



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT HARTWICK PINES STATE PARK April 25, 2009

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

10:30am and 12:30pm -- Birding Hike Along the Old-Growth Trail

Location: Meet at the back deck of the visitor center

Program Duration: Approx. 1 hour; 1 mile walk

Walk with an experienced birder along the Old-Growth Trail and learn how to be a successful birder. A variety of birds can be found (and heard) along the Old-Growth Trail. How many can you find?

12pm -- Animal Soup: the Wildlife Quiz

Location: Back deck of the visitor center (weather permitting)

Program Duration: Approx. 1/2 hour

Test your knowledge of the wildlife in Michigan. Craig, the park interpreter, invites kids (and adults) to use their sense of touch to determine the animal they are handed.

2pm -- Birding Along the Au Sable Trail

Location: Meet at the visitor center front desk

Program Duration: Approx. 2 hours; 3-1/2 mile hike

This guided hike along the Au Sable Trail invites you to take in the beauty of spring migration. You'll hear (and hopefully see) a variety of warblers, sparrows and thrushes. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes for the trail is not paved and over three miles long.

ALL-DAY ACTIVITIES

Birdhouse Plans

Visitor center classroom. Take home birdhouse and bat box plans

Scavenger Hunt

Visitor center classroom. Take a walk around Hartwick Pines State Park on your own to discover things that help make a forest an exciting and wonderful place to visit. Or take one of the sheets home and have a scavenger hunt in a forest near your home.

Coloring Pages

Visitor center classroom. Express your artistic talent by picking from a variety of coloring pages. You may take your artwork home or leave it for the staff to display on the walls of the classroom.