

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

TOP BASS
Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, kicks off the 1999 season on Saturday, May 29, on Saginaw Bay. Registration is \$60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randless (734) 422-5813 for more information.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team open tournament beginning at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, May 30, on Kent Lake. Entry fee is \$80 per boat and there will be a \$5 late charge for entries received after May 26. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 642-6254.

ST. CLAIR OPEN
The Backlashers Bass Club will hold its 12th annual Lake St. Clair Open two-person bass tournament beginning at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 19. Team entry fee is \$30 if paid by May 20, \$90 at the boat launch. To register and for more information call Roger Gwyslip at (734) 753-5341, Steve Tarnaszkiewicz at (313) 538-1202 or Jeff Mangrum at (313) 937-2190.

GRAND OPENING

BASS PRO SHOPS
The long-awaited Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing is open. A grand opening celebration is slated for May 20-23. Great Lakes Crossing is located at 4500 Baldwin Road (at I-76) in Auburn Hills.

CLASSES

WOMEN'S FLY FISHING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring a Women's Fly Fishing School on Sunday, May 23. Participants will spend a fun-filled day learning the basics of fly fishing including lessons in casting, knot

tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Cost is \$125 per person and class size is limited. Call Pat Rofe at (248) 350-8484 for more information and to register.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL
The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly selection and more. Classes are scheduled for May 16, June 6 and 19, July 11 and 25, Aug. 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 to register and for more information.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sports Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in May, June and July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

TIMBERLAND SANCTUARY
Tour the Timberland Sanctuary to see spring wildflowers in bloom during this program, which begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The Timberland Sanctuary is located 12 miles northeast of Pontiac. Call Fred Dye at (248) 375-2955 for more information and directions to the Timberland Sanctuary.

ISLAND LAKE MIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on

a five-mile hike through Island Lake State Park on Sunday, May 16. Participants are asked to meet at noon behind the Marathon Station at Telegraph and 12 Mile roads, or at 12:45 p.m. at the Riverbend parking lot at Island Lake State Park. Call Ingo Bricio at (248) 567-5865 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BASS SEASON
Bass season opens Saturday, May 29, on inland lakes and Great Lakes waters excluding Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers. The season opens Saturday, June 19, on Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers.

FREE FISHING
Michigan's annual Free Fishing Weekend will be held June 12-13.

CLUBS

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are

free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS
Celebrate Michigan Week with stories about the state's official symbols, the Michigan trivia challenge, and enjoy a guided hike and a snack during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Independence Oaks.

SPRING STAR PARTY
Discover spring constellations in the Starlab planetarium and enjoy an outdoor telescope viewing session during this program, which begins at 9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 949-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187.

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