



# Programs & Events Spring 2026

## Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center

### Hours of Operation

Open Saturday and Sunday  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Memorial  
Day.

### Eddy Discovery Center

Waterloo Recreation Area  
17030 Bush Road  
Chelsea, MI 48118

**All programs are outside but will meet at the Discovery Center Lobby. Restrooms are available. A Recreation Passport is required for entry.**

### Spring Awake!

May 2, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Spring is awake, get out on the trail and explore the blooming life in Waterloo. Follow the Oakwoods trail to discover the varying habitat all around.

### Conservation Workday: Garlic Mustard Pull

Help us remove garlic mustard that threatens to take over McClure Woods. We will be walking down McClure Road removing garlic mustard along the roadside. Park at the DTE McLure Rd Parking lot.

To register follow the link below: <https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/vm/events/16>.

### Spring Flora Ramble

May 3, 2026, 2 – 4 p.m.

Join Naturalist Robert Ayotte for a tour of Discovery Center Trails and the boardwalk at the Cedar Lake poor fen. We'll start at the Discovery Center and walk about 2.5 miles on flat to gently rolling trails. Wear appropriate footwear if it's wet. Bring your loupe (hand lens). Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. Please register for this program by emailing [waterloonha@gmail.com](mailto:waterloonha@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and number of people attending. \*\*\*Program limited to 15 participants.\*\*\*

### Forest of Friends: A Tree Hike

May 9, 2026, 1 p.m.

Embark on a hike with the Park Interpreter to discover the trees around while creating a tree ID guide.

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## **Mindfulness Hike**

May 16, 2026, 1 p.m.

Join the Park Interpreter and explore Waterloo's trails while learning how to examine things closely and slow your mind.

## **Michigan Birds of Prey**

May 17, 2026, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Francie Krawcke of Michigan Avian Experience will bring live raptors to demonstrate their remarkable survival adaptations and behaviors. Enjoy a close-up look at these magnificent birds. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. Please register for this program by emailing [waterloonha@gmail.com](mailto:waterloonha@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and number of people attending.

## **ONCE IN A BLUE MOON**

May 31, 2026, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Meg Gower, author of two children's books about the Moon, leads this interactive program suitable for all ages. Using models and other tactile materials participants will learn about our closest celestial neighbor. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. Please register for this program by emailing [waterloonha@gmail.com](mailto:waterloonha@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and number of people attending.

## **Beginning Birding**

June 7, 2026, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Join Michigan Master Naturalist & Haehnle Sanctuary Chairman Steve Jerant for an introductory-level birdwatching event. Don't have binoculars? No problem! Jackson Audubon is providing several pairs of binoculars to loan for the walk. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. Please register for this program by emailing [waterloonha@gmail.com](mailto:waterloonha@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and number of people attending. \*\*\*Program limited to 15 participants.\*\*\*

## **Michigan Snakes Alive**

June 14, 2026, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Nature Discovery will present live specimens of up to eight species of Michigan native snakes while disseminating facts that serve to quell misunderstanding and ambivalence. Audience members are given up close encounters amid discussion that includes identification tips, habitats, preferred prey and issues related to the survival of species found in your neighborhood and around the state. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. Please register for this program by emailing [waterloonha@gmail.com](mailto:waterloonha@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and number of people attending.

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