



## SE Michigan Area

Counties Including: Macomb,  
Oakland, St. Clair, Wayne

### Cranbrook Institute of Science: Spring Into Science



Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 through Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>,  
2017

11 am – 3 pm daily

Cranbrook Institute of Science  
39221 Woodward Avenue  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Join the Cranbrook Institute of Science for an exciting week of activities that will help you learn how to live greener including water conservation, the benefits of recycling, as well as make and take recycled art projects. Heavner Nature Connection/Heavner Canoe Rental will present a "Voyage in Time" as explorers in the 1760's in the back country of the Great Lakes. You will also enjoy an imaginary canoe trip with your family and friends. A visit from Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash to learn about the impact of energy production on water resources and how alternative energy can protect our lakes, rivers, and streams for future generations. Craig Covey, Board Member, Pure Oakland Water and Former Mayor, City of Ferndale will present "Home Grown" - Ten Ways you can "Green" your Yard and Garden. Also on tap for the week is Great Lakes Water Authority with tips on water conservation, The Oakland County Dirt Doctors who will teach visitors about the connection between vegetation, runoff and soil erosion in a fun-filled way. Also making a special appearance will be the Great Lakes Fishery Commission with a tank of live vampires of the Great Lakes.

### Detroit Zoo GreenFest



Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

9 am – 3 pm

Detroit Zoo

8450 W. 10 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

The Detroit Zoo will host *GreenFest* to celebrate Earth Day and educate Zoo visitors about environmental conservation. *GreenFest* will feature earth-friendly crafts, chemistry demos,

zookeeper talks and more. Join the Zoo's Green Team at the Green Games Gallery and enjoy earth-friendly activities, games and a community art project highlighting plastics in the environment. The event will also include exhibits by local conservation groups and artists providing tips and goods for keeping our planet a healthy place to live.

## E.L. Johnson Nature Center Volunteer Stewardship Day



**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**9 am – 12 pm**

**E.L. Johnson Nature Center of Bloomfield Hills**

**3325 Franklin Road**

**Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302**

The Nature Center will be hosting a variety of clean-up, fix-up, and planting projects to improve its grounds. This is also our designated "Rouge Rescue Day" in cooperation with Friends of the Rouge and Bloomfield Township. We are the E.L. Johnson Nature Center, operated by Bloomfield Hills Schools, located at 3325 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills. All ages welcome but elementary ages need to be supervised by an adult. We request a call in advance so projects can be planned accordingly at 248-341-6487.

For more information, please visit [www.naturecenter.bloomfield.org](http://www.naturecenter.bloomfield.org).

## The Ford House: Welcome Back Birds



EDSEL & ELEANOR FORD HOUSE

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**8 am – 1 pm**

**Edsel & Eleanor Ford House**

**1100 Lake Shore Road**

**Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236**

**\$12 non-member, \$10 member, children 2 and under free**

Celebrate Spring and the return of our feathered friends with a day filled with bird-themed activities on the grounds of the estate! Scheduled activities include crafts and hands-on learning experiences, guided bird walks, a Peregrine recovery discussion, birds of prey demonstrations, and a presentation on warblers. The event is rain or shine. Ticket sales are final. Tickets are \$12 non-members, \$10 members, children 2 and under are free.

There will be lots of hands-on and learning fun activities for the whole family, including making a sun-catcher to take home to help protect birds!

## Heritage Park Earth Day 2017

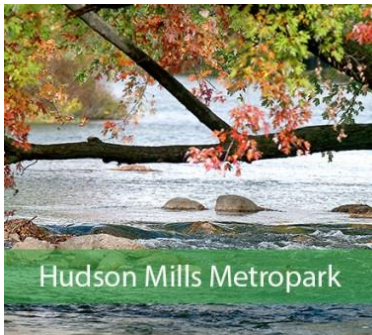


**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Celebration – Picnic in the Park**  
**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**  
**12 pm – 2 pm**  
**24915 Farmington Road**  
**Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

Celebrate Earth Day at Heritage Park! There will be exhibits, live music, hayrides (the first 50 are free between 12 - 12:30 pm), face painting and crafts, live STEM experiments, native plants and seedling giveaway, archery, public art project, and food trucks! No registration required. Just show up!

For more information: 248-477-1135 or [www.sustainablefh.com](http://www.sustainablefh.com)

## Hudson Mills Events



**Girl Scout Juniors: Animal Habitats**  
**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**10 am – 12 pm**  
**Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center**  
**8801 N. Territorial Road**  
**Dexter, MI 48130**  
**\$5 admission**

Juniors, find out if you could live in a beaver lodge or bird nest. Explore and learn about the animals that make Hudson Mills their home. Play games, do hands on activities and build an animal home of your own! All requirements will be met for this badge. Please preregister, 734-426-8211.

**Girl Scout Juniors: Camper**  
**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**1 pm – 3pm**  
**Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center**  
**8801 N. Territorial Road**

**Dexter, MI 48130**  
**\$5 admission**

Juniors, get ready to go camping! Learn what to pack for your trip and try out some new camping skills. Most requirements will be met. Please preregister, 734-426-8211.

**Cub Scout Bears: Furs, Feathers and Ferns**

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**1 pm – 3 pm**

**Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center**

**8801 N. Territorial Road**

**Dexter, MI 48130**

**\$5 admission**

Bears, explore, observe and get to know the plants and animals of Hudson Mills. Please preregister, 734-426-8211.

## Indian Springs Metropark Events



**Boy Scout Merit Badge “Sustainability”**

**Saturdays, April 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**10 am – 4 pm**

**Indian Springs Metro Park**

**Environmental Discovery Center**

**5175 Indian Trail**

**White Lake, MI 48386**

**\$18/scout. Vehicle entry pass is required (\$10/daily;  
\$35/annual)**

This is a two-part event. Part one of the merit badge event will be held on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> with part two of the event being held on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Located at the Environmental Discovery Center and taught by a certified merit badge counselor. Prerequisites will be provided to registrants before the program date. Please pre-register. It is \$18/scout for the event (includes both days). A vehicle entry pass is required to enter all metro parks, \$10/daily; \$35/annual.

For additional information or to register for the program, please call 248-625-7280. For general information about the park, please call 248-625-6640.

### **Turtles, Toads & Salamanders Hike**

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**1 pm – 3 pm**

**Indian Springs Metro Park**

**5175 Indian Trail**

**White Lake, MI 48386**

**\$5/adult and \$3/child. Vehicle entry pass is required (\$10/daily; \$35/annual)**

The Turtles, Toads & Salamanders Hike is a great opportunity to learn more about these neat little animals while also enjoying a guided hike in your local park. Hikers will meet at the Environmental Discover Center inside the park. Please pre-register. Admission is \$5/adult and \$3/child. A vehicle entry pass is required to enter all metro parks, \$10/daily; \$35/annual.

For additional information or to register for the program, please call 248-625-7280. For general information about the park, please call 248-625-6640.

## **Kensington Metropark Events**



### **Fun on the Farm: Spring Babies**

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**10 am**

**Kensington Metropark Farm Center**

**4570 Huron River Pkwy**

**Milford, MI 48380**

**\$5 admission**

This program is especially for the little ones. We will have a story time, a craft, and an activity. The children will have the opportunity to learn about birthdays and meet our new farm babies.

### **Spring Festival**

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

**12 pm – 4 pm**

**Kensington Metropark Farm Center**

**4570 Huron River Pkwy**

**Milford, MI 48380**

Enjoy a fun filled weekend of activities for the whole family. This two day event centers on shearing the farm's flock of sheep. Tour the farm and see our spring babies. Take a hayride (Standard public hayride rates apply). Be entertained by Roscoe the Clown. Kensington Living History Village will be open, showcasing early pioneer skills. Come out to see these and other family-friendly demonstrations and activities we have planned!

**Owl Prowl**  
**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**8 pm – 10 pm**  
**Kensington Metropark Nature Center**  
**4570 Huron River Pkwy**  
**Milford, MI 48380**  
**\$5 admission**

An indoor program will introduce you to the common owls of our area, then enjoy an evening stroll and search for nocturnal animals under the stars. Ages 8 and older. Please preregister, 810-227-8917.

**Boy Scouts: Bird Study Merit Badge**  
**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**8 am – 12 pm**  
**Kensington Metropark Nature Center**  
**4570 Huron River Pkwy**  
**Milford, MI 48380**  
**\$15 admission**

This two-day workshop will introduce scouts to some birding basics. Scouts must attend the May Bird Count on May 6, at 7 a.m. Bring binoculars. Please preregister, 810-227-8917.

## Lake Erie Metropark Events



**Earth Day Everyday: Composting**  
**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Lake Erie Marshlands Museum**  
**32481 W. Jefferson**  
**Brownstown, MI 48173**  
**\$5 per adult; \$3 per child**

Want to make some nutrient-rich soil that fuels your plant's growth while helping to reduce waste? Then this is the program for you. Learn about simple methods for composting and discover some of its benefits. Please preregister. \$5 per adult; \$3 per child.

**Earth Day Everyday: Messing with Microbeads**  
**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**10 a.m.**

**Lake Erie Marshlands Museum  
32481 W. Jefferson  
Brownstown, MI 48173  
\$5 per adult; \$3 per child**

Microbeads are found in all sorts of products nowadays. Unfortunately, these small, plastic beads are having a tremendous negative effect on the environment. Learn where microbeads are utilized and how they are turning up in places they should not be. Please preregister. \$5 per adult; \$3 per child.

**Earth Day Everyday: Loading up on Nutrients**

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**2 p.m.**

**Lake Erie Marshlands Museum  
32481 W. Jefferson  
Brownstown, MI 48173  
\$5 per adult; \$3 per child**

Nitrogen, phosphorus and sulfur are important environmental elements. However, some of our activities are causing huge build-ups of these nutrients; bringing them to near toxic levels. Discover how this is occurring and some simple fixes to this issue. Please preregister. \$5 per adult; \$3 per child.

**Shoreline Clean-up**

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

**10 a.m.**

**Lake Erie Marshlands Museum  
32481 W. Jefferson  
Brownstown, MI 48173**

Help keep Lake Erie Metropark clean, and the shoreline along the Detroit River and Lake Erie beautiful. Please preregister. Admission is free.

**MSU Tollgate Annual Earth Day Event**



**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

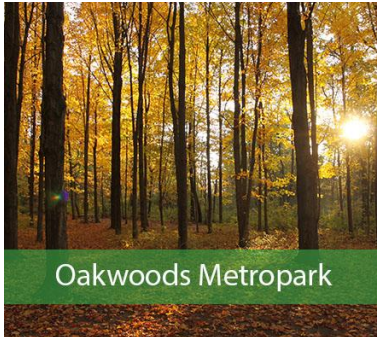
**9 am – 11 am**

**Michigan State University Extension Tollgate  
28115 Meadowbrook Road  
Novi, MI 48377**

In celebration of Earth Day, MSU Tollgate hosts an annual event, celebrated each year in April. In partnership with MSU Extension Tollgate, working in the Harvest Garden.

For more information, please call 248-347-3860 or email [tollgate@anr.msu.edu](mailto:tollgate@anr.msu.edu).

## Oakwoods Metropark Earth Day Clean-up



**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**  
**10 am**  
**Oakwoods Nature Center**  
**32911 Willow Road**  
**New Boston, MI 48164**

Help us in our attempt to keep Oakwoods clean and beautiful by tidying up the park. A free lunch for participants will be served afterward. Please preregister. Free admission.

## Rochester MI Earth Day Fest



**Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 through Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
**Fri 4 pm – 8 pm, Sat 10am – 6 pm, Sun 10 am – 4 am**  
**Third & Water Streets (Rochester, MI)**

The MI Earth Day Fest is one of the planet's largest and liveliest Earth Day celebrations. This high-profile community event highlights the efforts of area businesses and community organizations to Make Earth Day Matter. Bring your friends and family to downtown Rochester April 21-23, 2017 to...

Shop:

- Dozens of green/wellness products, services & program exhibits
- Displays of vehicles & renewable energy systems
- Food & Farm areas with local & organic products & food service
- Free samples, giveaways and show specials



Learn:

- Presentations by experts and community leaders
- Connect Cafe with non-commercial displays and roundtable discussions to promote networking and community-building
- Wellness programs and services including free yoga, massage & health screenings

Celebrate!

- Dance and live music entertainment
- Whole Kids Korner with rock wall climb, straw bale maze, arts & crafts, and other fun activities
- Special events including a Kickoff Ceremony highlighted by MI Green Hall of Fame Awards & My Green Schools Art Awards
- Door prizes & contests

Admission is free. For directions and more information, please visit [www.migreenteam.com/miedf](http://www.migreenteam.com/miedf).

## Rotary Park Events



**Arbor Day 2017**  
**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**9 am – 11 am**  
**Rotary Park**  
**22220 Roethel Drive**  
**Novi, MI 48375**

Arbor Day is an annual celebration encouraging planting and caring for trees. Help celebrate by planting, mulching, and weeding!

For more information please visit: [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or call Wendy Duvall at (248) 347-0400.

**River Day 2017**  
**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**  
**9 am – 11 am**  
**Rotary Park**  
**22220 Roethel Drive**  
**Novi, MI 48375**

Novi's stewardship work day is a great opportunity to give back to your community and the environment by volunteering to improve your local Rotary Park. All events are rain or shine. Hand tools and shovels recommended; gloves are supplied. No pre-registration required.

For more information please visit: [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or call Wendy Duvall at (248) 347-0400

Organization: City of Novi

## Royal Oak Farmers Market Earth Day Celebration



**Saturday, April 22nd, 2017**

**7 am – 1 pm**

**Royal Oak Farmers Market**

**316 E 11 Mile Road**

**Royal Oak, MI 48067**

The family-friendly celebration, sponsored by the Royal Oak Advisory Board, is located on the market's west porch.

Get expert advice about green living from representatives of the Clinton River Watershed Council, Humane Voters of Michigan/Mercy for Animals, Royal Oak Nature Society, Michigan State Extension Service and the Sierra Club "Ready for 100" campaign.

Activities include:

- Discover how planting a vegetable garden absorbs storm water and improves the environment.
- Learn which native plants need the least water and require little or no fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides.
- Learn how to power your home with solar panels.
- Get a sneak peek of Royal Oak's new 65-gallon recycling cart as the city prepares to shift to single stream recycling.
- Purchase rain barrels for just \$60 and capture soft water for your plants while preventing storm water runoff from overloading our sewer system. (To guarantee a rain barrel please visit <http://www.mirainbarrel.com/signup> and preorder.)
- Did you know that Curious George recycles? A representative from the Royal Oak Public Library will be on hand to explain how and why.
- Kids will enjoy recycling-themed games and prizes, courtesy of the City of Royal Oak employee Green Team.

For more information please visit [romi.gov/earthday](http://romi.gov/earthday) or follow the Royal Oak Advisory Board at [romi.gov/roeab](http://romi.gov/roeab).

## St. Clair County Earth Fair



**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Friday 9 am – 4 pm & Saturday 10 am – 4 pm**  
**Goodells County Park**  
**8345 County Park Drive,**  
**Goodells, MI 48027**

Visit St. Clair County's largest and liveliest Earth Day celebration! This two-day extravaganza highlights the efforts of dozens of area businesses, local organizations, and non-profits to make going green eco-easy. Through a combination of artisans, demonstrations, exhibits, workshops and activities Earth Fair focuses on raising the awareness level and capacity of environmental stewards from young to old. Earth Fair empowers and inspires citizens to make decisions in healthy alternatives in food, energy, transportation, home, garden and more. Plan on starting early for a fun-filled day at Earth Fair!

For more information about Earth Fair, please visit: <http://www.earthdayfair.com/>  
Or contact us at 810-987-5306 or [earthfair@stclaircounty.org](mailto:earthfair@stclaircounty.org)

## Stage Nature Center: Bats of the World

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**3 pm – 4 pm**  
**Stage Nature Center**  
**6685 Coolidge Highway**  
**Troy, MI 48098**  
**\$10 per person; \$8 per member**

Step into the exciting and mysterious world of bats as we become "Bat Certified" with the Organization for Bat Conservation. Explore the importance of bats, habitat, conservation and the amazing adaptations bats have to navigate their nocturnal lifestyle. Meet live bats from North and South America and Africa - some with nearly a three-foot wingspan!

This is a family program; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Each person participating must enroll and pay the fee.

Ages: 4-Adult

For more information, call 248-688-9703.