

MICHIGAN'S NATURE EXHIBITS INCLUDE:

NATURE TRAILS

- ★ STONY CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK, UTICA
- ★ KENNINGTON METROPOLITAN PARK, MILFORD
- ★ LOWER HURON METROPOLITAN PARK, BELLEVILLE
- ★ METROPOLITAN BEACH, MTC CLEMENS
- ★ HUDSON MILLS METROPOLITAN PARK, DEXTER
- ★ HOLLANDY FOREST AND WILD LIFE PRESERVE, NEAR DETROIT AND LIVING
- ★ SENEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, NEAR GERMANSVILLE
- ★ ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK, LAKE SUPERIOR
- ★ KALAMAZOO NATURE CENTER PRESERVE
- ★ FENNER ARBORETUM, LANSING
- ★ HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA, NEAR PONTIAC
- ★ ROCHESTER-UTICA RECREATION AREA, NORTH OF DETROIT
- ★ ONAWAY STATE PARK, NEAR ONAWAY
- ★ MATTHEW BOTANICAL GARDENS, ANN ARBOR
- ★ DRAYTON PLAINS MICHIGAN SHORE-TO-SHORE RIDING-HIKING TRAIL, EMPIRE TO TWINAC

GARDENS

- ★ CRANBROOK HOUSE GARDENS, BLOOMFIELD HILLS
- ★ HIDDEN LAKE GARDENS, TIFTON
- ★ DOW GARDENS, MIDLAND
- ★ PRISON GUNKEN GARDENS, MARQUETTE

ARBORETUMS

- ★ LEILA ARBORETUM, BATTLE CREEK
- ★ SLAYTON ARBORETUM, HULSDALE
- ★ NICHOLS ARBORETUM, ANN ARBOR
- ★ FENNER ARBORETUM, LANSING

★ ALSO INCLUDES A NATURE CENTER

Nature Trails Abound In State

Michigan offers almost countless trails with opportunities varying from hiking to short strolls just to observe nature.

Automobile Club of Michigan, with the help of leading conservationists, has listed some of the more outstanding trails, gardens, nature centers and arboreta which attract thousands of visitors each year.

With few exceptions, admission is free to these outdoor attractions.

NATURE TRAILS are found at five parks operated by the Huron - Clinton Metropolitan Authority, a regional park agency serving residents of Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties.

They are Stony Creek Metropolitan Park near Utica, Kennington Metropolitan Park near Milford, Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville, Metropolitan Beach near Mt. Clemens and Hudson Mills Metropolitan Park near Dexter.

The first three also have nature centers. The trails at Stony Creek, located in a wooded valley and hills, explore woods, meadows, stream banks and small ponds. Kennington's self-guiding trails start near the nature center building while the wildflowers are a specialty at Lower Huron Park.

Other nature centers are located at historic Nankin Mills, once owned by the late auto pioneer Henry Ford, in Wayne County's William P. Holliday Park, the Carl G. Fenner Arboretum in Lansing, and Drayton Plains Nature Center.

All contain permanent exhibits which include rocks and minerals, wood samples, trees, seasonal plants, and Great Lakes birds and fish.

THE WILLIAM P. Holliday Park, a 500-acre forest and wildlife preserve, located between Joy and Warren Roads in Westland and Livonia, extends westward from the Middle Rouge Parkway along Tonquish Creek, a distance of three miles.

Twelve miles of walking trails, some only a half mile long, wind through secluded natural areas. The park is operated by the Wayne County Road Commission.

Michigan's longest hiking trail extends 200 miles, from Empire on Lake Michigan to Tawas City on Lake Huron. Established by the State Legislature in 1964, it was planned to accommodate both hikers and horseback riders.

Another long back-packing hiking trail is on Isle Royale National Park, in northwest Lake Superior off the Keweenaw Peninsula. It extends the length of the island, about 45 miles. There's also a shorter trail on the island—five miles round trip—for those who just want a taste of hiking.

THE SENEY National Wildlife Refuge also is in the Upper Peninsula. It adjoins Germansville on M-77. The nature trails in this 165-acre area are administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Drayton Plains Nature Center, just northwest of Pontiac, covers 127 acres with five miles of nature trails. Although privately owned, it is free.

There also are nature trails in the Kalamazoo and Lansing areas. The 400-acre Kalamazoo Nature Center Preserve is north of Kalamazoo at 7000 N. Westnedge.

The Carl G. Fenner Arboretum, 2000 East Mt. Hope Avenue, Lansing, has nature trails within the arboretum, which also contains an exhibit of prairie animals and a science building.

Two recreation areas in the Detroit metropolitan area offer nature trails. Highland, 17 miles west of Pontiac on M-59, has many trails within its 5,407 acres. Rochester - Utica, 20 miles north of Detroit off M-53, M-59 and M-150, covers 903 acres.

Onaway State Park, in Presque Isle County, six miles north of Onaway on M-211, has 158 acres, most of it densely wooded, with many nature trails. A few other state parks offer short foot trails. Others have nature study and interpretative services.

The Matthaei Botanical Gardens at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has several nature trails.

Ann Arbor's Nichols Arboretum, connected with the university, has some 2,000 species of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants, a collection of 140 varieties of hybrid lilacs and a formal garden with 360 kinds of peonies.

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