

2012 Laketown Township Partner Programs
with the Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway

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Saturday, February 11, 2012 10:00-11:30 AM

Snowshoe Hike at Shores Acres Park

Explore the meadows of Laketown Township's Shore Acres Park and hike into Saugatuck State Park to see what types of animals are staying active during winter. The group will look for scat, tracks and other animal signs. Snowshoes may be used if conditions are appropriate. Participants may bring their own snowshoes.

Registration encouraged at 616.393.9453 or odc@outdoordiscovery.org

Saturday, April 21, 2012 2:00-4:00 PM

Knee-deep in a Wetland at Farview Park

Join a naturalist as you listen for, capture and investigate what lives in the wetlands at Farview Park. Frogs, toads and salamanders are common here and can readily be found and heard throughout spring. Prepare to go into the water with boots or shoes. No sandals or bare feet please. All collection materials will be provided.

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Saturday, April 28, 2012 2:00-4:00 PM

Spring Bird Hike at Sanctuary Woods

See what resident and migrant birds are using Sanctuary Woods. Woodpeckers, owls, hawks, thrushes, finches, warblers and vireos will be sought out as the group hikes the loop trail up into the dune. Sturdy hiking shoes are required. Field guides and a limited number of binoculars will be available for lending.

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Saturday, May 12, 2012 12:30-2:00 PM

Wildflowers of Sanctuary Woods

Hike the natural trails and stairs of Sanctuary Woods with a naturalist as you find and identify woodland wildflowers. Cameras are encouraged. Sturdy hiking shoes are required. Field guides and magnifying glasses will be provided.

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Thursday, May 24, 2012 3:00-4:00 PM

Intro to Nature for Preschoolers at Wolter's Woods

Help your 2-5 year old child find wonder in the natural world. The group will look for insects, flowers, birds and amphibians along the loop trail of the park. All collection and investigation materials will be provided.

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Saturday, June 23, 2012 10:00-11:30 AM

What's in a Creek? at Wolter's Woods

Turn over logs and rocks in the creek running through Wolter's Woods in search of insects, fish and crayfish. Be prepared to walk into the water with shoes or boots. No open-toed sandals or bare feet allowed. All collection materials will be provided.

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Friday, July 20, 2012 2:00-4:00 PM

Family Kayaking at Gilligan Lake

Join a naturalist in an exploration of Gilligan Lake. The group will use kayaks to explore all of the nooks and crannies of the 20 acre park. Birds, bugs, turtles and plants will be on the list of things to see. Boats, paddles and life vests will be provided.

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Friday, July 27, 2012 10:00-11:00 AM

Blueberry Fields Forever at Huyser Farm

Learn some history of Huyser Farm and how blueberries have become a West Michigan industry. Bring collection buckets to take home some free blueberries! Sturdy shoes and insect repellent are encouraged.

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Wednesday, August 17, 2012 5:30-7:30 PM

Family Kayaking at Gilligan Lake

Join a naturalist in an exploration of Gilligan Lake. The group will use kayaks to explore all of the nooks and crannies of the 20 acre park. Birds, bugs, turtles and plants will be on the list of things to see. Boats, paddles and life vests will be provided.

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Saturday, September 29, 2012 6:30-8:30 PM

Full Moon Hike at Shore Acres Park

Explore the woods at Shores Acres Park and Saugatuck Dunes State Park in search of resident wildlife including insects, mammals and owls. Flashlights are welcome though not required. All materials for this program are provided.

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Saturday, October 15, 2012 6:30-8:00 PM

Nocturnal Nature Hike at Sanctuary Woods

Explore the dunes of Sanctuary Woods for signs of and crepuscular and nocturnal wildlife. Listen for owls, watch for spiders and uncover raccoons foraging in the forest. Flashlights are welcome though not required.

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