



Mitchell State Park / Hunting & Fishing Center

Programs June 30 – July 6, 2025

Monday 6/30

Tuesday 7/1

Wednesday 7/2

Thursday 7/3

Friday 7/4

Saturday 7/5

Sunday 7/6

Fire Bug

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Join us at the Visitor Center to learn how to start a fire without matches.

Compass Course

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Learn how to use a compass and see if you can navigate our course! Meet at the Visitor Center.

Hunter Ed Field Day

12:30 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

Obtain your hunter safety certificate! Students must pre-register for this event.



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Prior to this event, students must complete either the:

- online self-paced course;
- or
- take-home study book.

Students may pick-up the manual at our visitor center.

Salamander Safari

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Learn how to identify different salamander species! Program includes a hike on the Heritage Trail. Meet at the visitor center.

Backyard Bass: Casting Fun!

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Join us on Lake Cadillac at the campground boat launch for casting games! Young anglers will learn how to safely cast using plastic fish, and practice using a fishing guide. It's a perfect way to get young children hooked on fishing!

DIY Tackle Craft!

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Make your own fishing lure! All supplies provided; craft a lure you can use on your next fishing adventure. Meet in the visitor center.

Wellness Hike

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Join our rangers for an informal hike along Lake Cadillac. We'll chat about wildlife & local activities! Meet by the kayak launch in the campground.

Did you know...

fishing rods, binoculars, and wildlife-themed reference books are available for loan. Stop by the Visitor Center for details!

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Bullseye Basics

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Step up to the line and take your best shot! Learn archery basics as you aim for the bullseye with provided bows, arrows, and targets. **Ages 10+.** Read below – close-toed shoes required.

Family Fishing

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Meet at the visitor center to fish the canal. Perfect for beginners of all ages no gear or experience needed!

Archery Challenge!

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Test your skills and have some fun out on the archery range! Bows, arrows and targets are provided. Meet at the visitor center. Ages 10+.

Art Time: Print a t-shirt!

3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Make your own artwork using our paper or a tee or bandana that you supply! Paint & wildlife molds provided. Select from animal tracks, fish, insects, flowers and more! Meet under the archery pavilion by the visitor center.

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Pellet Gun Shooting

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Join us at the range to test your shooting skills with a pellet gun. Guns, ammo & targets are provided. Must be on time for safety briefing. Ages 10+.

Soaring Eagles!

6:00 p.m.

Celebrate July 4th by learning about our country's national symbol! See replica bald eagle eggs, skull and talon while learning their true conservation success story! Meet at the camp host pavilion.

Wilderness Survival Games

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Test your skills in archery, orienteering, and fire-starting in this family-friendly challenge! All materials provided; meet at the visitor center.

Live Animal Presentation

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Meet Rosie and her owl, hawk, and mammal friends!

Presentation provided by the A.R.K. wildlife rehabilitation & education center in St. Helen, MI.

Meet at the Visitor Center classroom. *Made possible by Friends of Mitchell State Park.*

Owl Pellet Dissection

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Wonder what owls eat for dinner? Find out as you dissect an owl pellet! Fun for all ages. Meet under the archery pavilion. Register at the visitor center before 4 pm to join!

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Archery 101

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Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Programs and events

July 7 – July 13, 2025


[Michigan.gov/NatureProgram](https://michigan.gov/NatureProgram)

Monday 7/7	Tuesday 7/8	Wednesday 7/9	Thursday 7/10	Friday 7/11	Saturday 7/12	Sunday 7/13
<p>Visitor Center Hours: <i>Monday-Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.</i></p> <p><u>Sparking Success: Ferro Rod Challenge</u> 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Ready to learn a vital outdoor skill that can provide warmth, security, and the ability to cook in the wild? Meet at the visitor center to accept the challenge!</p> <p><u>Pellet Gun Shooting</u> 11:00 – 1:45 p.m. Join us at the range to test your shooting skills with a pellet gun. Guns, ammo & targets are provided. Must be on time for safety briefing. Ages 10+.</p> <p><u>Bullseye Blast!</u> 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Learn basic archery skills. Bows, arrows and targets are provided. Meet at the visitor center. Ages 10+.</p>	<p><u>Salamander Safari</u> 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Learn how to identify different salamander species! Program includes a hike on the Heritage Trail. Meet at the visitor center.</p> <p><u>Family Fishing</u> 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Meet at the visitor center to fish the canal. Perfect for beginners of all ages no gear or experience needed!</p> <p><u>Discovery Table: Fish of Lake Cadillac</u> 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Join us by the campground boat launch to learn more about common fish of the lake, where they're likely to be found. (Not a camper? Visitor parking is available in the Day Use and visitor center lots.)</p>	<p><u>Wellness Hike</u> 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Join our rangers for an informal hike along Lake Cadillac. We'll chat about wildlife & local activities! Meet by the kayak launch in the campground. (Not a camper? Visitor parking is available in the Day Use and visitor center lots.)</p> <p><u>Pellet Gun Shooting</u> 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Join us at the range to test your shooting skills with a pellet gun. Guns, ammo & targets are provided. Must be on time for safety briefing. Ages 10+.</p> <p><u>Bullseye Basics</u> 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Step up to the line and take your best shot! Learn archery basics as you aim for the bullseye with provided bows, arrows, and targets. 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Meet at the visitor center.</p> <p><u>Bullseye Blast!</u> 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Learn basic archery skills. Bows, arrows and targets are provided. Meet at the visitor center. Ages 10+.</p> <p><u>Discovery Table: Insect Explorations!</u> 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Join us by the fire ring at the east end of the canal to get an up-close view of some of the park's smallest wildlife! (Not a camper? Visitor parking is available in the Day Use and visitor center lots.)</p> <p><i>Did you know... fishing rods, binoculars, and wildlife-themed reference books are available for loan. Stop by the Visitor Center for details!</i></p>	<p><u>Campfire Cooking</u> 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Meet in the campground by the camp host pavilion. Learn the art of roasting delicious food over a campfire! (Not a camper? Visitor parking is available in the Day Use and visitor center lots.)</p> <p><u>Archery Challenge!</u> 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Test your skills and have some fun out on the archery range! Bows, arrows and targets are provided. Meet at the visitor center. Ages 10+.</p> <p><u>Fly Fishing Seminar</u> 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Are you ready to cast your line into the world of fly fishing? Join us for an exciting and educational day at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center, where instructors will guide you through the essentials of fly fishing in a fun and interactive environment. Cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Pre-registration required; see QR code for details.</p> 	<p><u>Family Fishing</u> 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Meet at the visitor center to fish the canal. Perfect for beginners of all ages no gear or experience needed!</p> <p><u>Get Wild with Wolves</u> 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Join us for some howling good fun! Learn about wolf behavior and lifestyle. Meet at the campground boat launch on Lake Cadillac. (Visitor parking available at the visitor center or Day Use area.)</p> <p><u>Hive Minds: Intermediate Beekeeping</u> 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Deepen your understanding of honeybee anatomy and biology! This class focuses on bee health and effective summer hive management. Prior bee knowledge required. Cost is \$40, and includes lunch. Pre-registration required; see QR code for details.</p>

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