

# Programs and Events MAY 25 - 31, 2025



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## YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

|  | Monday 5/26   | Wednesday 5/28  | Thursday 5/29   | Friday 5/30   |
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| <p><b>WELCOME TO YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA!</b></p> <p><b>JOIN OUR EXPLORER GUIDE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES</b></p> <p><b>KIDS BRING YOUR ADULTS</b></p> <p><b>DISCOVER NATURE!</b></p> | <p><b>DISCOVERY ON WHEELS!<br/>10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Watch for our Explorer Guide biking around our Gun Lake Campground with nature mysteries to show you!</p> <p><b>DISCOVERY ON WHEELS!<br/>2 P.M.</b></p> <p>Our Explorer Guide will be biking thru our DEEP LAKE CAMPGROUND with nature wonders for you!</p> | <p><b>MICHIGAN'S TREMENDOUS TREES!<br/>10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Red Oak, White Pine, Tulip or Beech? Hike our SASSAFRAS TRAIL to discover these Michigan giants.</p> <p><b>1 MILE HIKE MEET</b> – Gun Lake Campground office</p> <p><b>SOLAR PRINTING!<br/>2 P.M.</b></p> <p>Create your own Sun Print using flora you have found. <b>MEET</b> – Gun Lake Campground office</p> | <p><b>WETLAND WONDERS!<br/>10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Hike our Hall Lake Trail to hear frogs and songbirds. We'll see vernal ponds, ferns and wildflowers. Learn how to use Birding apps.</p> <p><b>2 MILE HIKE MEET</b>- HALL LAKE TRAILHEAD across from Long Lake Outdoor Center</p> <p><b>NATURE JOURNALS!<br/>2 P.M.</b></p> <p>Record your own nature sightings! <b>MEET</b>- Gun Lake Campground office</p> | <p><b>BOG WALK on the BOARDWALK!<br/>10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Experience the feel of walking over a BOG on our LONG LAKE BOARDWALK. We'll start out on the SASSAFRAS TRAIL and join up with our LONG LAKE TRAIL.</p> <p><b>2 MILE HIKE MEET</b>- Gun Lake Campground office</p> <p><b>HAIKU!<br/>2 P.M.</b></p> <p>Learn how to create your own nature poems! <b>MEET</b>- Gun Lake Camp office</p> |

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|  | Wednesday 6/4  | Thursday 6/5  | Friday 6/6  | Saturday 6/7  |
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| <p><b>WELCOME TO<br/>YANKEE<br/>SPRINGS<br/>RECREATION<br/>AREA!</b></p> <p><b>JOIN OUR<br/>EXPLORER<br/>GUIDE<br/>PROGRAMS<br/>FOR ALL AGES</b></p> <p><b>KIDS BRING<br/>YOUR ADULTS</b></p> <p><b>FREE FISHING<br/>WEEKEND<br/>JUNE 7 &amp; 8!</b></p> | <p><b>SUPER<br/>SNAKES!<br/>10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Is it a Blue Racer, Eastern Hognose, or Northern Water Snake? Create a snake of your own! Explore Gun Lake's shoreline to watch water snakes.</p> <p><b>1/2 MILE HIKE</b><br/>MEET- Gun Lake Campground office</p> <p><b>SUPER<br/>SNAKES!<br/>2 P.M.</b></p> <p>We'll hike out to the Deep Lake Fishing Pier. <b>1/2 MILE HIKE</b><br/>MEET- Deep Lake Boat Launch</p> | <p><b>HOOK, LINE<br/>&amp; SINKER!<br/>10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Get ready for <b>Free Fishing Weekend!</b> Learn fishing skills, practice casting &amp; GO FISHING on our exciting new FISHING PIER! Poles and bait will be provided. MEET- Gun Lake Day Use at our Fishing Pier, across the Channel from Gun Lake Campground.</p> <p><b>HOOK, LINE<br/>&amp; SINKER!<br/>2 P.M.</b></p> <p>MEET- Deep Lake Boat Launch</p> | <p><b>WHO'S<br/>HOOTING?<br/>10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl or Screech Owl? Listen to the calls of owls who live in Yankee Springs. Make an Owl of your own to hike with on our SASSAFRAS TRAIL.</p> <p><b>1 MILE HIKE</b><br/>MEET- Gun Lake Campground office</p> <p><b>WHO'S<br/>HOOTING?<br/>2 P.M.</b></p> <p>MEET- Deep Lake Boat Launch</p> <p><b>1/2 MILE HIKE</b><br/>Along the Deep Lake shoreline</p> | <p><b>EAGLES &amp;<br/>OSPREY!<br/>10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Find out all about YANKEE SPRING'S RAPTORS. What Birds of Prey live here? Can you tell the Bald Eagle from the Osprey while in flight? We'll start out on our Sassafras Trail and join up with the Long Lake Trail to hike past an Eagle Nest!</p> <p><b>3 MILE HIKE</b><br/>Meet at- Gun Lake Campground office</p> <p><b>Bring water and snacks</b></p> <p>All kids need an adult to hike with.</p> |

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# Programs and Events JUNE 8 - 14, 2025



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|  | Wednesday 6/10   | Thursday 6/11  | Friday 6/12   | Saturday 6/13  |
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| <p><b>WELCOME TO YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA!</b></p> <p><b>JOIN OUR EXPLORER GUIDE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES</b></p> <p><b>KIDS BRING YOUR ADULTS</b></p> <p><b>DISCOVER NATURE!</b></p> | <p><b>TURTLES TURTLES! 10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Red-eared slider or Spiny Soft shell? Discover Michigan turtles. Make a turtle of your own! Hike along the Gun Lake shoreline to see turtles!</p> <p><b>1 MILE HIKE</b><br/>MEET- Gun Lake Campground office</p> <p><b>DEEP LAKE TURTLES! 2 P.M.</b></p> <p>We'll hike out to the Deep Lake Fishing Pier. <b>1/2 MILE HIKE</b><br/>MEET- Deep Lake Boat Launch</p> | <p><b>HOOK, LINE &amp; SINKER! 10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Identify fish species Learn fishing skills. Practice casting &amp; GO FISHING on our exciting brand-new FISHING PIER! Poles and bait will be provided. MEET- Gun Lake Day Use at our Fishing Pier, across the Channel from Gun Lake Campground.</p> <p><b>GYOTAKU! 2 P.M.</b></p> <p>Create a fish print using this ancient Fisherman's art form !</p> | <p><b>DARTING DRAGONFLIES! 10 A.M.</b></p> <p>What happens to Dragonfly eggs when they hatch? Where do they go? Make your own Dragonfly! Hike the Gun Lake shoreline &amp; see these flying predators!</p> <p><b>1/2 MILE HIKE</b><br/>MEET- Gun Lake Campground office</p> <p><b>DEEP LAKE DRAGONS! 2 P.M.</b></p> <p>MEET- Deep Lake Boat Launch</p> <p><b>1/2 MILE HIKE</b><br/>Make a dragonfly &amp; Hike Deep Lake.</p> | <p><b>SIGN OF THE BEAVER! 10 A.M.</b></p> <p>Hike the peaceful shoreline of HALL LAKE. Watch for Beaver signs. Find out how Beavers work together as a family. Hear Frogs calling, see fish swimming and wetland wonders!</p> <p><b>3 MILE HIKE</b><br/><b>Meet HALL LAKE TRAILHEAD</b></p> <p>Across from LONG LAKE OUTDOOR CENTER</p> <p><b>Bring water and snacks</b></p> <p>All kids need an adult to hike with.</p> |

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