**ACTIVITIES**

**BOATING**
- **BOAT LAUNCH**: 10 ramps at the East Boat Launch and eight ramps at the West Boat Launch allow easy access to Kent Lake. There are 93 slips available for rent by season. The 10 mph speed limit is strictly enforced. Boats are prohibited on Wildwing Lake and Kingfisher Lagoon. A Metropark Boat Permit is required.
- **BOAT RENTAL**: Paddleboats, paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, character paddleboats, and rowboats are available at the Boat Rental near Maple Beach. Special rates are offered for seniors on weekdays only, no weekends or holidays. Life jackets are provided. Vending is available at the Boat Rental.

**FISHING**
- Dogs and other pets are permitted in the park only when kept on a six foot (or less) leash. Pets are not permitted in the nature and farm areas, buildings, on beaches, equestrian trails, cross-country ski trails, or golf course.

**ICE FISHING**
- Ice fishing is permitted on Kent and Wildwing lakes. Shanties must be marked on all four sides with name and address, and must be removed by March 1 or earlier if the ice becomes unsafe. A Michigan Fishing license is required.

**ICE SKATING**
- Ice skating rinks are located on Kent Lake near the Boat Rental. The rinks are lighted during the evening. Restrooms can be found at the Boat Rental. No skate rentals.

**SLEDDING AND SNOWBOARDING HILLS**
- The slopes at the Orchard picnic area offer beginning, intermediate, and advanced sledding hills. A special bunny hill is designated for young children. Snowboarding is allowed on a designated hill. A nearby shelter has picnic tables and grills. Slopes are open from 11 a.m. to dusk on weekdays, and 10 a.m. to dusk on weekends, weather permitting. Sleds and snowboards are prohibited on the advanced and intermediate hills.

**TOBOGGANING**
- The winter sports area also offers two toboggan runs. Toboggans must be standard toboggans. Toboggan runs are open from 11 a.m. to dusk on weekdays, and from 10 a.m. to dusk on weekends and holidays, weather permitting. Sleds and snowboards are prohibited on the toboggan runs.

**NATURE CENTER**
- Stop by the Nature Center where you will find exhibits and live animal displays to enhance your understanding and enjoyment of the natural environment and human history of this area. Park interpreters are available to answer questions during open hours.
- **NATURE CENTER HOURS**: 810-227-8917
  - Monday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
  - Tuesday–Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**NATURE TRAILS**
- Seven miles of trails take you beyond the river and into some of Michigan’s rarest and most diverse wetlands. There’s a prairie fen, a shallow spring-fed lake, and a relict conifer swamp. Trails are open during posted park hours.

**NATURE CENTER**
- The best of Michigan’s great outdoors is right in Southeast Michigan at one of the state’s most visited parks, Kensington Metropark. Kensington’s 4,481 acres of wooded, hilly terrain surrounds beautiful Kent Lake, and is home to an abundance of wildlife and waterfowl.

**FARM CENTER**
- Take a break from city life at the Farm Center, where you can experience the sights, sounds, smells and feel of life down on the farm. Visit the farm animals plus see the herb garden, field crops, and old-fashioned farm equipment on display. Farm interpreters are available to help create a better understanding and appreciation of farm life.
- **FARM CENTER HOURS**: 248-684-8632
  - March–October: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - November–February: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**POINTS OF INTEREST**
- The Chicken Coop, originally built in 1856, was moved to this farm in 2001, and now houses a team of draft horses. In March, Interpreters demonstrate how sap is tapped from maple trees and boiled into syrup at the Sugar Shack. Popular destinations at the farm include the Kensington Living History Village; the Kid’s Cottage, a natural building with a thatched roof; and the children’s interactive area that features a seasonal grass maze, playground equipment, and a labyrinth. In October, take a hayride to the farm’s pumpkin patch and pick your own pumpkin to take home.
- **FARMERS MARKET**: Purchase locally produced farm products and artisan goods while enjoying entertainment and other activities.
- **SPECIAL EVENTS**
  - The Interpreters invite you to participate in farm tours, special events, and programs. These are offered periodically throughout the year. Schools, scouts, and community groups events can be arranged.
- **GROUP APPOINTMENTS**
  - Group appointments for programs and field trips are available.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**
- Do not feed, tease or harass the animals.
- Stay off the fences and outside the pens.
- No pets.
- Park or walk bicycles. No inline skates.
- Hayrides and sleigh rides are wheelchair accessible.
- Families and individuals
  - Saturdays and Sundays noon – 4 p.m.
  - 20 minute rides; no reservations required
- **GROUPS BY RESERVATION ONLY**
  - Daily from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - 30 minute rides; group rates available
  - Fridays and Saturdays 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
  - One-hour rides; group rates and bonfires available
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