

The dictionary defines hiking as: "An extended walk for pleasure and health"

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We have some excellent HIKES & ACTIVITIES on this upcoming SCHEDULE. We HIKE and do things all year round. Winter Hikes, Snow Shoeing & Cross-country Skiing. Sledding and Snowman building. We also do an Orienteering Program, Bushwhacking explorations, Special Nature locations Hikes, & some tuff hill climbing adventures. Some of our Hikes include a Campfire or Campside Talk.

HIKES & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

OUTDOORS FOR EVERYONE

MARCH 2

 \$25 Annual
\$6 daily

STONY CREEK METRO PARK
SATURDAY 12pm - 3pm+
"BIRTHDAY-MAPBOOK" HIKE



FRIENDLY FRIENDLY SUGGESTED

To celebrate Hiking Michigan's 15th year in existence, we will be doing the first Hike we ever did, back in 1998, at the Stony Creek Nature Trails. Everyone participating in the Hike will receive one of our HIKING SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN Mapbooks for FREE. We will cover pretty much the same Trails we did on that very first Hike, starting out inside the official Nature area and taking a secret trail over to the old Osprey Trails. From there we will decide just where we want to go depending on what the group has to say. After the Hike, we will stop in at the beautiful Nature Center building for some excellent Bird viewing & displays.

MARCH 23

 FREE ENTRY
SHELBY TWP.

HOLLAND PONDS Park
SATURDAY 12pm - 3pm
"SAVE THE HERONS" HIKE



FRIENDLY FRIENDLY SUGGESTED

Every year around this time, right around the first day of Spring, March 21st, the Great Blue Herons start to return to their nests at Holland Ponds park. This nesting area is the largest in Southeastern Michigan with over 40 mating pairs of Herons, laying 3-5 eggs each season. This is a great time to observe the Herony because no tree foliage is blocking the views. Watch the Herons select their mates and then the best nest. Come on out and see just why this very special place is soooooo important to the area and the Great Blue Herons as a species. There is no other place like it.

APRIL 20

 \$25 Annual
\$6 daily

KENSINGTON METRO PARK
SATURDAY 12pm - 3pm
"BIRD HAND FEEDING" HIKE



FRIENDLY FRIENDLY SUGGESTED

If you have never walked the Nature Trails at Kensington and then hand-fed the Birds along the way, you are in for a unique treat. Even if you have done this before, I never tire of this special times of feeding our Bird friends directly from our hands. You can bring some of your favorite Bird seeds, or we can purchase some from the Nature Center before we hit the Trails. Along the Bird feeding route, we will also pass by the Heron Nesting Island there. Approximately 6 nests exist on this secluded Island. Bring your Binoculars and we will get a chance to see some early arrivals and some mating Herons.

HM ORIENTEERING RETURNS

Learn the basics of Map reading and Compass Use

For many years we used to do an ORIENTEERING Program a couple of times a year. It has been a few years since our last Program, so we thought it was time once again to take everyone deep into the woods and ask the Group to lead us out. That is the basics of the Program, while we learn the proper use of the Compass, Map and Nature's signs.



WHAT'S COMING UP MAY & JUNE

We will be sponsoring the NATIONAL TRAILS DAY Festival out at Oakwoods Metro Park again this year.