel
Secretary
Governor Appointee



Timothy J. McCarthy
Governor appointee

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners reappointed **Anthony V. Marrocco** to represent Macomb County for a term expiring April 30, 2017. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners appointed **John P. McCulloch** to represent Oakland County to fill the term expiring May 15, 2012. Governor Rick Snyder appointed **Timothy J. McCarthy** to the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Board of Commissioners for a term expiring May 2, 2015.

PARK news



Kimberly A. Jarvis was named western district park manager for Kensington, Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron, Delhi, Indian Springs and Huron Meadows Metroparks.



Michael G. Lyons was named eastern district park manager for Metro Beach, Stony Creek and Wolcott Mill Metroparks.



James W. Pershing was named southern district park manager for Lake Erie, Lower Huron, Oakwoods and Willow Metroparks.



Kassie Kretzschmar was named marketing manager for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.



Carol Stone was named human resources manager for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

VOLUNTEERS honored

Congratulations to our volunteers who were honored for their work in 2010:



Dennis Hankin
Oakwoods Metropark



Eve Kelley
Kensington Metropark



Louise Sharp
for **Joseph Sharp**,
Metro Beach Metropark,
posthumously awarded



Toni & Kenneth Spears
Hudson Mills Metropark



Barbara Rust, for **Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)** Corporate Volunteer Award, Troy, Northville & Ann Arbor stores.

HALLOWEEN **treats**

Come to our family-friendly Halloween events that are fun, and not too scary. Preregistration is required for most programs, and space is limited.

CREATE A SPOOKY GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center
October 8 \$

TOT TIME – CREEPY CRAWLERS

Indian Springs Metropark
Environmental Discovery Center
October 8 \$

EVENING LANTERN TOURS

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center
October 14 & 15 \$

THE GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT

Indian Springs Metropark
Environmental Discovery Center
October 15

FUN ON THE FARM HALLOWEEN PARTY

Kensington Metropark Farm Center
October 20 \$

FAMILY HALLOWEEN – NATURE MYTHS & SUPERSTITIONS

Metro Beach Metropark Nature Center
October 21 \$

HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS

Wolcott Mill Metropark Historic Center
October 21 & 22 \$

KIDS' KANDY-N-KRAFTS

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center
October 22 \$

NATURALLY IT'S HOWL 'O' WEEN

Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center
October 22 \$

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT THE FARM

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center
October 22 \$

HALLOWEEN FUN

Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center
October 23 \$

HALLOWEEN FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Metro Beach Metropark Nature Center
October 23 \$

HALLOWEEN PARTY TIME

Wolcott Mill Metropark Historic Center
October 23 \$

BEASTLY BONES & SINISTER SKULLS

Indian Springs Metropark
Environmental Discovery Center
October 29 \$

HALLOWEEN NATURE MURDER MYSTERY

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center
October 29 \$

CALLING ALL SOULS: A HALLOWEEN HISTORY

Lake Erie Metropark
Marshlands Museum & Nature Center
October 30 \$

FARM HALLOWEEN

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center
October 30 \$

FALL FOR hayrides

Make family memories this fall by taking a wagon ride. Park interpreters add interesting tales or songs along the way. Make plans now for family time!

HORSE-DRAWN HAYRIDES

Kensington Metropark Farm Center
Weekends noon - 4 pm \$

HARVEST MOON HAYRIDE & BONFIRE

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center
September 10 \$

CIDER & DONUT WAGON RIDES

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center
September 11, 18 & 25 \$

FULL MOON WAGON RIDE – FRUIT MOON

Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center
September 12 \$

AUTUMN EVENING HAYRIDES

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center
September 17 & October 1 & 8 \$

PICK YOUR PUMPKIN HAYRIDES

Kensington Metropark Farm Center
October weekends \$

PUMPKIN, CIDER & DONUT WAGON RIDES

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center
October 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 23 & 29 \$

MOONLIGHT HAYRIDES

Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center
October 7, 14 & 21 \$

October 1, 2011-January 9, 2012



PHOTOS WANTED for contest

Do you have an eye-catching photo taken at a Metropark? If so, enter it into the 2011 Nature Photography contest. Photo entries will be accepted October 1 through November 3, 2011. All entries for 2011 must be images taken at any of the 13 area Metroparks, and the park must be identified.

Take your best shots at photo categories of wildlife, nature/scenic or recreation/education. Contest rules are available at Metropark offices and interpretive centers and at www.metroparks.com

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Antique Vehicle Show, Wolcott Mill Metropark

**KENSINGTON METROPARK
PARK EVENTS**
near Milford/Brighton
800-477-3178 or 248-685-1561
Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

17 Kensington Challenge XXVIII

**KENSINGTON METROPARK
FARM CENTER**
near Milford/Brighton
248-684-8632
* Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

8 Fun on the Farm – Hens, 10 am \$
10 Farmer for a Day, 10 am – 3 pm \$*
22 Fun on the Farm – Farmer’s Dog,
10 am \$
24 Farmer for a Day, 10 am – 3 pm \$*
25 No Child Left Inside Summit,
go to www.heavnercanoe.com
or call 248-685-2379

OCTOBER

8, 9 Fall Festival, noon – 4 pm \$
20 Fun on the Farm Halloween Party,
10 am \$

NOVEMBER

25 Farmer for a Day, 10 am – 3 pm \$*

**KENSINGTON METROPARK
NATURE CENTER**
near Milford/Brighton
248-685-0603
Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

3 Beasts on the Beach, 1 pm – 4 pm
5 Beasts on the Beach, 1 pm – 4 pm

9, 10 Astronomy at the Beach,
6 pm – midnight

10 Fall Bird Count, 7 am
17 Survival Saturday: How to Get Unlost,
1 pm \$
18 Fall Nature Detectives, 2 pm \$
24 Webelos – Outdoorsman, 1 pm \$
25 Bear Scouts – Sharing Your World with
Wildlife, 10 am & 2 pm \$

OCTOBER

1 Survival Saturday – Fire Building, 1 pm \$
2 Reptiles in the Lobby, 2 pm – 4 pm
8 Webelos – Naturalist, 10 am & 2 pm \$
9 Fall Color Walk, 2 pm \$
15, 16 Rosco & the Rock Wall, noon – 4 pm
22 Animal Myths, Legends & Superstitions,
1 pm \$
23 Feeding Birds in Winter, 2 pm \$
29 Scouts – Leave No Trace Camping,
1 pm \$
30 Webelos – Forester, 10 am & 2 pm \$

NOVEMBER

5 Survival Saturday – Shelter Building,
1 pm \$
6 Nature’s Nutcases, 2 pm \$
12 Webelos – Geologist, 10 am & 2 pm \$
13 Animal Tracks on T-shirts, 2 pm \$
19 Animals Preparing for Winter, 1 pm \$
20 Ducks on the Move, 2 pm \$
25 Chickadee Chow-Down, 1 pm \$
26 Live Birds of Prey, 1 pm \$

**HUDSON MILLS METROPARK
INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS**
near Dexter/Ann Arbor
734-426-8211
Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

3 Bird Hike, 8 am \$
10 Bugs & Butterflies Hunt, 11 am \$
17 Calling All Owls, 6:30 pm \$

OCTOBER

1 Bird Hike, 8 am \$
23 Halloween Fun, 10 am & 1 pm \$

NOVEMBER

5 Bird Hike, 8 am \$
21 Get Wild About Turkeys, 11 am \$

SANTA'S coming

Make your plans now to visit Santa!
Advance tickets required.

Ticket sales begin November 1
for most Santa programs.

Go to www.metroparks.com for details.



**GO FOR A
hayride!**

Kensington Metropark Farm Center
Weekends noon – 4 pm \$

Book a day or evening chartered hayride
for 20 or more people.

Bonfires available for evening rides. Call
248-685-1561 to make a reservation. \$

**APPRECIATION
days**

Take advantage of free park entry
and boat launching on:

VETERANS DAY APPRECIATION DAY
Thursday, November 11

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
APPRECIATION DAYS**

Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25

FALL calendar

See event and program details at www.metroparks.com

LAKE ERIE METROPARK MARSHLANDS MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER in Brownstown 734-379-5020

Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Crack O' Dawn Coffee Club, 7 am, donation
- 4 Lovable Huggable Marshlands' Turtles & T-shirt Print, 2 pm \$
- 10 Muskrat Club – Decoy Joy, 10:30 am, k-3rd grade \$
- 11 Make It at the Marsh – Paint a Plover, 2 pm \$
- 17, 18 22nd Annual Hawkfest, 10 am – 5 pm**
- 18 Hawkfest Breakfast, 9 am – 10 am \$
- 24 Show 'n' Tell – Lookin' at Leaves, 10:30 am, preschoolers \$
- 25 September Stroll, 2 pm \$

OCTOBER

- 1 Crack O' Dawn Coffee Club, 7 am, donation
- 2 Duck, Duck, Goose: Waterfowl Wisdom, 2 pm \$
- 8 Fall Funforall, 10 am – 2 pm \$**
- 9 Mysteries of the Trapper's Run Site, 10 am & 2 pm \$
- 15 Muskrat Club – Turning Over an Old Leaf, 10:30 am \$
- 16 Downriver Decoy Day, 10 am – 5 pm
- 22 Brownie Badge Day – People of the World & Senses, 10 am & 1 pm \$
- 23 October All Over e-Stroll, 2 pm \$
- 29 Show 'n' Tell – Animal Costumes, 10:30 am, preschoolers \$
- 30 Calling All Souls: A Halloween History, 2 pm \$

NOVEMBER

- 5 Crack O' Dawn Coffee Club, 7 am, donation
- 5 Woodland Indian Pottery Workshop, 2 pm \$
- 6 Make It at the Marsh – Cattail Pillow Society, 2 pm \$
- 12 Jr. Girl Scouts' Badge Day – Plant/Animal & Outdoor Surroundings, 10 am & 1 pm \$
- 13 Marshside Meander, 2 pm \$
- 19 Muskrat Club – Stuff 'n' Fluff, 10:30 am \$
- 20 The Great Lakes Go to War: Maritime History, 2 pm \$
- 26 Show 'n' Tell Time – Turkey Talk, 10:30 am \$
- 27 Artifact ID Day, 2 pm – 5 pm

LAKE ERIE METROPARK PARK EVENTS in Brownstown 800-477-3189 or 734-379-5020

SEPTEMBER

- 11 Doggie Day at the Pool, preregistration required \$**

OAKWOODS METROPARK NATURE CENTER near Flat Rock 734-782-3956

Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Tadpoles, 10 am, 2-5 yr. olds \$
- 3 Explorers' Club, 10 am, 6-10 yr. olds \$
- 3 Leaf Printing, 1 pm \$
- 10 Autumn Bird Hike, 8 am \$
- 10 Sensational Snakes, 1 pm \$
- 10 Harvest Moon Hayride & Bonfire, 7 pm \$
- 13 Homeschool Tuesday, 10 am \$
- 17 Girl Scouts – Hiker, 10 am & 2 pm \$
- 17 End of Summer Canoe Tours, 10 am, noon & 2 pm \$
- 17 Autumn Evening Hayride, 7 pm \$
- 24 Fall Festival, 10 am – 4 pm \$**

OCTOBER

- 1 Tadpoles, 10 am, 2-5 yr. olds \$
- 1 Explorers' Club, 10 am, 6-10 yr. olds \$
- 1, 8 Autumn Canoe Tours, 10 am & 2 pm \$
- 1, 8 Autumn Evening Hayride, 6:30 pm \$
- 8 Webelos – Naturalist, 10 am & 2 pm \$
- 11 Homeschool Tuesday, 10 am \$

14, 15 Evening Lantern Tours, 7 pm & 8:30 pm \$

- 22 Kids' Kandy-n-Krafts, 6 pm \$
- 29 Autumn Adventure Hike, 10 am \$
- 29 Halloween Nature Murder Mystery, 1 pm \$

NOVEMBER

- 5 Tadpoles, 10 am, 2-5 yr. olds \$
- 5 Explorers' Club, 10 am, 6-10 yr. olds \$
- 5 Owl Festival, 6 pm – 10 pm \$**
- 8 Homeschool Tuesday, 10 am \$
- 11 Veterans Appreciation Day – All American Animals, 1 pm
- 11, 12 Evening Owl Prowl, 6 pm \$
- 12 Webelos – Geologist, 10 am & 2 pm \$
- 19 Feed the Birds this Winter, 10 am \$
- 19 The Signs of Winter, 1 pm \$
- 25 Thanksgiving Holiday Appreciation Day – Walkin' & Talkin' Turkey, 1 pm
- 26 Whitetail Wisdom, 10 am \$

INDIAN SPRINGS METROPARK ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER near White Lake 248-625-7280

Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Tot Time – Snakes, 10 am \$
- 10 Night Hike, 8:30 pm \$
- 11 Grandparents Day Open Lab, noon – 3 pm, donation
- 17 How to Identify Prairie Plants & Their Seeds, 1 pm \$
- 18 Bear Essentials, 1 pm \$
- 24 Boy Scouts – Environmental Science (part I) 10 am \$
- 25 Jr. Girl Scouts – Finding Your Way, 10 am & 1 pm \$

OCTOBER

- 1, 2 Webelos Badge Day – Forester Naturalist & Geologist, call for times \$
- 8 Tot Time – Creepy Crawlers, 10 am \$
- 8 Boy Scouts – Environmental Science (part II) 10 am \$
- 9 Jr. Girl Scouts – Science Discoveries, 1 pm \$
- 15 The Great Pumpkin Hunt, 11 am – 2 pm**
- 16 Whitetails 101, 11 am \$
- 22, 23 Boy Scouts – Wilderness Survival, 10 am \$
- 29 Beastly Bones & Sinister Skulls, 1 pm \$
- 29 Owl Prowl, 7 pm \$
- 30 Creepy Crawlies Under the Scope, 1 pm \$

NOVEMBER

- 5 Intro to GPS, 10 am & 1 pm \$
- 5 Orienteering, 10 am & 1 pm \$
- 12 Tot Time – Feathered Friends, 10 am \$
- 12 Brownies – Science Wonders, 1 pm \$
- 12 Magnificent Moon, 6 pm \$
- 19 It's a Bird, It's a Plane...It's a Squirrel? 1 pm \$
- 20 Brownies – Eco-Explorer, 1 pm \$
- 26 Tracking the Wild Turkey, 1 pm \$

REMEMBER
'toys for tots'

Drop off your new, unwrapped toys at any of the Metropark offices or the Administrative Office starting November 12 to make a child's holiday happier through the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" campaign.

FALL calendar

See event and program details at www.metroparks.com

STONY CREEK METROPARK NATURE CENTER near Rochester/Washington Township 586-781-9113

Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

- 2 **Friday Night Canoe, 7 pm \$**
- 7 Homeschool – Wildflowers Are More Than Weeds, 11 am \$
- 9 **Friday Night Canoe, 7 pm \$**
- 12 Full Moon Wagon Ride – Fruit Moon, 7:30 pm \$
- 14 Homeschool – Creepy, Crawly Critters, 11 am \$
- 16 **Friday Night Canoe, 7 pm \$**
- 21 Homeschool – Buzz of Bees, 11 am \$
- 23 **Final Friday Night Canoe, 7 pm \$**
- 28 Homeschool – Autumn Adventure, 11 am \$

OCTOBER

- 7, 14, 21 Moonlight Hayrides, 7 pm – 9:30 pm \$
- 22 Naturally It's Howl 'O' Ween, noon – 2 pm \$
- 26 Cub Scouts' Moonlight Hayrides, 6 pm – 9 pm \$
- 27 Girl Scouts' Moonlight Hayrides, 6 pm – 9 pm \$
- 28 Scouts' Moonlight Hayrides, 6 pm – 9 pm \$

NOVEMBER

- 2 Homeschool – Orienteering, 11 am \$
- 5 Webelos – Forester Activity, 11 am – 1 pm & 2 pm – 4 pm \$
- 6 Webelos – Forester Activity, 2 pm – 4 pm \$
- 9 Homeschool – Make a Sled, Build a Shelter, 11 am \$
- 12 Webelos – Forester Activity, 11 am – 1 pm & 2 pm – 4 pm \$
- 13 Webelos – Forester Activity, 2 pm – 4 pm \$
- 16 Homeschool – Talkin' Turkey, 11 am \$
- 19 Jr. Girl Scouts – Finding Your Way, 11 am – 1 pm & 2 pm – 4 pm \$
- 21 Bear Cub Scouts – Native American Life, 11 am – 1 pm & 2 pm – 4 pm \$

WOLCOTT MILL METROPARK FARM CENTER near Ray Township 586-752-5932

Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

- 11, 18, 25 Cider & Donut Wagon Rides, 11 am – 4 pm \$

OCTOBER

- 1, 2 Pumpkin, Cider & Donut Wagon Rides, 11 am – 4 pm \$
- 8 Create a Spooky Gingerbread House, 10 am & 1 pm \$
- 8, 9 Pumpkin, Cider & Donut Wagon Rides, 11 am – 4 pm \$
- 15, 16 Pumpkin, Cider & Donut Wagon Rides, 11 am – 4 pm \$
- 22 Trick-or-Treat at the Farm, 5 pm – 8 pm \$
- 23 Pumpkin, Cider & Donut Wagon Rides, 11 am – 4 pm \$
- 29 Pumpkin, Cider & Donut Wagon Rides, 11 am – 4 pm \$
- 30 Farm Halloween, noon – 3 pm \$

NOVEMBER

- 12, 13 Family Farm Chores, 3 pm \$
- 19 Make a Gingerbread Barn, 10 am & 1 pm \$

WOLCOTT MILL METROPARK HISTORIC CENTER in Ray Township 586-749-5997

Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

- 11 **Applefest, noon – 4 pm \$**
- 18 Top to Bottom Tour, 2 pm \$
- 24 **Times to Remember Quilt Show, 10 am – 5 pm \$**
- 25 **Times to Remember Quilt Show, 10 am – 4 pm \$**
- 25 **Mill Antique Vehicle Show, 11 am – 3 pm \$**

OCTOBER

- 8 **Civil War Skirmish, 10 am – 5 pm \$**
- 8 **Candlelight Tour, 7 pm \$**
- 9 **Civil War Skirmish, 10 am – 3 pm \$**
- 21, 22 Halloween Hauntings, 6 pm – 8 pm \$
- 23 Halloween Party Time, 2 pm – 4 pm \$
- 29 Top to Bottom Tour, 2 pm \$

NOVEMBER

- 12 Holiday Volunteer Workday, 10 am
- 13 Make a Hearth Broom, 1 pm \$
- 20 Old-fashioned Thanksgiving, 2 pm \$

METRO BEACH METROPARK PARK EVENTS near Mount Clemens 800-477-3172 or 586-463-4581

SEPTEMBER

22–25 Michigan Boating & Outdoor Festival

METRO BEACH METROPARK NATURE CENTER near Mount Clemens 586-463-4332

Please preregister for programs

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Family Nature Club – Colors in Nature, 1 pm \$
- 10 **Hummingbirds & Monarchs, 11 am – 3 pm**
- 11 Autumn Bug Hunt, 1 pm \$
- 18 Adult Natural History Series – Fall Bird Migration, 9 am \$
- 23 Sounds of the Night Hike, 8 pm \$

OCTOBER

- 1 **No Child Left Inside – Get Out & Play, Macomb, 11 am - 3 pm**
- 1 No Child Left Inside – Evening Campfire, 7 pm \$
- 9 Family Nature Club – Nature Prepares for Winter, 1 pm \$
- 14 American Girl Campfire, 7 pm \$
- 15 Webelos – Forester, 10 am \$
- 21 Family Halloween – Nature Myths & Superstitions, 7 pm \$
- 23 Halloween Fun for Preschoolers, 1 pm \$
- 30 Adult Natural History Series – Trees & Leaves, 1pm \$

NOVEMBER

- 5 Tiger Cubs – Let's Go Outdoors, 1 pm \$
- 6 Preschool Nature Club – How Animals Prepare for Winter, 1 pm \$
- 13 Bear Cubs – Sharing Your World with Wildlife, 1 pm \$
- 19 Family Nature Club – Feeding Birds in Winter, 10 am \$
- 20 Adult Natural History Series – Plants in Winter, 1 pm \$

RESERVE SHELTERS october 1

Start planning next year's party by reserving a picnic shelter; reservations for 2012 will be accepted starting October 1.

Check out information on planning your next event at www.metroparks.com or call 810-227-2757.

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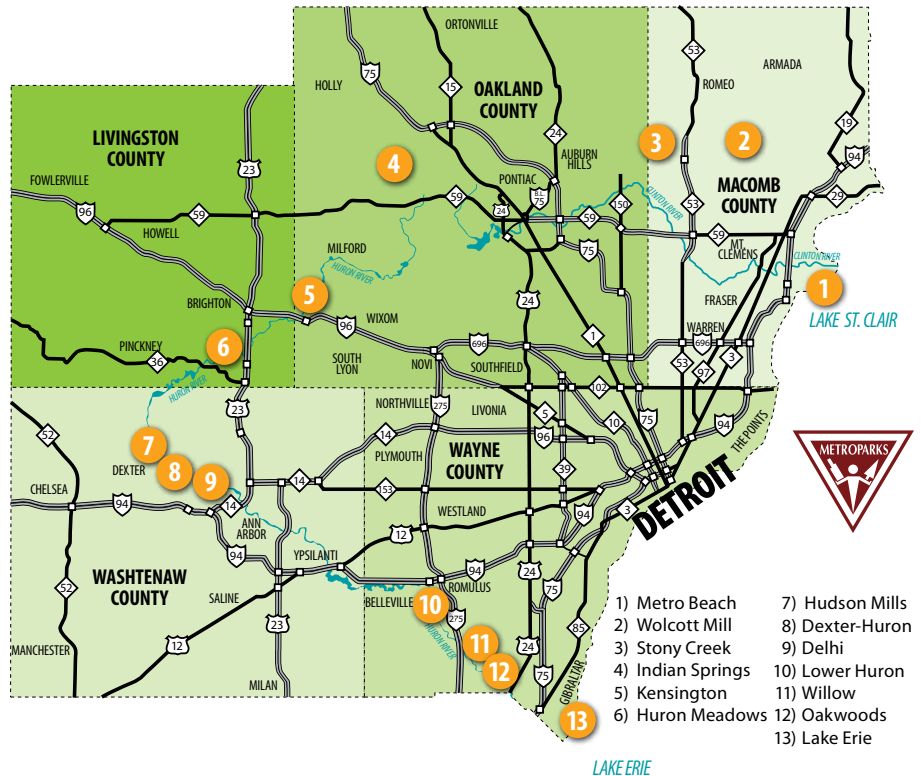


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