

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SEASON/DATES

BEAR

Bear season opens Sept. 10.

GOOSE

A special early Canada goose season runs Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula and Sept. 1-16 in the Lower Peninsula. Check the DNR's Early September Canada Goose Season Hunting Guide for special restrictions.

GROUSE

Grouse season opens Sept. 15.

RABBIT

Rabbit season opens Sept. 15.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

TOURNAMENTS

B.A.S.S. TOP 150

The first stop on the 1999-2000 B.A.S.S. Top 150 circuit will be Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 25-28 on Lake St. Clair. Daily weigh-ins will take place at Metro Beach Metropark.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team tournament on Sunday, Aug. 29 on Lobdell Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 642-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold its final tournament of the season on Sunday, Sept. 26, on Lakeville Lake.

CLASSES

WAYNE WATERFOWL CLINIC

The Wayne Waterfowl Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association is holding a waterfowl hunting clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood. Call (734) 422-0583 for more information.

ULTRA LIGHT BACKPACKING

Recreational Equipment Inc. staffer Matt Dulake will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an ultra-light backpacking exhibit at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI. Call (248) 347-2100.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering three hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Remulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 9-10, Oct. 23-24, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register.

ACTIVITIES

HERITAGE DAYS

Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association and Gander Mountain will host the fourth annual Heritage Days, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Huron Pointe clubhouse and grounds in New Haven. Activities include trap and skeet shooting, 3D archery, novelty shoots and guest speakers covering topics such as hunting the Metroparks, and gun rights. Call (810) 598-8018 or (810) 948-0259.

FALL HUNTING CLASSIC

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is holding a Fall Hunting Classic Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 26-29. The event includes seminars, a 3D pop-up tournament, vendor booths, prizes, whitetail rack scoring, a live deer display, special sales and more. Call (248) 209-4200 or visit the web site at www.outdoor-world.com.

WEST BLOOMFIELD WOODS

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a two-hour stroll through the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve during this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. Participants are asked to meet at the west end of the K-Mart parking lot at Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile Road in Orchard Lake. Call Lee Becker at (810) 294-7789.

COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register.

NATURE CLUB

Ages 8-12 will learn about the outdoors during this program at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-0767.

For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

SUMMER EVENING STROLL

Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

BATS OF MICHIGAN

Learn all about bats during this slide presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, at Maybury.

KIDS GARDEN DAY

Learn about gardening, weather, helpful insects and animals at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Maybury.

MICHIGAN BIRDS OF PREY

Learn about the habits and habitats of birds of prey during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Maybury.

SCARECROW WORKSHOP

A short presentation on scarecrow lore followed by a chance to construct some scarecrows for display at the farm, begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Maybury.

BIRD HIKE

Observe and identify bird species seen throughout the park during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

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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, 1-800-477-7768; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

GEOLOGY

Junior Girl Scouts can complete all the requirements for their geology badge during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Indian Springs.

STORIES IN THE SAND

Children ages four to seven can enjoy a story and a fun beach activity during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, at Stony Creek.

HURON RIVER CLEAN UP

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the Huron River from Proud Lake through the Kensington Metropark during the 12th annual Huron River Clean Up, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Kensington. The rain date is Saturday, Aug. 28. Call (248) 685-7129 for more information.

ASTRONOMY

See the moon and stars like never before during this program, which begins at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 20-21 and is hosted by the Great Lakes Association of Astronomy Clubs.

INSECT WEEKEND

Explore a pond on Saturday and

a field on Sunday during this two-day program, which will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21-22, at Hudson Mills.

BATS

Explore the life of a bat and get tips on building a bat house during this program, which begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at Indian Springs.

TOT FUN

Children ages four through seven and their parents will learn about birds during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at Indian Springs.

TOT TALK

Children ages three to six accompanied by an adult will learn about nature through different activities during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at Hudson Mills.

CHEMISTRY IS ME

Home schooled children ages eight and older will learn all about chemicals from Dominic Crea, a teacher at Macomb Community College during this program at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at Stony Creek.

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.

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