

100 WAYS TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF THE MICHIGAN DNR

- Build a birdhouse, wood duck or owl box for your backyard.
- Identify animal tracks in the snow.
- Find shed antlers and pick up trash while you are out. Bonus points if you take a photo and post it to your social media and tag #tinesandtrash.
- Identify five birds that are native to Michigan.
- Learn the songs of five birds you frequently see in your backyard.
- Go birding. Bonus points if you find our state bird, the robin.
- See the black rocks at Presque Isle Park in Marquette.
- Pick and eat wild blueberries.
- Try your hand at archery.
- Find as many bugs as you can in 30 minutes. Bonus points if you take a photo of each one, identify them and find out if they are native to Michigan.
- See if you can get a butterfly to land on your hand.
- Have a campfire (remember to always be safe and responsible and follow wildfire prevention tips).
- Visit the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum in Roscommon.
- Pick up some cool DNR centennial merchandise.
- Clean up a stream, a forest or any place in nature that needs your help and attention.
- Lie on the ground and watch clouds float by for 10 minutes. Bonus points if you find shapes in the sky.
- Eat a Detroit coney dog on the Detroit riverfront.
- Draw one of your favorite outdoor memories.
- Drink a Michigan-made beverage.
- Run down a sand dune.
- Purchase an elk license plate for your vehicle to show others how much you love Michigan wildlife.
- Visit the Pigeon River Country State Forest in September or October to hear the elk bugling.
- Try fat-tire biking.
- Find a place to visit via a ferry ride.
- Catch and release a jar of fireflies (or lightening bugs, if you prefer).
- Visit the Michigan Fireman's Memorial in Roscommon.
- Put a colored leaf in a stream and watch it float away.
- Try fly fishing.
- Tie a fly.
- Go forest bathing (going in the woods and simply being present and taking it all in -- no water needed).
- Hike a forest trail.
- Catch and release a frog or toad.
- Try Geocaching. This worldwide scavenger is fun for all ages. Explore new places and find hidden treasures.

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- Catch a fish. Bonus points if it is our state fish, the brook trout (be sure to always follow fishing regulations).
- Go hunting (be sure to always follow hunting regulations).
- Visit as many Great Lakes as you can this year.
- Take a picture with a Michigan historical marker. There are more than 1,700 to choose from.
- Identify a historical figure from Michigan and visit the places that made that person famous.
- Try horseback riding. Not a horse-owner? You can rent one at a handful of Michigan state parks.
- Take a new hunter out hunting with you.
- Take a hunter safety course.
- Visit the Inland Waterway, a 38-mile-long series of rivers and lakes.
- Hike or bike the Iron Belle Trail. Bonus points if you do the entire 2,000 miles from the west tip of the U.P. to Belle Isle!
- Visit one of the many islands in Michigan.
- Start a nature journal.
- Create a native habitat area in your yard. See *Managing Michigan's Wildlife: A Landowners Guide* for some pointers.
- Take an Outdoor Skills Academy class.
- Visit a Michigan lighthouse. Bonus points if you visit one on each of the Great Lakes.
- Listen for a loon.
- See the Mackinac Bridge from both sides.
- Find Michigan maple syrup. (Either in a tree or a store is acceptable.)
- Visit the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.
- Book a campsite to experience the Perseid meteor shower (its peak will be on Aug. 12, 2021).
- Go on a mine tour.
- Go morel mushroom hunting. They can be found from late April until mid-June depending on the species.
- Go on a mountain bike trail ride.
- Visit an officially dedicated wildlife area in Michigan. Bonus points, see them all!
- Visit seven different natural communities in seven days.
- Try a paddle sport (kayak, canoe, stand-up paddleboard).
- Find a place for plein air painting (painting outside).
- Eat a pasty in a state park.
- Visit the Sanilac Petroglyphs.
- Plant milkweed - monarch butterflies will thank you!
- Play the DNR MichiGame trivia game.
- Plant a pollinator garden.
- Start recycling. Bonus points for getting your neighbors to join you.
- Find a salamander.
- Make a scrapbook with Michigan wildlife photos.

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- Go on a shipwreck tour.
- Visit the Silver Lake sand dunes. Bonus points if you take a buggy tour.
- Go ice skating, outside if you can!
- Go outside and sketch what you see.
- Make a snow sculpture, the skies the limit.
- See if you can spot all nine species of squirrels that can be found in Michigan. Bonus points for spotting black phase fox and grey squirrels.
- Get a DNR Stamp and Go Guide (available at most state parks or fish hatchery visitor centers) to plan and log your state park and hatchery visits.
- Stargaze in your backyard or visit one of dark sky preserves in Michigan.
- Take a selfie in front of three state park entrance signs -- in one day!
- Participate in a workday at a state park to help keep invasive plants out and our native species safe.
- Find a Petoskey stone.
- Skip a stone.
- Visit a shooting range.
- Identify a tree without leaves.
- Plant a tree. Bonus if it is an eastern white pine, the Michigan state tree.
- Help a turtle cross the road. Remember, they know where they are going! Take them the direction they were heading.
- Take a tour of the Underground Railroad sites in Michigan using this interactive map.
- Watch a vintage baseball game at Cambridge Junction Historic State Park.
- Find a volunteer opportunity and participate. Bonus points if you bring some people with you.
- Write down the name of every waterfall in Michigan. Bonus points if you visit one.
- Head to a lake in April or October to watch the waterfowl migration.
- Sit back and watch the weather: a blizzard, a thunderstorm rolling off Lake Michigan, waves crashing on Lake Superior, the sun shining on a summer day.
- Renew your wedding vows outdoors (or make them for the first time!)
- Take a selfie with the state tree, the eastern white pine.
- Cook with wild game and/or food you foraged.
- Go for a late evening stroll and listen for frog, toad and owl songs.
- Plant wildflowers (many wildlife species -- including pollinators -- will love you)!
- Find some native Michigan wildflowers. Bonus points if you find our state flower, the apple blossom.
- Be a community scientist! Use iNaturalist to submit a checklist of the wildlife you see.
- Participate in one of the winter activities at the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex.
- Listen to a tree in the winter.
- Make something out of wood.