



## FALL 2010 PROGRAMS

Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center  
34270 County Road 652 ~ Mattawan, MI 49071



**THE BIG SIT! BIRD-A-THON** Sunday, Oct. 10, 8 – 10 a.m. & 4 – 6 p.m. Join the Audubon Society of Kalamazoo and birders from across North America that will be out sitting and watching, trying to record as many species as possible. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair and to dress for the weather. If you have them, bring your binoculars, scopes and field guides. We will have some on hand for those without. Meet at the large white tent behind the Visitor Center at the starting time for a guided walk to the observation deck.

**FALL FISHING DAY** Saturday, Oct. 16 at 8, 9 and 10 a.m. Catch and release fishing for youth; All equipment is provided and pre-registration is required. 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. slots are open to youth ages 6 – 16 and the 9 a.m. slot is open to our *Little Minnows*, ages 3 – 5.

**FALL COLOR WALKS** Saturday October 16, 23 and 30 at 3 p.m. Take a gentle stroll with us and enjoy the beautiful fall season! Learn why trees change color in the fall, see common Michigan tree species and learn how to identify them.

**OWL PROWL** Saturday, October 23 at 7 p.m. Join us to learn about the amazing owl! Participants will learn how owls hear a mouse beneath the snow, how they capture their prey, and what their habitat requirements are. We will take a walk through the woods in an attempt to hear and see owls that live on the grounds of the fish hatchery. The Visitor Center will be open shortly before and shortly after the program.

**BIRDS FOR BEGINNERS** Saturday, October 30 at 9 a.m. The hatchery grounds are one of the best places in the area to see waterfowl and other birds. Bring your binoculars, scopes and field guides if you have them. We will have some on hand for those without. Waterfowl are great for those just learning how to bird due to their large size!

**NATURE STORIES \*NEW\***; *Mrs. Redwing's Speckled Eggs* on Saturday, November 6 at 10 a.m., *The Tale of Tommy Trout* on Saturday, November 20 at 10 a.m., *Spotty the Turtle Wins a Race* on Saturday, January 8 at 10 a.m., and *Jerry Muskrats Party* on Saturday, January 22 at 10 a.m. Join Interpreter Mike as he shares the tales of renowned author Thornton Burgess about animals, their habits and habitats. Best suited for youngsters 7 – 11 years of age but welcome to all.

**FLY TYING 101** Saturday, November 6 and 20 at 1 p.m. Learn the basics of tying flies. All practice materials will be provided. Class size is limited for each session. Preregistration is required. Program is recommended for persons 8 years of age and up. Sessions will be approximately 1.5 hours in length.

**HATCHERY TOURS, SEPT. – OCT AND FIRST 3 WEEKENDS IN NOV.** Weekdays: By special reservation only; Saturday; 10 & 11 a.m., 1, 2 & 3 p.m.; Sunday; 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. tours last approximately 30 minutes.

**Program Notes:** Unless otherwise noted, programs are one hour in length, offered FREE of charge and open to all ages and skill levels. The walks are not strenuous and are approximately one mile or less. Be sure to dress warm and wear comfortable shoes.

**For more information, contact the Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center**  
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