

Nature trails beckon in fall

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There may not be too many more opportunities to spend a Sunday picnicking and swimming in your favorite Metropark, but don't be lulled—fun can still linger in the woods and meadows.

Just direct your feet to the nature trails. Several Sunday guided tours are being offered this month at Kensington Metropark near Milford. If you have a pair of binoculars, you can join a bird walk Sept. 19 which will concentrate on the land birds migrating through the park this time of year. The tour will leave the Nature Center at 8 a.m.

Two different walks will be held Sept. 26. The first will be a nature hike to investigate all types of wildlife. The other will be a geology walk which will begin with a slide show on Michigan's geological makeup. The nature hike will start at 8 a.m., last one to two hours and cost \$1 per person. Meet at the boat rental building. Advance registration is required.

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A fall nature hike is also planned for Sept. 26 at Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester. The guided tour will start at 8 a.m. at the nature center building.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHERS and travel bugs will have a chance to see more than 400 nature slides from around the world Sept. 25 and 26 at the Stony Creek nature center. Shows will begin at 1 and 3 p.m. and will include slides from Australia, Europe, the Soviet Union, Africa and Brazil. The slides are from entries submitted in the 43rd annual Detroit International Salon of Photography.

THE TWO LARGEST FISH and wildlife associations in the country will meet in Dearborn for four days beginning Sunday. Members of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA) and the American Fisheries Society (AFS) will gather at the Hyatt Regency hotel to discuss national and international policies affecting fisheries and wildlife management.

'Personality' is course topic

Developing Personality Potential" will be offered this fall term by Madonna College, Livonia.

Millon Richard will teach the class, a Gabriel Richard Leadership Training course.

A free, no-obligation preview is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7 a.m. in room 108 of the academic building.

Hearing-impaired or deaf persons 55 or older will have one section of the course on Mondays from 1-4 p.m. beginning Sept. 22.

A second section is scheduled for Wednesdays from 7-10 p.m. beginning Oct. 6. It may be taken for credit by Madonna students or the public. Non-credit fee is \$50.

The 18-session course focuses on attitudes and skills that help people use their capabilities. These include self-confidence, effective speaking, personal relations and purpose. Open to adults in all walks of life, the class is geared to parents, business people, professionals, teachers and organization leaders.

To register, contact the student services centers at Madonna, 3600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, any day between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Weight losing class planned

A new class will be launched by the Weight Watchers organization at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23 in Cherry Hill High School, 28500 Avondale, Inkster.

Isabel Carter, a graduate of the program, who has lost 122 pounds, has been appointed lecturer. For further information contact the Downriver Area office of Weight Watchers, 287-2900.

Great Books group to meet on Thursdays

A Great Books discussion group will meet this year using a new concept from the Great Books Foundation.

First season of the season will begin at 8:15 tonight (Thursday) in the Carl Sandburg branch library, Seven Mile west of Middle Belt in Livonia. Newcomers are welcome, regardless of residence or experience.

Discussion leaders are Frank and Val Kastner, Northville.

Instead of using unrelated classics, the group will use a series of traditional and modern works of fiction with a unifying theme—"the search for meaning." Main characters are all in jeopardy. Some are in danger of losing their lives, others their beliefs, others their ways of life.

The group meets Thursdays, usually twice a month. Readings on the search for meaning" may be ordered for \$9.50 from Great Books Foundation, 307 N. Michigan, Chicago 60601.

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