



Programs and events

August 19 - 22, 2026

**YANKEE SPRINGS
RECREATION AREA**

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	WED 8/19	THURS 8/ 20	FRI 8/ 21	SAT 8/ 22
WELCOME TO YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA! JOIN IN OUR EXPLORER GUIDE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES KIDS BRING YOUR ADULTS 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 a Monarch's life. PLAY POLLINATOR NECTAR GAME! Create your own Butterfly. MEET-GUN LAKE OFFICE SOLAR PRINTING! 2 P.M. Design your own SUN PRINT using flowers, leaves, pine needles & ferns that you collect on our hike. MEET GUN LAKE OFFICE	HOOK, LINE & SINKER! 10 A.M. Get ready to fish. Learn fishing skills, practice casting & GO FISHING on our new FISHING PIER! Poles & bait will be provided or bring your own. MEET-GUN LAKE DAY USE- on our FISHING PIER, across the Channel from Gun Lake Campground. HOOK, LINE, & SINKER! 2 P.M. MEET- DEEP LAKE BOAT LAUNCH	LAUGHING LOONS! 10A.M. Michigan's Common LOON can fly 75 mph! And dive to depths of 250 feet! Find out all about our amazing LOONS. What kind of bill do they have? Do an experiment to see how LOONS keep their feathers dry while swimming MEET – GUN LAKE OFFICE TREMENDOUS TREES! 2 P.M. Create a tree cookie. Hike 1 mile on our Sassafras Trail. Meet GUN LAKE OFFICE	WHO'S HOOTING? 10 A.M. Great Horned Owl, Barred Owl, or Screech Owl? How big are their Talons? What do their eggs look like? How wide is their wingspan? 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

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



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August 26 - 29, 2026

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	WED 8/26	THURS 8/27	FRI 8/28	SAT 8/29
WELCOME TO YANKEE SPRINGS RECREATION AREA! JOIN IN OUR EXPLORER GUIDE PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES KIDS BRING YOUR ADULTS DISCOVER NATURE!	GEOLOGY ROCKS! 10 A.M. WMU GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TEAM is coming to Yankee Springs! Fun hands-on activities for both Kids & Adults. Four stations to explore. Find out what lays beneath Yankee Springs! MEET- GUN LAKE OFFICE SOLAR PRINTING! 2 P.M. Design your own SUN PRINT using flowers, leaves, pine needles & ferns that you collect on our hike. MEET GUN LAKE OFFICE	HOOK, LINE & SINKER! 10 A.M. Get ready to fish. Learn fishing skills, practice casting & Go FISHING on our new FISHING PIER! Poles & bait will be provided or bring your own. MEET-GUN LAKE DAY USE- on our FISHING PIER, across the Channel from Gun Lake Campground. HOOK, LINE, & SINKER! 2P.M. Go fishing on our DEEP LAKE FISHING PIER! Poles & bait provided. Meet-Deep Lake Boat Launch	WHO'S DRUMMING? 10 A.M. Red-bellied, Pileated Or Red-headed? How long are their tongues? Find out why Woodpeckers drum. Hike on our 1 mile Sassafras Trail Into Woodpecker habitat to see their craftsmanship! MEET-GUN LAKE CAMP OFFICE DRAGONFLIES! 2 P.M. What do Dragonfly eggs hatch into? Make a DARGONFLY! Hike to see these flying mosquito catchers! MEET-GUN LAKE CAMP OFFICE	FOXES & COYOTES! 10 A.M. Use your senses to see how foxes and coyotes hunt and survive. Can you survive by your sense of smell? Make a FOX MASK to hike with on our SASSAFRAS TRAIL. See lots of mammal furs and skulls. Can you guess who's who? 1 MILE HIKE MEET GUN LAKE CAMPGROUND OFFICE

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