



Programs & Events Winter 2022

Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center

Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center, 6086 E M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601

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

Hard Water School

Session 1: Jan. 21 and 22, 2023, Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Session 2: Feb. 4 and 5 2023, Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Session 3: Mar. 4 and 5, 2023, Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This is a two-day class learning to fish from the pros. This class will cover everything from how to set up equipment, how and where to fish, when to be out on the ice, ice safety, and rules & regulations. The focus of this class will be techniques for panfish, walleye, and pike.

We will spend the first day gearing up, rigging rods and teaching you what you need to know on the ice this year. The second day will be spent fishing. There will be a warming hut, augers, and shanties (available on a first-come, first served-basis) provided, but we encourage you to bring your own equipment, if possible. The whole family is welcome.

Weather conditions will dictate on-ice activities and may be moved indoors. Limited to 40 students per session. Fee: \$40.

To register for this class, go to Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses and click on the "Purchase a license" button. Sign in (using either a username and password or your ID and birthdate), and find the class under the Outdoor Skills Academy tab.

Advanced Hard Water School

Feb. 17, 18 and 19, 2023, Fri., 5-9 p.m., Sat., 9 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sun., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is a two-day class learning to fish from the pros. Each person will pick a topic of interest and be assigned a pro fisherman from Team USA, HT Enterprises, Clam Outdoors, Vexilar or Ice Force.

We will have one pro for every five students. We will spend the first night gearing up, rigging rods and teaching you what you need to know. The second day and third days we will hit the ice and spend the day fishing.

You must willing to travel. Bring a quad, snowmobile, or be prepared to walk long distances.

Lakes may vary based on interest, and where the fish are biting. Overnight at a local hotel is recommended. We may fish a different lake each day. There will be a warming hut, augers, and shanties (available on a first-come, first-served basis) provided, but we encourage you to bring

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



your own equipment, if possible. We also encourage the whole family to come. **Limited to 50 students per class. Fee: \$75**

To register for this class, go to Michigan.gov/DNRLlicenses and click on the "Purchase a license" button. Sign in (using either a username and password or your ID and birthdate), and find the class under the Outdoor Skills Academy tab.

For more information about these classes, contact Edward Shaw at 231-779-1321 or ShawE@Michigan.gov.

A [Recreation Passport](#) is required for entry into Mitchell State Park.

Please note cancellation policy:

- Cancellations made any time after processing this reservation until the close of business two weeks prior to your scheduled arrival date will incur a 50% cancellation fee. If you cancel after the two-week deadline, no refund will be issued. Students are entitled to any of the materials purchased for the class after the two-week deadline, except materials that have a shelf life.
- To receive a refund, you must email ShawE@Michigan.gov with the following in the subject line: "Refund [class name]." A phone call or voice message will not be considered notification. You must email ShawE@Michigan.gov.

These classes are part of the Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Skills Academy, which offers in-depth, expert instruction, gear and hands-on learning for a range of outdoor activities at locations around the state. Learn more at Michigan.gov/OutdoorSkills.