



# Programs & Events June 11-15, 2024

## Gillette Visitor Center

Hours of Operation: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 12-5 p.m.

Gillette Visitor Center, P.J. Hoffmaster State Park, 6585 Lake Harbor Rd.,  
Muskegon, MI. 49441

### **Nature Discovery Table**

June 11 10 a.m.-Noon

Come see all our oddities of nature. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

### **Stream Exploration**

June 11 6 p.m.

Explore the water cycle and find stream critters. Meet @ the campground bridge.

### **Terrific Turtles**

June 12 11 a.m.

Learn about our resident turtles and their life habits. Turtle posters will be given to each participant. This program is not suitable for children under age 5. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

### **Outdoor Explorer's Hike**

June 12 6:30 p.m.

This hike is about 1.5 miles and is suitable for children and their families. Explore nature and discover all the things that make Hoffmaster State Park special. Meet @ the campground playground.

### **Species Spotlight**

June 13 10 a.m.

Today we will highlight the sea lamprey. Meet live sea lamprey and learn how they impact our Great Lakes. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

### **Vampires of Michigan**

June 13 11 a.m.

Learn all about things that sting and bite. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

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### **Nature Journaling**

June 14 10 a.m.

Create your own journal to record and draw things you observe on this short hike. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

### **Species Spotlight**

June 14 11 a.m.

Today we will highlight the Piping Plover. This program includes a make-your-own puppet. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

### **Spectacular Spiders**

June 15 10 a.m.

Learn all about spiders and meet one that is not found in Michigan. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

### **Forest Hike**

June 15 11 a.m.

Join Oscar on a forest expedition. Learn how the park manages forest pests. All ages welcome. Meet at the Park Pavilion.

**For more information on the programs above please call 231-798-3573.**



# Campground Programs & Events 2024

## Hoffmaster State Park

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June 11

**Mindfulness Hike** 10 a.m.

Soak in the forest floor through your senses (e.g. sight, smell, hearing, touch). This relaxing, slow-paced hike is a great stress reliever. Not recommended for children under 12. (Meet Sophie the interpreter at the north loop gate)

**Nature Mandala Activity** 12 p.m.

The world is your oyster... or canvas? Come and join Sophie the interpreter at the campground playground in creating a work of art using natural items to express what makes you special. Suitable for all ages.

June 12

**Nature Journal Activity** 10 a.m.

Meet Rachel the interpreter at the host site #4 to learn how to keep a nature journal. Bring a notebook or use the provided paper. Suitable for all ages.

**Meet A Tree Hike** 11 a.m.

Join Sophie the interpreter at the north loop gate for a hike to learn all about some popular trees in the park. Followed by a kid-friendly activity. Suitable for all ages.

June 13

**No morning programs.**

June 14

**Species Spotlight** 10 a.m.

Today, we will highlight the Painted Turtle. We have a live painted turtle on display with important fun facts and information. This lesson is followed by a craft. (Meet Sophie the interpreter at host site #4)

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**Salamander Observation Hunt** 11 a.m.

Meet Kelli the interpreter at the north loop gate for a hike to search for salamanders and other amphibians and reptiles. Learn about how these creatures live and interact with other species in the forest.

**All about Frogs** Noon.

Meet Rachel the interpreter at the host site #4 to learn all about frogs. Followed by an origami craft.

June 15

**Species Spotlight** 10 a.m.

Today, we will highlight the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake. Meet Rachel the interpreter at the host site 214 for some important facts and information.

**Salamander Observation Hunt** 11 a.m.

Meet Kelli the interpreter at the north loop gate for a hike to search for salamanders and other amphibians and reptiles. Learn about how these creatures live and interact with other species in the forest.

**All about Snakes** Noon

Meet Sophie the interpreter at the host site #214 to learn all about snakes. Followed by a craft.

**For more information on the programs above please call Sophie Riley Nature Awaits Interpreter at (231) 563-1696**

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