



# Programs and Events

## JUNE 1 - 7, 2025

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### YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

Wednesday 6/4

Thursday 6/5

Friday 6/6

Saturday 6/7

**WELCOME TO  
YANKEE  
SPRINGS  
RECREATION  
AREA!**

**JOIN OUR  
EXPLORER  
GUIDE  
PROGRAMS  
FOR ALL AGES**

**KIDS BRING  
YOUR ADULTS**

**FREE FISHING  
WEEKEND  
JUNE 7 & 8!**

**SUPER  
SNAKES!  
10 A.M.**

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.

**1/2 MILE HIKE**  
MEET- Gun Lake  
Campground office

**SUPER  
SNAKES!  
2 P.M.**

We'll hike out to the Deep Lake Fishing Pier. **1/2 MILE HIKE**  
MEET- Deep Lake  
Boat Launch

**HOOK, LINE  
& SINKER!  
10 A.M.**

Get ready for **Free Fishing Weekend!**

Learn fishing skills, practice casting & 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.

**HOOK, LINE  
& SINKER!  
2 P.M.**

MEET- Deep Lake  
Boat Launch

**WHO'S  
HOOTING?  
10 A.M.**

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.

**1 MILE HIKE**  
MEET- Gun Lake  
Campground office

**WHO'S  
HOOTING?  
2 P.M.**

MEET- Deep Lake  
Boat Launch  
**1/2 MILE HIKE**  
Along the Deep Lake  
shoreline

**EAGLES &  
OSPREY!  
10 A.M.**

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!

**3 MILE HIKE**  
Meet at- Gun Lake  
Campground office  
**Bring water and  
snacks**

All kids need an  
adult to hike with.

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## JUNE 8 - 14, 2025



### YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

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Wednesday 6/11

Thursday 6/12

Friday 6/13

Saturday 6/14

**WELCOME TO  
YANKEE  
SPRINGS  
RECREATION  
AREA!**

**JOIN IN OUR  
EXPLORER  
GUIDE  
PROGRAMS  
FOR ALL AGES**

**KIDS BRING  
YOUR ADULTS**

**DISCOVER  
NATURE!**

**TURTLES  
TURTLES!  
10 A.M.**

Red-eared slider or Spiny Soft shell? Discover Michigan turtles. Make a turtle of your own! Hike along Gun Lake shoreline to see turtles!

**1 MILE HIKE**  
MEET-Gun Lake  
Campground office

**DEEP LAKE  
TURTLES!  
2 P.M.**

We'll hike out to the Deep Lake Fishing Pier. **1/2 MILE HIKE**  
MEET- Deep Lake  
Boat Launch

**HOOK, LINE  
& SINKER!  
10 A.M.**

Identify fish species  
Learn fishing skills.  
Practice casting &  
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.

**GYOTAKU!  
2 P.M.**

Create a Fish print  
using this ancient  
Fisherman's art  
form !

**DARTING  
DRAGONFLIES!  
10 A.M.**

What happens to  
Dragonfly eggs when  
they hatch? Where  
do they go? Make  
your own Dragonfly!  
Hike Gun Lake  
shoreline & see these  
flying predators!

**1/2 MILE HIKE**  
MEET- Gun Lake  
Campground office

**DEEP LAKE  
DRAGONS!  
2 P.M.**

MEET- Deep Lake  
Boat Launch  
**1/2 MILE HIKE**  
Make a dragonfly &  
Hike DL shoreline

**SIGN OF THE  
BEAVER!  
10 A.M.**

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!

**3 MILE HIKE**  
**Meet HALL LAKE  
TRAILHEAD**

Across from LONG  
LAKE OUTDOOR  
CENTER

**Bring water and  
snacks**

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adult to hike with.

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## JUNE 15 - 21, 2025

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### YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

Wednesday 6/18

Thursday 6/19

Friday 6/20

Saturday 6/21

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YANKEE  
SPRINGS  
RECREATION  
AREA!**

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**DISCOVER  
NATURE!**

### **MAGICAL MONARCHS! 10 A.M.**

Can you spot a Monarch egg? What do they use their Proboscis for? See all the stages of the Monarch's life. Play the Nectar game. Make a BUTTERFLY of your own! MEET- Gun Lake Campground office.

### **MIGRATORY MARVELS! 2 P.M.**

Fly thru stations to see what our birds are up against! Meet Gun Lake campground office

### **HOOK, LINE & SINKER! 10 A.M.**

Identify fish species Learn fishing skills. Practice castings & 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.

### **GYOTAKU! 2 P.M.**

Create a FISH print using this ancient Fisherman's art form! MEET – Gun Lake Campground office

### **SECRETIVE SALAMANDERS 10 A.M.**

Is it a Blue-Spotted or Red-Backed Salamander? Where do they lay their eggs? Find out about the lifecycle of these fascinating creatures Hike ½ Mile into Salamander habitat! MEET- Gun Lake Campground office

### **SALAMANDER CREATIONS! 2 P.M.**

Create a Salamander of your own to take home ! MEET – Gun Lake Campground office.

### **DEVIL'S SOUP BOWL! 10 A.M.**

Hike to the DEVIL'S SOUP BOWL with Yankee Spring's Explorer Guide! Discover how this glacial feature was made. See Hall Lake's wetland wonders too!

### **3 MILE HIKE Meet HALL LAKE TRAILHEAD**

Across from LONG LAKE OUTDOOR CENTER

### **Bring water and snacks**

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