



Programs & Events Spring 2023

Gillette Sand Dune Visitor Center

Hours of Operation: Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Gillette Visitor Center, 6585 Lake Harbor Rd., Muskegon, MI 49441

All March hikes and programs begin at the Gillette Visitor Center.

****NOTE: April programs will have a variety of meeting locations because the main road to the Visitor Center will be under construction.**

Feeding Birds

Mar. 4, 11 a.m.

Do you have a bird feeder? Would you like to learn more about feeding birds and maintaining a healthy bird feeding area? This informal, short class will cover basic bird identification, seed, basics of maintaining a bird feeding area at home, DIY bird feeders, and how to clean your feeder. **Meet at the Visitor Center.**

Farewell to Winter Walk

Mar. 11, 11 a.m.

If snow is present, this hike will be conducted with snowshoes. We will cover about 2.5 miles in one hour to search for signs of spring. This is a great time for first time visitors and those wanting to learn more about the park. **Meet at the Visitor Center.**

All Things Green and Lucky Hike

Mar. 18, 10:30 a.m.

Help us look for signs of spring. Learn about residents of the Hoffmaster woodland and see if you can spy the leprechaun. This short one-mile hike is appropriate for young children and families. **Meet at the Visitor Center.**

Species Spotlight

Mar. 25, 1 p.m.

Today we will highlight the lake sturgeon. Meet a live sturgeon up close and learn all about their life history. **Meet at the Visitor Center.**

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All programs are free unless otherwise noted; however, a Recreation Passport is required for entry to the park.



Birds of Hoffmaster State Park

Apr. 1, 10 a.m.

This is a short hike for beginning birders. We'll use binoculars to see which bird species we can find. Bring your own binoculars, or use ours. Learn how you can help birds. **Meet at the Visitor Center.**

Signs of Spring Hike

Apr. 8, 11 a.m.

This 1.5-mile, slow-paced hike will identify the many signs of spring. Learn about the dunes and how you can care for them. This hike is family friendly and suitable for children. **Meet at the campground. Park just outside the gate.**

Tax Day Hike

Apr. 15, 10 a.m.

Exercise your body to help forget and relieve the stress of tax time. **Meet at Coast Guard Park in Ferrysburg.**

Earth Day Every Day Hike

Apr. 22, 10 a.m.

This short hike will explore all the ways in which the dunes are special and how you can help protect them. **Meet at Coast Guard Park in Ferrysburg.**

Celebrate Arbor Day Hike

Apr. 29, 11 a.m.

Explore the forest community of Hoffmaster State Park and learn why it is special and the importance of the forest to birds and other wildlife. We will explore the challenges forests face with forest health and pest issues. This interactive hike will cover about 1.5 miles. **Meet at the campground north loop gate.**