ACTIVITIES

Have a bucket list of great things to do outdoors? Check them off when you visit Lake St. Clair Metropark. Whether it’s fishing, biking, boating, swimming or birdwatching, it’s all here. The park’s marsh is home to an abundance of waterfowl, and it’s a top bird watching site. The Par-3 golf course, swimming pool, marinas, nature center, adventure golf, and picnic areas add to your visit. With a one-mile shoreline on Lake St. Clair, and just a short drive from Mt. Clemens, this 770-acre park provides the perfect backdrop for your next outdoor venture.

ACTIVITY CENTER

The Thomas Welsh Activity Center hosts a variety of summer programs and concerts. Program schedules are available at the Park Office. The Activity Center is available to rent for parties, weddings, meetings, and more.

ANNUAL BOATING AND OUTDOOR RECREATION FESTIVAL

This annual park festival boasts Michigan’s largest floating boat show that includes family fun entertainment. Please contact the Park Office for dates and details.

BEACH SHOP

Swimsuits, sunglasses, towels, suntan products, souvenirs, picnic supplies, and toys are sold at the Beach Shop.

BOAT LAUNCH

Eight ramps, located near the North Marina along Black Creek, provide easy access to Lake St. Clair. Personal watercraft and sailboats can enter the water at the day-use launches located near the golf course. A Metroparks Boat Launch Permit is required to launch a watercraft from a trailer at these sites.

BOAT RENTAL

Kayaks and stand up paddleboards can be rented near the boat launch on weekends from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. A Metroparks Boat Launch Permit is required to launch a watercraft from a trailer at these sites.

HIKE-BIKE TRAIL

A 3.75 mile, flat, paved trail leads through the park and connects to the Freedom Trail along Metro Parkway. The Metroparks advocate the use of safety equipment and helmets. Trail speed limit is enforced. Pets on a six foot leash are permitted.

MARINAS

Two marinas along Black Creek provide transient accommodations for approximately 100 boats. Water, electricity, restrooms, showers, and pump-out service are available. Advanced reservations are accepted through the Michigan DNR by calling 1-800-447-2575 or visit www.mishireservations.com. Boat clubs welcome. Fishing is restricted in the marinas from April through October.

PAR-3 GOLF AND FOOT GOLF

This 18-hole golf course has hole distances from 43 to 101 yards. Golf clubs, golf balls, pull carts, soccer balls, and handicap golf carts are available. Senior (55+) and junior (20 and younger) rates are available on weekdays. Some restrictions apply.

PETS

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 areas, Par-3 golf course, on beaches, cross-country ski trails, or in buildings.

PICTNICS

Tables, grills, and shelters are located throughout the park. Please register with the Park Office if you have a group of 50 people or more. Shelters can be reserved for a fee.

PLAYGROUNDS

Children can play on swings, a playscape, and other equipment near the beach. The playground has separate areas for younger and older kids.

SHIPWRECK LAOGON ADVENTURE GOLF

The 18-hole miniature golf course, complete with waterfalls and two rivers, provides competitive fun for everyone.

SQUIRT ZONE

Stop in to cool off at the Squirt Zone! The water sprayground features ground sprays, water cannons, arches and more. The Squirt Zone is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

SWIMMING BEACH

A 600-foot-long sandy beach stretches along Lake St. Clair. The bathhouse has dressing rooms, heated showers, and con operated lockers. Swimming is permitted May 1 through September 30.

SWIMMING POOL AND WATERSLIDE

A 50 meter swimming pool features two waterslides and areas for swimming. The waterslides have 120 foot long flumes with a 17-foot vertical drop. There is also an inflatable obstacle course and climbing walls. The pool is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The bathhouse and beach shop are located by the pool.

SHUTTLE BUS

Shuttle service to Huron Point picnic area, the wedding gazebo, and shore fishing areas is available daily from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

WINTER SPORTS

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Ski two and a half miles of classical groomed ski trails on well marked, relatively flat terrain.

ICE FISHING

Ice fishing is permitted at the North Marina. This area is known as a good perch fishing site, with anglers fishing on the canal, north boat basin, and on Lake St. Clair. A Michigan Fishing license is required.

ICE SKATING/HOCKEY

Ice skating and six hockey rinks are located at West Playfield. The rinks have a warming shelter. Rinks are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily when conditions permit.

SLEDDING

A sledging hill is located at West Playfield.

SPECIAL NEEDS

For those with accessibility needs, transportation from the parking lot to the beach, golf course, or picnic areas is available. Please contact the Park Office to request assistance. Rental wagons are available at the park office to help tote gear.

NATURE CENTER

The Nature Center features displays on waterfowl, watertoile, live animals, and the historical use of the area by the French Voyageurs. Park interpreters host nature walks and interpretive programs.

NATURE CENTER HOURS - 586-463-4332

School Days: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Weekends and Summer: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NATURE TRAILS

A portion of Lake St. Clair Metropark is set aside for the study and enjoyment of nature. 1.5 miles of self-guided flat nature trails traversing with wildlife traverse a freshwater marsh, marsh, meadows, and woods. Trails are open from daylight to dusk. Rules of use apply to help maintain these natural areas.

MAIN TRAIL

MEADOW LOOP

MARSH ROADSIDE TRAIL

MARSH BOARDWALK

PLEASE REMEMBER

• All collecting is prohibited.
• Walk slowly and quietly and remain on trails.
• Running, jogging, bicycles, pets, motorized vehicles, and horses are not permitted on the nature trails.
• Picnicking is not allowed within the nature trails area.
• Please leave all radios, toys and sports equipment in your car.
• Follow all park rules and regulations.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The interpreters invite you to participate in nature walks, 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 nature programs and field trips are available.