

## **Belle Isle Program Schedule 2015**

**January 3 – 10:00 a.m. – Animal Tracks and Signs** – We'll trek through the woods of Belle Isle looking for evidence of animals living on Belle Isle in the wintertime! Dress for the weather and wear boots! Meet in the Belle Isle Nature Zoo Parking Lot.

**February 14 – 10:00 am – Great Backyard Bird Count** – Have you ever wanted to be a scientist? Here is your chance to help collect data for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology! We'll tour the island looking for avian inhabitants and will submit our sightings to the Great Backyard Bird Count Citizen Science Project which is held every year the second week of February. Bundle up and bring binoculars and a spotting scope if you have them. We will have a limited number of binoculars available to borrow for those who don't have a pair of their own. Meet at Scott Fountain. Participants will caravan to spots on the island. A vehicle is required.

~~**March 14 – 10:00 am – Predators and Prey** – Learn about the fascinating dynamics between predators and prey as we take a short hike through the woods looking for examples of predators and prey. We'll finish the morning with a rousing game of predator/prey tag. Dress for the weather and wear boots! Meet in the Belle Isle Nature Zoo Parking Lot.~~ **This event has been canceled**

**April 11 – 10:00 am – Wild Turkeys** – This charismatic bird of Michigan's forests and meadows is the topic of today's program. We'll learn about the habits and habitat of this amazing bird while looking at turkey artifacts and playing turkey games! Meet in the Belle Isle Nature Zoo Parking Lot.

**May 9 – 10:00 am – Warbler Hike** – Let's celebrate the return of spring migrants including warblers, vireos, tanagers and more with a morning of birding in the woods of Belle Isle. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will have a limited number of binoculars available to borrow for those who don't have a pair of their own. Meet in the Belle Isle Nature Zoo Parking Lot.