



# Programs & Events August 2024

## Upper Peninsula Pocket Park

Hours of Operation: Wednesday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. E.S.T

DNR Pocket Park, 2401 12<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Escanaba, MI 49829

Located within the U.P State Fair Grounds.

### **Let's Go Fishing!**

Wednesday - Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. E.S.T

Come fishing at our pond stocked with over 1,000 Blue Gill. We provide poles and have friendly staff on hand to assist with catching and handling fish. Whether you're a novice or an experienced angler, everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Please help support our local bait shops and bring your own bait.

Cost: Free | All Ages

### **Test Your Skills: Archery Target Practice**

Wednesday - Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. E.S.T

Join us at the Pocket Park Archery Range for two hours of archery practice. Equipment and guidance will be provided, suitable for beginners and experienced archers.

Cost: Free | 4+

### **Test Your Skills: Pellet Gun Target Practice**

Wednesday - Sunday: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. E.S.T

Head over to the Pocket Park Pellet Range for two hours of pellet gun practice. All necessary equipment will be provided. See if you can get a Bullseye!

Cost: Free | Ages 4+

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All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

## **“The Dust Bunnies” Band at Pocket Park**

Friday, August 2, – 6:00 p.m. E.S.T

Enjoy live music by "The Dust Bunnies" at Pocket Park. The Dust Bunnies are an indie rock band consisting of four people. Bring your friends and family for a relaxing evening of music in the park.

Cost: Free | All Ages

## **Intro to Nature Photography**

Saturday, August 3, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. E.S.T

Capture the beauty of nature through your lens in this introductory photography workshop at Pocket Park. Bring a phone or camera to test your skills.

Cost: Free | Ages 5+

## **History of Archery**

Sunday, August 4, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. E.S.T

Since the Stone Age, archery has evolved from an instrument of survival to a recreational sport, all the while drastically altering the cultures of populations that use it. Try your hand at this ancient sport and connect with its history all in one program.

Cost: Free | All Ages

## **Nature Journaling**

Saturday, August 10, 1:00 – 2:00 pm E.S.T

Learn the art of nature journaling in this creative workshop. Capture your observations of the natural world around Pocket Park.

Cost: Free | All Ages

## **Intro to Birding**

Sunday, August 11, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. E.S.T

Michigan’s rich wildlife includes hundreds of beautiful birds. Get introduced to some of the most common species in the area and learn how to bird on your own!

Cost: Free | All Ages

## **U.P. State Fair**

Monday, August 12 through Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. E.S.T

Cost: Fair admission| All Ages

## **DNR Dungeons & Dragons**

Wednesday, August 21, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Embark on an epic hunting adventure with DNR Dungeons and Dragons (DND) at Pocket Park. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, come together for an afternoon of role-playing excitement.

Cost: Free | Ages 8+

## **Intro to Fishing**

Thursday, August 22, 1:00 – 2:00 pm E.S.T

Dive into fishing basics with our introductory session at Pocket Park. Learn essential gear, skills and techniques then test your knowledge in our pond.

Cost: Free | All Ages

## **Balloons Archery Defense**

Friday, August 23, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. E.S.T

Engage in a thrilling archery challenge involving balloons and targets. In this game, we try to be the last one standing while getting as many points as possible. Equipment and instructions provided.

Cost: Free | Ages 7+

## **Fur and Bone Table**

Saturday, August 24, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. E.S.T

Explore a display of fur and bone artifacts at Pocket Park, highlighting their historical and cultural significance.

Cost: Free | All Ages