

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

SWAP MEET
The Oakland County Sportsman's Club will hold its annual Sportsman's Swap Meet, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

BANQUETS

DUCKS UNLIMITED
The Birmingham-Bloomfield Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its 21st Annual Sportsman's Dinner on Wednesday, May 13, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

CLASSES

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING
West Bloomfield Community Education will offer a class in duck and goose calling beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. Taught by noted waterfowl guide Lyman Burgess, the class will meet for one hour each week for four consecutive weeks at the Orchard Lake Middle School. Registration fee is \$35. Call (248) 539-2290 for information.

TWILIGHT TRAVELS
Learn about creatures that become active after dark during this evening walk, which will be held Saturday, April 25 at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Call (313) 593-5398 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportmen's Club will hold a hunter education class beginning Thursday, April 30, at its clubhouse in Clarkston. The class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on April 30, May 4, 5, 6 and 7 as well as 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Registration fee is \$5 and participants must be 12 years old by Dec. 31, 1998. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

EXTENDED TROUT
The extended trout and salmon fishing season on designated streams is April 1-24. FISHING

The 1997-98 fishing and hunting licenses expired March 31.

CATCH AND RELEASE
A special catch-and-release trout season runs through April 24 on a designated section of the Huron River at the Proud Lake Recreation Area.

SPEARS/BOWS
Spearing, hand netting and bow season for suckers, carp, gar and bowfin runs through May 31 on non-trout waters south of M-46

PIKE
Pike season opens April 25 on inland lakes in the lower peninsula.

SHELT
Smelt netting season on non-trout streams runs through May 31 south of M-72 and May 1-31 north of M-72. Bow and spear fishing on non-trout inland waters is open for gar, carp and bowfin May 1-Aug. 15. Check the 1988 Michigan Fishing Guide for exceptions and closures.

STURGEON
Sturgeon season ends April 30 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

TURKEY
The spring turkey season runs April 20-May 31 by special permit in designated areas only.

TROUT
Trout season opens April 25.

WALLEYE
Walleye and sauger season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

MUSKIE
Muskie season opens April 25 on inland waters in the Lower Peninsula.

OAKLAND PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 825-6473 to register or for more information.

FEATHERS, FUR AND SCALES
Ages 6-8 will uncover the story of animals and their coverings through hands-on activities during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. each day on April 16 and 17.

BIRD IN THE HAND
Examine the ecology of migratory birds during this program,

which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Independence Oaks.

PARK CLEANUP
Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to enhance the beauty of Orion Oaks on Saturday, April 25. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. volunteers will plant seedlings and saplings, clear debris from inside the park, construct docks and make trail improvements. Volunteers should meet at the Baldwin Road entrance. Lunch will be provided. Call (248) 391-0110.

FREE WOOD CHIPS
Free wood chips from the Oakland County Parks Christmas tree recycling program, will be available on Saturday, April 25, at Orion Oaks at the Clarkston Road entrance. Individuals are asked to provide their own shovels and to load the chips by hand. No motorized equipment is allowed and no commercial haulers. Additional wood chip dates are scheduled for May 23, June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept. 25 and Oct. 31.

CARING FOR THE LAND
Learn how ordinary citizens can make a difference in saving the environment and celebrate Wildlife Week at this family event featuring the work of conservationist Aldo Leopold, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Independence Oaks.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390.

For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6787. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WILDFLOWER WALK
Learn some natural history and to identify some common wild flowers during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Highland Recreation Area.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
The ninth annual spring event features many earth-related activities and displays and will be held 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Maybury.

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: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7766; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS
The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$16 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

CONCERTO IN FIVRO MAJOR
Ages three to five will learn about frogs and frog songs during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, at Indian Springs.

NAME THE HABITAT
Find out what makes up a habitat and what habitats are in the nature center during this 1 1/2-hour walk, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Kensington.

WOODCOCK WALTZ
Learn about the American woodcock (the timberdoodle) and its unusual courtship displays during this outdoor program, which begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Independence Oaks.

LANDSCAPING WITH WILDFLOWERS
Learn how to produce a successful wildflower meadow or woodland garden during this slide presentation, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Indian Springs.

WEATHER... OR NOT
Learn about cloud formations and what weather may occur with different formations during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Kensington.

BASIC ORIENTEERING
Ages 10 and older can learn basic map and compass skills during this two-hour indoor and outdoor program, which begins at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Independence Oaks.

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