



Programs & Events

August 6 - 10, 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

Terrific Turtles

August 6, 10 a.m.

Learn about our resident turtles and their life habits. This program is not suitable for children under age 5. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

Invasives Hike

August 6, 11 a.m.

Learn all about some of the troublesome invasive species in Hoffmaster State Park. Learn how we are stopping the spread and what you can do to help. Meet @ the yellow north loop gate by trail marker #26.

Stream Exploration

August 6, 1 p.m.

Learn about and compare ecosystems in the park. Learn about the water cycle and explore the stream. Plan to get wet as we will be searching for stream animals. Meet @ the campground playground.

Tree ID Hike

August 6, 7 p.m.

Learn all about some popular trees in the park and a few invasive insects that cause problems. Suitable for all ages. Meet @campground North Loop Gate.

Arrows Away

August 7, 10 a.m.-Noon

This archery program for beginners will help you learn the parts of a bow and arrow, range safety and allow you to practice hitting the target. Must be 8 years old and above to participate. Must also be able to hold the bow and pull back the string. Meet @ the archery range next to the park office. Close-toed shoes required...no sandals. Please do not bring pets or younger siblings.

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Cold Blooded Critters

August 7, 10:30 a.m.

Learn all about our resident snakes and turtles. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

Michigan Monsters

August 7, 11 a.m.

Learn all about the myths behind Michigan's cryptids and some of the real monsters that lurk within Michigan State Parks. Meet at @the Visitor Center.

Species Spotlight

August 7, Noon

Today we highlight the Lake sturgeon. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

Bats, Bats, Bats

August 7 1 p.m.

Learn all about our only flying mammal. Make your own bat glider. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

All About Invasives

August 8, 10 a.m.

Learn what is an invasive species, how they spread, and what you can do to stop the spread. This program includes a craft. Meet @ campground host site #214.

Spectacular Spiders

August 8, 11 a.m.

Learn all about spiders and their life work. Meet a spider not found in Michigan. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

Salamander Observation Hike

August 8, 11 a.m.

Discover salamanders and other small creatures on this forest hike. Learn all about how these animals live and interact in their habitats. Meet @ the campground north loop gate.

Species Spotlight

August 8, 1 p.m.

Today we will highlight the sea lamprey. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

Invasive Invaders Discovery Table

August 9, 10 a.m.

Meet some invasives and create your own nature journal. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

Crafty Critters

August 9, 10 a.m.

Do you have a favorite butterfly, snake or other Michigan critter? Come and make crafts based on your favorite wildlife. Learn about one invasive species. Meet @ campground host site #4.

Mystery Bins

August 9, 11 a.m.

Discover what is in the nature mystery bins. Suitable for ages 5-10. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

Predators!

August 9, 1 p.m.

Enjoy our air-conditioned auditorium and see a fun movie all about predators. Meet @ the Visitor Center.

All About Frogs

August 10, 10 a.m.

Jump into the world of frogs. This program includes a fun origami craft. Meet @ campground host site #4.

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