



**Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Marketing and Outreach Division**

**WATERLOO RECREATION AREA-EDDY DISCOVERY CENTER
SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2017**

Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.
Gerald Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. (734)475-3170.
An \$11 annual Recreation Passport is required for entry in the Waterloo Recreation Area

Portage Lake BB Gun Shoot. Saturday, September 2, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Visit the NWTF shooting range and shoot a BB Gun with the Waterloo Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. **This program will be held at the Day Use Area of the Portage Lake Unit, 11700 Seymour Rd, Grass Lake, MI 49240.* Cost: Free.

Portage Lake Turkey Hunting Clinic. Saturday, September 2, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Beginner clinic for hunting wild turkey with the Waterloo Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. **This program will be held at the Day Use Area of the Portage Lake Unit, 11700 Seymour Rd, Grass Lake, MI 49240.* Cost: Free.

Arrows Away. Saturday, September 9, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Michigan Trails Week: Hike Around Mill Lake. Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. Take a guided hike with a naturalist around Mill Lake, through oak-hickory forest, wetlands, the historic Mill Lake camp, and back to the Discovery Center. Approximately a 3 mile hike on uneven terrain. 1.5 hours. Cost: Free.

Habitats of the World. Sunday, September 17, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Binder Park Zoomobile will bring live animal ambassadors from rainforests, deserts, grasslands and mountains for this entertaining family program. Discover the wonders of the world's diverse habitats as you learn how these animals survive there. Advance registration required at 734-475-3170.

After School Archery 6 Week Series. Tuesdays, September 19 through October 24, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn to shoot archery following the skills and drills taught through USA archery, while practicing tracking and hunting with Explore Bowhunting Curriculum. Age 8 and up. Parents must call and register. (734)475-3170. Equipment provided. Cost: Free.

Arrows Away. Saturday, September 23, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Fall Mushroom Search. Sunday, September 24, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come search the woods to find and collect fall mushrooms! Afterwards, mushroom expert Phil Tedeschi will talk about what you have collected and identify those that are edible. Bring a basket or paper bag and waxed paper for collecting. **Limited to 30 people.* Advance registration required at 734-475-3170.

Arrows Away. Saturday, September 30, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Seven Outdoor Skills Everyone Should Know! Sunday, October 1 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sure, your iPhone has an app for everything, and you won't get lost using your GPS. But what if your batteries die? In this hands-on workshop, Meg Gower and Ryan Dibble will show you ways to navigate, as well as basic survival skills. Learn how to make fire without matches, build a shelter, locate water, signal, and more. Aimed at ages 10 to adult. Advance registration required at 734-375-3170, as this program is limited to 25 people.

Arrows Away. Saturday, October 7, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.



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Self-guided Fall Color and Sandhill Crane Tour. Beginning October 8, visitors may pick up free maps to the best fall color routes and crane viewing areas around the Waterloo Recreation Area. Large numbers of Sandhill Cranes can be seen in parts of the Waterloo Recreation Area through late November. A film "The Sandhill Crane Story" will be shown on request.

Apple Cider Pressing. Saturday, October 14, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Become part of the process from start to finish, with lots of family time and great cider! Cost: Free.

Arrows Away. Saturday, October 14, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Make your own Bird or Bat House. Sunday, October 15, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Do you want to encourage birds to nest in your yard next spring or bats to eat the mosquitoes? In this hands-on session, Capt. Jeff Porter will help you build a house for either birds or bats, using pre-cut, recycled wood. Limited to 20 houses, so sign up early and specify the kind of house you want to make. Cost: Wren - \$10, Bluebird - \$12, Bat - \$16. Advance registration required at 734-475-3170.

Hike to Hickory Hills. Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m. This 5 mile hike over rugged terrain follows glacial topography through an old golf course, beside Crooked Lake and along the Waterloo-Pinckney Trail. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Approximately 2 hours. Cost: Free.

Alligators and Their Kin. Sunday, October 22, 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. Join us for an exciting, hands-on presentation of live animals from the Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary. Learn about the characteristics, abilities and habitats of alligators and other reptiles and amphibians as you observe these creatures up close. Advance registration required at 734-475-3170 with choice of program time.

Apple Cider Pressing. Saturday, October 28, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Become part of the process from start to finish, and great cider! Cost: Free.

Arrows Away. Saturday, October 28, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Sandhill Crane Tour. Sunday, October 29, 2 p.m. Local expert Bill Wells will show a film about Sandhill Cranes and then lead a driving tour to view them in fields around the Waterloo Recreation Area. Visitors can expect to see large flocks of these magnificent birds at close range. Bring binoculars and cameras.

Call of the Wild. Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Find out how animals communicate and practice talking to Michigan wildlife with yelps, grunts, rattles, and squeals. Cost: Free.

Camouflage Games. Saturday, November 11, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Learn about the animal adaptation of camouflage. Wear your favorite camo gear and prepare to compete in hide and seek games for prizes. Cost: Free

Hike a 1000 foot Esker in Waterloo. Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m. This 1.5 mile hike over rugged terrain follows glacial topography to a view on top of the park! It is possible to see 5 bodies of water from this vantage point. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Approximately 1.5 hours. Cost: Free.

Michigan Birds of Prey. Sunday, November 12, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Survival at its finest! Francie Krawcke of Michigan Avian Experience will bring a bald eagle along with other raptors to reveal their remarkable survival adaptations and behaviors. In addition to seeing these magnificent birds, you will have the opportunity to feel feathers and explore bird skulls, feet, and bones. Advance registration required along with your choice of program time at 734-475-3170.

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