

Outdoor Adventure Center Newsletter

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Hours of operation

Summer (June 1 – Aug. 31)

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed for general admission; group visits scheduled by appointment only

Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday: Closed for general admission; group visits scheduled by appointment only

Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday: Noon – 3 p.m.

[School year \(Oct. 1 – May 31\)](#)

Sunday: Noon-3 p.m.

Monday: Closed

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Friday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission fees

Adults (age 13-61): \$5

Seniors (age 62 and older): \$3

Children (ages 2-12): \$3

Children under age 2: Free

Annual family membership: \$50

Free admission days

Thrilling Thursdays return for the popular summer season! Each event will feature a specific themed activity, plus guests will enjoy all the regular exhibits at the Outdoor Adventure Center. When you visit, you can also earn digital badges through Detroit Public TV's Digital Adventure Program.

Complimentary admission!

Thrilling Thursday: Juneteeth

Thursday, June 15

6-8 p.m.

Freedom! How do you define "freedom"? The Outdoor Adventure Center will be celebrating Juneteenth for this month's Thrilling Thursday. Join us for a fun and informative evening. Explore our exhibits, try hands-on activities, and meet local organizations that promote freedom in the great outdoors for all Detroiters.

Thrilling Thursday: Fun and Games

Thursday, July 27

6-8 p.m.

Lawn games, chalk and bubbles will be available as we enjoy a summer's evening of outdoor play.

Thrilling Thursday: Outdoor Cooking

Thursday, Aug. 31

6-8 p.m.

All set to go camping but not quite sure what to serve? Learn some tips and ideas, then join us for an outdoor treat!

Convenient online registration

Our online registration system will facilitate registration for all programs offered at the OAC. At

<https://secure.rec1.com/MI/michigan-dnr/catalog>, you will find all options that are available for online registration. To register, you will need to create an account using your email address and a password. This will allow you to securely check out once you register. You will also be able to view past registrations and activities. If you have any questions about this site, please email DNR-OAC@Michigan.gov.

Offerings for teachers

We are continuing to offer a variety of formats for a visit with our educators. Please choose from the following options to provide an engaging learning experience for your students.

Traditional field trip:

We will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays to the public and for field trips. On Thursdays, we will schedule select groups to visit when we are closed to the public. This option has limitations based on the size of the group and classroom sessions.

Virtual education sessions:

Bring our educational sessions to your classroom via live instruction on Zoom.

Accessibility at the OAC

Mobility

- A paved sidewalk runs from the parking lot to our front door.
- Electronic-assist doors are available at the entrance and exit.
- An elevator is available to access all three floors of the building.
- Ramps are installed behind the sustainable home and behind the hunting exhibit on the second floor.
- All restrooms are equipped with an accessible stall.

Hearing

- With at least two weeks' notice, every attempt will be made to provide sign language interpreters.

Sensory inclusion

- The OAC has partnered with KultureCity to improve our ability to assist and accommodate guests with sensory needs. Our objective is to provide an inclusive and seamless experience for all guests for all events, including those with sensory needs.
- We strive to raise awareness of the needs and challenges faced by individuals with sensory processing differences by supplying our team members with annual training.
- A family restroom is located on the second floor.
- A room with a rocking chair is available on the second floor. Any staff member can help guests gain access to this room.
- A limited number of sensory bags – containing special KultureCity VIP badges, fidget tools, noise-canceling headphones and other resources – are available for checkout (at no cost by leaving an ID) at our front desk on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Weighted lap pads are also available upon request (at no cost by leaving an ID) at our front desk.
- A visual tour of our building is available to view at home to prepare for a visit.
- The KultureCity Sensory Inclusive App is available to view our social story to help you plan your visit. App Store: <http://bit.ly/KCiphone> or Google Play: <http://bit.ly/KCandroid>.

Family needs

- A family restroom is located on the second floor.
- A secure nursing room is available on the second floor. Any staff member can help guests gain access to this room.
- Baby-changing tables are available in all restrooms. They can be found in the accessible stalls.
- The entire building is stroller-accessible.

Language

- Facility maps are available printed in Arabic, Spanish, German, French, Chinese and Japanese. These maps are available in the entrance lobby.

Sensory-Friendly Days

The DNR Outdoor Adventure Center welcomes friends and families with sensory processing differences to our sensory-friendly building hours!

Enjoy the opportunity to explore and experience the OAC with building sounds and ambient noises at a lower volume. During your visit, there will be a quiet room with sensory materials available to use. At noon, the building will open to the public, with volumes returning to standard operating levels. All staff are KultureCity-certified to ensure the best possible experience.

Fee: complimentary admission.

10 a.m. – noon

Dates:

Saturday, June 10

Join us for fishing! Equipment, bait, and instruction will be provided. It's Free Fishing Weekend! No fishing license is required for adults or children to be able to fish.

Saturday, July 1

Join us for fishing! Equipment, bait, and instruction will be provided. A daily fishing license is required for participants 17 years and older. All children under the age of 17 can fish with for free with adult assistance.

Saturday, Aug. 5

Join us for "Summer Fun!"

Sunday, Oct. 1

Come celebrate Halloween with us! Costumes or fun festive shirts are encouraged!

Sunday, Dec. 3

Join us for a "Winter Wonderland!"

COVID safety

The OAC is committed to providing visitors with a safe environment. We have implemented the following changes to our building procedures and environment:

Mask zones have been added where social distancing with staff is impeded by the activity.

Restroom doors are propped open to alleviate the need to touch door handles.

Hand sanitizer stations have been placed throughout our exhibit areas.

Masks and social distancing are encouraged for guests. Masks are available at the front desk at no cost.

OAC membership

Annual family membership

An annual membership can be purchased for \$50 for up to five members of the same household.

For an additional \$25, you can bring up to two guests any time you visit the OAC. Family memberships can be purchased online by clicking on the OAC Membership tab at <https://secure.rec1.com/MI/michigan-dnr/catalog>.

Benefits of membership include:

- Free admission for one year from the date of purchase.
- Exclusive, early admission to select special events.
- First glance (before the general public) at all newsletters.
- Members-only adventure packs (for use during your visit).
- Special pricing or early registration for select events.
- Early seating for popular programs.

Current member benefits:

- Buy One Get One (BOGO) at Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum during June!
- Early registration for the Annual OAC Harvest Campout! Registration for members opens June 1.
- Save 25% on Camp Explore registration fees! Learn more below.
- Early registration for Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale and Harvest Campout

Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum

During the month of June, we have partnered with Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum in Albion! We are excited to offer OAC members Buy One Get One (BOGOs) at Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum and their members will also receive BOGO at the OAC! For OAC members, you will give Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum your name associated with your OAC membership and ID to be looked up. We hope as an OAC member you take advantage of this perk during June!

Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum Information:

301 S Superior St., Albion, MI 49224

Phone: (517) 629-8023

Hours:

Wednesday – Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and

Sunday: Noon – 4 p.m.

Website: kidsnstuff.org

OAC rental space

Let's meet outside!

It's getting warmer and we can't wait to get outside! Why not have your event outside at the Outdoor Adventure Center? Weddings, receptions, and alfresco dining are some ideal events that can be held on over 55,000 square feet of green space. The grassy area is located right next to our building, so your guests can enjoy the outdoor event and our indoor exhibits as well. Views of ships cruising down the Detroit River and the Detroit and Canadian skylines can all be taken in from our open-air event space.

Our lawn space is adjacent to our building and overlooks the beautiful Detroit Riverwalk. A large and versatile canvas that is waiting for your next gathering.

Contact promotional agent Jackie Hoskins at 1-800-622-6367 or email DNR-OAC@Michigan.gov for more details.

Scouts

Girl Scout Cadette Archery Badge Workshops

Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Sunday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Tuesday, July 25, 12:30-3 p.m. or 1:30-4 p.m.

Come explore the building and attend an archery badge workshop to complete your Cadette Archery Badge. OAC educators will teach you the fundamentals of archery with hands-on experience. By taking part in this program, you will also earn an OAC Scout patch! OAC does not supply GSSEM badges.

This program is open to individuals or troops.

Please note:

- We are not able to accommodate late arrivals.
- Closed-toed shoes are required on the range.
- All equipment is provided.
- A signed waiver by a parent or guardian for all participants must be on file before accessing the range.
- This event is subject to cancellation if minimum attendance is not met.

This is not a drop-off program; Scouts must be accompanied by a paid adult.

Fee: \$14/Cadette Scout

Regular admission applies to any non-Scout.

Preregistration is required; everyone attending must register.

[Register for Girl Scout Cadette Archery Badge Workshop.](#)

You should visit ... Mouth of Two Hearted River State Forest Campground

This campground is managed by Tahquamenon Falls State Park. It is a rustic campground located on Lake Superior at the mouth of the Two Hearted River.

The campground offers excellent opportunities for fishing, paddlesports and hiking on the national North Country Trail. There is a day-use area on the banks of the river that has picnic tables and a charcoal grill. A developed boat launch and skid pier are adjacent to the day-use area. Visitors can cross the Two Hearted River via a suspension bridge on the west side of the campground to reach the shores of Lake Superior.

There are 36 sites for tent and small trailer use. Camping is limited to a 15-day maximum stay. Amenities include vault toilets and potable water from a hand-pump well. The campground is located 31.5 miles northeast of Newberry via M-123 and County roads 500, 414, 412 and 423. Sites available on a first-come, first-served basis.

From the director

From Linda Walter, Outdoor Adventure Center director

We opened the Outdoor Adventure Center in July 2015. This year we are celebrating our eighth birthday. It has been an honor and a privilege to bring this crazy dream of an idea to life. The night before we opened, there was so much left to do. I was a bundle of nerves and so was each member of our team. But from the minute we opened our doors, we were embraced by the people of the City of Detroit, the State of Michigan and beyond. The memories and events we have been a part of will be etched in my heart forever. Our slogan has been to "Inspire, Educate and Connect" our guests to Michigan's natural, cultural and historic resources.

So many great programs and events have been hosted here. Our team members continue to grow and contribute to the services and programs we offer. We are bound together by our love of the outdoors, our love of the city and of our state. Before we

opened, our team member created a motto, to be “Exceptional, Engaging, Enthusiastic Every day!” We work hard to deliver on that promise. Some of our team members have been with us since we opened. Others have grown into roles after working in our Summer Youth Employment programs. Still others have found their way here as we have gone through each year of our operations. There is a whole family of OAC team members, past and present, who have made us what we are today. I am grateful to each and every one of them. They work hard to make the guest experience special.

After a pause during the worst of COVID, we have amped up our programming and services to record numbers. In addition to our youth field trips – we now host senior citizen events each month. Our archery instruction takes place on weekends and weekday evenings. We have adult only experiences, like Grown Up Gatherings, featuring history presentations, craft classes and water sports. Room rentals are in high demand – we hope that you will think of us for your business or family event. We also expanded our offerings for those with sensory processing differences and have a variety of ways to enhance each guest who visits.

New this year, we are offering our own day camp experience for fifth through eighth graders. We are expanding our Community Open House and bringing DNR Divisions or a special hands-on experience in the Fall. We have expanded offerings in local state parks with our family hike series, offered more birding at Belle Isle and bat hikes at Maybury State Park. We will continue to partner on favorite events like the Detroit Riverfront Fishing Fest and Harvest Festival, Sturgeon Day, Metro Youth Day on Belle Isle and much more.

If you have been a guest – thank you from the bottom of my heart – we hope that our facility and programs bring you back again soon. If you haven’t visited yet – make this the summer you join all the fun! Check out our many programs and services at: <https://www.michigan.gov/oac>. We hope to see you soon!

Archery at the OAC

Welcome to the Outdoor Adventure Center’s archery range!

We offer a variety archery experiences you can choose from, ranging in price from free to \$60 for a four- week session. To enhance your target practice, we offer National Archery in the Schools Program targets by Morrell, 3D animal targets, paper targets and much more! Archers will have the opportunity to practice shooting distances from 6 to 20 yards in the advanced programs.

For all archery programs:

- Participants must be 8 years of age or older.
- Closed-toed shoes are required on the range.
- A signed waiver for all participants must be on file before accessing the range.
- Children under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the building.
- All equipment is provided.

For Graduate Shoot:

- Must have completed one of the following pre-requisite archery classes within the last year: Explore It, 3D Animal Target, Archery 101 or Bowhunting Basics.
- Outside equipment with a draw weight over 30 pounds is prohibited.
- Crossbows and broadhead arrows are prohibited. Only target-grade arrows are permitted.
- The OAC does not provide assembly or maintenance support for outside equipment.

Try-It!

This is your opportunity to give archery a try. This 30- minute program is designed as a brief introduction to archery. Participants will learn to safely handle a bow and shoot several arrows.

Preregistration is not available for this program. Participants must sign up on-site at the Outdoor Adventure Center on the day the program is offered. Sign-up will begin about an hour before the first program and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Fee: Included with the price of admission.

Times: 1:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Dates:

Saturday, May 13

Saturday, May 27

Saturday, June 24

Saturday, July 8

Saturday, July 29

Saturday, Aug. 19

[3D Animal Target Archery](#)

This 90-minute program will provide an introduction to hunting with a bow and arrow. The program will include how to safely handle a bow, have proper stance, and ethical shot placement. Archers will be shooting at 3D animal targets.

Fee: \$18 per person

Preregistration required.

On-site registration is not available after the registration deadline.

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. Range time will begin promptly at 6 p.m. We are not able to accommodate late arrivals.

Dates: Tuesday, Aug. 22

[Register for 3D Animal Target Archery.](#)

[Explore It!](#)

This is your chance to explore archery. This one- hour program will give participants the opportunity to learn to safely handle a bow, learn proper stance and shoot several arrows Grow your love for archery in this fun, skill-building program.

Participants could have the opportunity to practice their shot with various target faces and activities.

Fee: \$12 per person

Preregistration required.

On-site registration is not available after the registration deadline.

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.

Range time will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. We are not able to accommodate late arrivals.

Dates:

Tuesday, May 9

Tuesday, June 13

Tuesday, July 11

Tuesday, Aug. 8

[Register for Explore It.](#)

Graduate Shoot

Graduate open shoot is available to students who have taken any paid public archery program at the OAC within one year (this excludes Try-It programs). Sessions will allow returning students the opportunity to practice their skills without repeating the instructional portion of a program. Archery games may be available to archers upon request.

Fee: \$10 per person

Preregistration required.

On-site registration is not available after the registration deadline.

Time: 5:30-6:20 p.m.

Range time will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. We are not able to accommodate late arrivals. Participants bringing their own equipment must arrive by 5:15 p.m. for an equipment inspection.

Children under the age of 18 years old will need to have at least one parent/guardian enrolled in the class with them.

Dates:

Tuesday, May 9	Ages 18 and up
Tuesday, June 13	Ages 8 and up
Tuesday, June 27	Ages 18 and up
Tuesday, July 11	Ages 8 and up
Tuesday, July 25	Ages 18 and up
Tuesday, Aug. 8	Ages 8 and up

[Register for Graduate Shoot.](#)

Active Aging Adventures

Brunch & Learn

DNR in Detroit: A Lesson on the History and Commitment Involved in Creating a Vision for the State and City
Thursday, May 25, 9 a.m. - noon

Ever wonder how the Michigan Department of Natural Resources became part of the City of Detroit's park offerings? Learn from the team who made it happen. There is such a rich history to the DNR presence in Detroit. Find out how the DNR became involved with the City of Detroit. Just how did William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor (formerly St. Aubin Park and Harbor) become a state park? Discover the reasons and the dream behind the creation of the Outdoor Adventure Center. Learn the "how and why" behind Belle Isle becoming a state park. You will be inspired and informed by these public servants who have a deep and true commitment to Detroiters.

Fee: \$6 per person

Preregistration required.

[Register for DNR in Detroit.](#)

Story of the Sturgeon

Thursday, June 22, 9 a.m. - noon

Join the Outdoor Adventure Center staff to get up-close and personal with a Detroit River "fossil," the Lake Sturgeon! We'll share the unique biology of this ancient fish species, the reasons behind their decline in the Detroit River, and what is currently being done to restore this iconic species to our river. We'll end with the option to try your fishing luck at Milliken State Park!

Fee: \$6 per person

Preregistration required.

[Register for Story of the Sturgeon.](#)

Hummingbirds of the Great Lakes

Thursday, July 27, 9 a.m. - noon

In autumn 2001, the Great Lakes HummerNet was formed by Allen Chartier, primarily to learn more about hummingbirds in the Great Lakes region. This program focuses on ruby-throated hummingbirds in Michigan and enlists the help of volunteer observers throughout the region. This presentation will describe the research objectives of the project, tell you how you can participate, provide helpful hints on how to attract and feed hummingbirds, provide hummingbird gardening tips, and review what has been learned so far. Join us for a short hike after the program to check out our wildflowers and see if any hummingbirds are hanging around!

Speaker Bio: Allen Chartier is the project director for the Great Lakes HummerNet. He has been a bird bander since 1997 and a hummingbird bander since 2000 when he began the Great Lakes HummerNet research project. Allen was co-editor of "A Birder's Guide to Michigan" published by the American Birding Association in 2004 (reprinted in 2010) and a number of other publications about Michigan and Great Lakes wildlife.

Fee: \$6 per person

Preregistration required.

[Register for Hummingbirds of the Great Lakes.](#)

Michigan's Lighthouses

Thursday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m. - noon

Michigan has over 100 light stations (individual lights or complexes of multiple buildings) - more than any other state! Many of these structures are still keeping our lakes and rivers safe. We'll share stories about the history of our lighthouses and the lives of their diligent keepers.

Fee: \$6 per person

Preregistration required.

[Register for Michigan's Lighthouses.](#)

Senior Stroll - Riverfront Rambles

Join a naturalist for a casual stroll along the Riverfront and through Milliken Park. Every other month, we'll focus on a topic related to natural or cultural history. Wear your walking shoes and dress for the weather – we'll go out rain, snow or shine! Meet just outside the Outdoor Adventure Center.

Songbird Migration

Thursday, May 18, 10-11 a.m.

The Detroit River is part of two important migratory flyways. As songbirds fly north to their breeding grounds, they will stop over at vital habitat locations like the wetlands and fields of Milliken State Park. Join us as we look for these visitors along the Riverfront. Bring your own binoculars, or borrow some from us!

Fee: This is a free outdoor event. Regular admission fees apply for building access.

Wild and Wonderful Wetlands

Thursday, July 20, 10-11 a.m.

Wetlands perform many important functions, including cleaning water and providing habitat. Find out more about the reconstructed wetlands along the waterfront, look for local wildlife, and explore the intricacies of this amazing resource.

Fee: This is a free outdoor event. Regular admission fees apply for building access.

Featured Interactive Exhibit

Mother's Day Card Making

Saturday, May 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

Stop by our Mother's Day craft table and make a beautiful card, bookmark, or coloring picture to honor our moms.

Fee: Included with the price of admission.

Get Outside

2023 New Year - Shoe Year Hikes (ongoing)

Enter the drawing for new shoes! Generously sponsored by BEARPAW Shoes.

We'll be celebrating hiking in Michigan all year long! Join OAC staff members on any hike (birdwatching, Senior Strolls, Family Hikes and more) and you can enter our monthly shoe drawing.

Winners will receive free pairs of shoes for the family (limit five pairs per drawing). Winners will be selected monthly in a random drawing – need not be present to win. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email and provided instructions for claiming their shoes. If a potential winner cannot be reached after seven days from the first notification attempt, they will forfeit the prize and another name will be drawn.

The Outdoor Adventure Center has a brand-new exhibit!

With a grant from BEARPAW Shoes, this exhibit introduces visitors to the seven principles of Leave No Trace, information on local trails and details of guided hike experiences with the OAC educators.

The exhibit was officially shared with the public on April 6. The OAC team was joined by Lauren Sadia, Social Media Assistant at BEARPAW Shoes, Adam Grant of Campus Commandos, and Ms. Stacy Evanoff's students from Hillcrest Elementary School.

BEARPAW Shoes is also generously sponsoring the 2023 New Year – Shoe Year Hike Series with the OAC team. This program is designed to get metro area guests on the trail at southeastern Michigan state parks. Every hike participant can enter in the monthly raffle for a free pair of shoes for the family. As of this writing, four families have received new shoes.

Family Hikes - Let's Explore

Seven-week series, beginning May 4

Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m.

Get outdoors with the family and explore our wonderful Michigan state parks.

Our spring hiking series continues through the summer months – join us as we discover new adventures as the seasons change. Hikes will begin at the destinations listed below, not at the OAC. Preregistration required for each hike.

Participants will receive a DNR Stamp and Go Guide at their first hike, and a stamp for each park visited during the Family Hiking Series.

Week 1 – May 4 – Algonac State Park in Marine City

Week 2 – May 18 – Sterling State Park in Monroe

Week 3 – June 8 - Bald Mountain State Recreation Area in Lake Orion

Week 4 – June 22 – Milliken State Park in Detroit

Week 5 – July 27 – Pinckney Recreation Area in Pinckney

Week 6 – Aug. 10 - Maybury State Park in Northville

Week 7 – Aug, 17 - Brighton Recreation Area in Brighton

Fee: \$5 per family.

[Register for Family Hikes - Let's Explore.](#)

Birding Belle Isle

Sunday, May 7, 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 5:30-7 p.m.

Sunday, May 28, 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As an island of green, Belle Isle is fantastic spot for spring migrants to stop during their long journey northward. Join us for a walk through bird habitat in the wooded portion of Belle Isle to observe and learn how to identify some of these beautiful migrants. We will meet in the small parking area on Woodside Drive on the south side of the island near Lake Okonoka. A limited number of binoculars will be available for loan. All skill levels welcome.

Fee: This is a free outdoor event.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Birding Belle Isle.](#)

Dequindre Cut Bike Ride

Sunday, May 7, 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, June 17, 9-11 a.m.

Bring your bikes and join us for a leisurely, 4-mile roundtrip ride along the Dequindre Cut to the Eastern Market. We will learn about the history of the area and explore the market. Upon our return to the Outdoor Adventure Center, we'll cool down with lemonade and a snack.

This paved ride is mostly flat, gradually increasing in grade. There is a steep incline from the Dequindre Cut up to the Eastern Market, which can be easily walked if needed. We will depart promptly at the scheduled times, so come ready to ride!

Safety first! Helmets are strongly recommended. Don't forget your water bottle! Suggested for ages 7 and up.

Fee: This is a free outdoor program. On May 7, upon return to the building the OAC will be closed. On June 17th the OAC will open at noon; regular admission fees apply for building access.

[Register for Dequindre Cut Bike Ride.](#)

Birding 101 and 102 at Maybury State Park

Sunday, June 4, 8-10 a.m.

Join OAC staff at Maybury State Park to observe and identify some of the summer breeding birds of the park. We'll offer two separate opportunities simultaneously - one for budding beginners and one for more experienced birdwatchers. We'll have a limited number of binoculars available for loan.

Meeting location will be the parking area near the Maybury Riding Stables at 20303 Beck Rd., Northville. Enter Maybury State Park from Beck Rd. and continue on the dirt road to the parking area near riding stables. Signs will indicate exact location.

Fee: This is a free outdoor event. A Recreation Passport is required for entry to Maybury State Park.

Preregistration required.

This program is subject to cancelation if minimum enrollment is not reached.

[Register for Birding 101 and 102 at Maybury State Park.](#)

Free Fishing Weekend – Kid's Fishing Fest

Sunday, June 11, noon-4 p.m.

Come and celebrate Free Fishing Weekend with us! This catch-and-release fishing program is open to first-time and experienced anglers. Join us at Milliken State Park, stroll through the exhibitor tents then meet us at the Riverfront. We'll be there to help you get started!

No fishing license is required for adults or children to be able to fish. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Hosted by the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. Preregistration is strongly encouraged. For more information and preregistration, check their website: <https://detroitriverfront.org/2023kidsfishingfest>.

Fee: This is a free outdoor event. Regular admission fees apply for building access.

Juneteenth Walking Tour

Thursday, June 15, 6-8 p.m.

During the early 19th century through 1865, Detroit was an integral part of the network known as the Underground Railroad. Given the code word "Midnight", our city was the last stop for many freedom seekers as they sought passage to Canada. However, the Underground Railroad was only the first of many acts of civil disobedience our city has witnessed.

Detroiters have played a large role in the movement for Civil Rights and today our city continues to be home to many change-makers creating a brighter future. Join OAC Educators, Kimmie Dobos Wolfe of the Detroit Historical Society and Jamon Jordan, of the Black Scroll Network History & Tours for a historical walking tour of the Detroit Riverfront and surrounding areas. This walk will begin and end at the Outdoor Adventure Center. This program is recommended for participants 10 and older.

Jamon Jordan is an educator, writer and historian. Also known as Baba Jamon, he has been a teacher of African and African American history for 20 years and a researcher of Black history for decades. Since 2013, he has been running Black Scroll Network History & Tours, where he leads tours and presentations dealing with African and African American history in the Detroit area, throughout Michigan and the United States.

Jamon Jordan has led a series of Black history classes for the docents and volunteers at the Detroit Institute of Arts. He has been the historical consultant for over a dozen documentaries and a number of film and television projects.

Scroll Network History & Tours, he is also the co-founder of the Black Scroll Study Group, an educational research organization that takes a study tour to a different site each year that is important to African & African American History.

From 2016-2021, Jordan served as the President of the Detroit branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH Detroit), which is the Detroit chapter of the organization responsible for Black History Month. Since 2017, Baba Jamon also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Historical Society of Michigan, the organization that facilitates the research and dissemination of the history of Michigan and publishes Michigan History Magazine.

In February 2021, Jamon Jordan was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to be a commissioner on the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission, the state organization responsible for the research, and teaching of the people, places and events associated with the Underground Railroad and the fight against slavery.

Jamon Jordan teaches a course on Detroit history at the University of Michigan, and was appointed as the Official Historian for the City of Detroit.

Kimmie Dobos Wolfe is the manager of Education and Public Programs for the Detroit Historical Society. She has a Master's in Historic Preservation and has spent her career in Detroit, working for cultural institutions like the Detroit Institute of Arts and Pewabic Pottery. Her programs focus on making history accessible and interesting to all ages.

Fee: \$5 per person.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Juneteenth Walking Tour.](#)

Urban State Park Day

Saturday, June 17, 2-3 p.m.

Join us in celebrating "Urban State Park Day" at our exciting Milliken State Park across the street from the OAC. We will host a historic stroll and scavenger hunt around the park. Bring your cameras, there are many great historic and wild scenes to share.

Fee: Included with the price of admission.

[Yoga and Mindfulness in Nature](#)

Wednesday, June 21; Wednesday, July 19; Wednesday, Aug. 23, 8-9:30 a.m.

Location: Milliken State Park, near harbor and picnic area. Parking available in the large, gated lot on Atwater, across from the marina.

Sunday, June 25; Sunday, July 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

Location: Belle Isle Park, near harbor and picnic area. Park in the parking area along Woodside Drive, on the south side of the island. Signs will indicate the exact meet-up location. A Recreation Passport is required for entry to Belle Isle.

Join OAC staff and yoga instructor Mollie Flores for a series of yoga and mindfulness practice in two outdoor settings. Yoga has been shown to not only benefit the body, but also, the mind. The mental health benefits of time outside have been demonstrated time and time again. We'll combine a little bit of both to give you the reset you need.

Fee: \$10 per person.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Yoga and Mindfulness in Nature.](#)

[Get Hooked on Fishing](#)

Saturday, June 24; Saturday, July 8; Saturday, July 29; Saturday, Aug. 19, 8-9:30 a.m.

Looking to learn more about fish found in the Detroit River and how to fish? Then this program is for you! Participants ages 8 and up are invited to join us while we cover the basics of fishing including: bait, putting bait on your hook, and casting. You will have the opportunity to try what you learned during the fishing portion of the program. This program is strictly catch-and-release fishing.

A daily fishing license is required for participants 17 years and older. All children under the age of 17 can fish for free with adult assistance.

Fee: \$5 per person

Preregistration required.

[Register for Get Hooked on Fishing.](#)

[Belle Isle BioBlitz](#)

Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m.-noon

Join us for a morning at Belle Isle to help identify and count as many animal and wild plant species we can! A BioBlitz is a fun way for citizens (like you!) to help scientists survey and track species populations so they can make the most informed decisions for habitats and resources. This is a joint effort among Audubon Great Lakes, Oudolf Gardens, Belle Isle Nature Center, and the Department of Natural Resources.

Fee: This is a free offsite event at Belle Isle State Park. A Recreation Passport is required for entry.

[OAC Running Club - Couch to 5k](#)

Starting Saturday, July 15, 8-9:30 a.m.

Join us for a Couch to 5k program at the Outdoor Adventure Center! Meet our OAC educators and special guests weekly for a brief informational session, followed by a run outdoors on the Dequindre Cut and at Milliken State Park. Informational sessions will help you connect with other runners, set your fitness goals, and learn tips and tricks to enhance your performance.

This program is designed for new and intermediate runners – we will follow a Couch to 5k plan each week.

Running Club participants are encouraged to register for the Auto Show 5k on September 16. The DNR Outdoor Adventure Center is the beneficiary of the 2023 Auto Show 5k.

July 15

July 22

July 29

Aug. 5

Aug. 12

Aug. 19

Aug. 26

Sept. 2

(materials will be emailed to you for this session, no in-person meeting)

Sept. 9

Fee: \$20 per runner • \$10 T-shirt (optional).

[Register for OAC Running Club - Couch to 5k.](#)

Nighttime Animals on Belle Isle

Thursday, July 20, 7-10 p.m.

Join us at the Belle Isle Nature Center for a variety of outdoor nighttime animal explorations! We'll take a hike to look and listen for the calls of summer insects, attract moths to observe up-close, and explore other nocturnal species!

The hike is recommended for ages 8 and up. This fun program is all about observing animals in their habitat, no plants or animals will be removed from Belle Isle Park.

*This is an offsite event taking place at the Belle Isle Nature Center. A Recreation Passport is required for entry to Belle Isle Park.

Fee: This is a free offsite event. Preregistration required.

Bat Hike at Maybury State Park

Thursday, Aug. 24, 7-9 p.m.

Join the Outdoor Adventure Center and Explorer Program staff at Maybury State Park to learn about our flying mammals, bats! During this program we will explore bat biology, their habitat, and ecosystem benefits they offer. This program will start at the Riding Stables Shelter.

This hike is recommended for ages 8 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should dress for outdoor activities, on uneven natural trails. This program will run unless there is inclement weather.

*This is an offsite event taking place at Maybury State Park.

A Recreation Passport is required for entry to Maybury State Park

Fee: This is a free offsite event.

Preregistration required

[Register for Bat Hike at Maybury State Park.](#)

Just for Fun

Bubbles and Outdoor Games

Saturday, May 20, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Join us in celebrating springtime! There is no better way to celebrate spring than by spending quality time outside playing games. We will feature a variety of family friendly lawn games, bubbles and sidewalk chalking.

Fee: This is a free outdoor event. Regular admission fees apply for building access.

NRPA Parks and Recreation Month-July

This Park and Recreation Month, we are celebrating the vital role park and recreation professionals play in bringing people together, providing essential services and fostering the growth of our communities. Park and recreation professionals make a positive impact on their community members every single day. Let's come together this year and show the world just how much parks and recreation means to our communities.

This July, we celebrate Parks and Recreation month by offering the following activities for you and your family. We hope to see you at the OAC this month!

For more information, visit nrpa.org/July.

OAC Birthday Celebration!

Saturday, July 15, noon-3 p.m.

Celebrate the OAC as we turn 8! Join us for outdoor recreation activities, crafts and live animals. Free birthday treats to the first 200 guests!

Fee: Included with the price of admission

Nature Discovery - Live Reptiles and Amphibians!

Saturday, July 15, noon-3 p.m.

Join our friends Jim and Carol from Nature Discovery as they share what makes reptiles and amphibians so cool! You'll even have the opportunity to get up close and personal with many of these creatures.

Fee: Included with the price of admission.

Detroit's Birthday Celebration!

Saturday, July 22, noon-3 p.m.

Join us for a chorus of "Happy Birthdays" for the city's 322nd year! Enjoy a screening of the film "Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale" and some iconic Detroit snacks (while they last!).

Fee: Included with the price of admission

"Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale"

Saturday, July 22, 1-2:30 p.m.

To celebrate Detroit's 322nd birthday, join us for a screening of the film "Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale." For over 85 years, steamship Ste. Claire transported generations of Detroiters to Boblo Island, an amusement park nestled in the waters between the US and Canada. When the vessel comes under threat of ruin, a doctor, psychic and amusement park fanatic unite to save their beloved steamship from the scrapyard. Interweaving local lore and mythology, "Boblo Boats" explores (the whitewashed history of amusement parks and) one crew's crusade to bring back the memories. Stick around after the film for some Q&A with the director/writer/producer, Aaron Schillinger!

Fee: Included with the price of admission.

Preregistration required.

Member benefit: Register 10 days prior to public registration on May 16.

Registration opens to the public on May 26.

[Register for "Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale."](#)

Outdoor Water Games

Saturday, July 22, 1-3 p.m.

Enjoy your Summer Saturday by getting your splash on! Join us for a variety of water games and more. Don't forget to bring your towels!

Fee: This is a free outdoor event. Regular admission fees apply for building access.

Sidewalk Art Day

Saturday, Aug. 5, 1-3 p.m.

After having a fun and adventurous day in the OAC, stop by our outdoor canvas and draw a favorite adventure from your visit.

Weather permitting.

Fee: This is a free outdoor event. Regular admission fees apply for building access.

Dog Days of Summer

Saturday, Aug. 19, noon-3 p.m.

Bring your four-legged friend as we host a day of games, agility runs, frisbee toss, hikes and water games. A doggie photo station and swimming pools will be available for large and small dogs, as well. Your dog should be friendly with people and other dogs. Current vaccines, licenses, and leashes are required; muzzles should be used, if necessary.

Fee: This is a free outdoor event. Dogs are not permitted in the OAC.

Grown-Up Gatherings

Girls' Night Out: Evening Birding on Belle Isle

Friday, May 19, 6-8:30 p.m.

Spring migration is in full swing! Join us on Belle Isle with your girlfriends to learn the basics of birding with a short walk to observe and identify local and visiting species. After the walk, stick around to enjoy the sunset and practice your newfound birding skills with a game of bird-bingo. Wear comfortable walking shoes, and dress for the weather! A limited number of binoculars will be available for loan.

This event is open to those 21 and older. Light snacks and non-alcoholic refreshments will be included. This is an offsite event taking place at Belle Isle Park. A Recreation Passport is required to enter the park. This program is subject to cancellation if minimum enrollment is not reached.

Fee: \$20 per person

Preregistration required.

[Register for Girl's Night Out: Evening Birding on Belle Isle.](#)

Girls' Night Out: Archery

Friday, June 16, 5-7:30 p.m. OR 6-8:30 p.m.

Join us at the Outdoor Adventure Center with your girlfriends for a Girl's Night Out of archery and fun! This evening will feature an archery class in our indoor range. After our one-hour archery class, we will kick back and enjoy a fun trivia competition – prizes will be given!

Close-toed shoes are required to participate in archery.

This event is open to those 21 and older. Light snacks and nonalcoholic refreshments will be included.

The doors to the Outdoor Adventure Center will open at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively, for participants registered at those times. Participants must arrive on time to their scheduled session.

This program is subject to cancelation if minimum enrollment is not reached.

Fee: \$20 per person.

Preregistration required.

Register for GNO Archery:

[5 p.m. session](#)

[6 p.m. session](#)

Honeybees and Beyond with Bees in the D

Friday, July 21, 6-8:30 p.m.

Join the OAC and Bees in the D for an evening all about a hard- working pollinator, the honeybee! Enjoy a presentation about these fascinating insects while sipping local Michigan wine.

Stick around after the presentation for a native seed-paper craft. We'll provide supplies, materials, and instruction. Take home your final product to sow in your yard – providing habitat for honeybees and other important pollinators!

This event is open to those 21 and older and sponsored by Friends of the OAC. Beer, wine, non-alcoholic refreshments, and light snacks will be provided.

Fee: \$27 per person.

Preregistration required.

This program is subject to cancelation if minimum enrollment is not reached.

[Register for Honeybees and Beyond with Bees in the D.](#)

Make a Pollinator Hotel

Friday, Aug. 18, 6-8:30 p.m.

Helping our native pollinator species has never been more important! Join us for a fun evening with friends to make your own "pollinator hotel" to take home with you! After a short presentation about the benefits of our native pollinators, we'll provide assistance and materials for you to construct a pollinator hotel to add to your yard this fall. We'll also provide take-home resources for native plant and pollinator gardening and a seed giveaway to get you started!

This event is open to those 21 and older and sponsored by Friends of the OAC. Beer, wine, non-alcoholic refreshments, and light snacks will be provided.

Fee: \$27 per person

Preregistration required.

This program is subject to cancelation if minimum enrollment is not reached.

[Register for Make a Pollinator Hotel.](#)

Just for Kids

Little Cub and Explorers Club: Birds!

Saturday, May 13, 11 a.m.-noon

Meet us outside to talk about what makes birds special. Then join us for a hike to explore and observe our riverfront bird habitat and practice identifying some of our common feathered friends.

Fee: Included with the price of admission.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Little Cub and Explorers Club: Birds!](#)

Little Cub and Explorers Club: Having Fun Fishing

Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m.-noon

Please note that our June – August programs will take place outdoors; the OAC will open at noon when the programs end.

Enjoy a morning on the shores of the Detroit River! Meet us out front of the OAC for this outdoor session, where we will figure out what makes fish unique, learn a bit about our local fish species, practice casting, and even try catch and release fishing right here along the river!

Fee: Included with the price of admission.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Little Cub and Explorers Club: Having Fun Fishing.](#)

Little Cub and Explorers Club: Pollinators!

Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m.-noon

Please note that our June – August programs will take place outdoors; the OAC will open at noon when the programs end.

Let's get outside and learn about some of the pollinator species found in our area, including bees, butterflies, beetles, and wasps! First, we will learn what these insects have in common, then we'll conduct a pollinator search along the Riverfront. Meet us at the front doors of the OAC!

Fee: Included with the price of admission.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Little Cub and Explorers Club: Pollinators.](#)

Little Cub and Explorers Club: Macros in the Marsh

Saturday, Aug. 26, 11 a.m.-noon

Please note that our June – August programs will take place outdoors; the OAC will open at noon when the programs end.

Meet us at the wetland at Milliken State Park (across the street from the OAC) to explore the tiny creatures we call "macros" and find out what can they tell us about the health of our wetland.

Fee: Included with the price of admission. Preregistration required.

[Register for Little Cub and Explorers Club: Macros in the Marsh.](#)

Camp Explore 2023

Session 1: July 17-20

Session 2: July 31-Aug. 3

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 2-10 p.m. Thursday

Join us for a thrilling week of hands-on activities and classic camp games!

This four-day camp is open to rising fifth through eighth graders. Explore the one-of-a-kind Outdoor Adventure Center, fish and hike at Milliken State Park, and venture down the Dequindre Cut with our enthusiastic camp counselors in a variety of on- and off-site outdoor adventures. End the week with a lock-in and pizza party at the OAC!

Fee: \$140 per person; member discount 25%

[Register for Camp Explore 2023.](#)

Special Events

Spring Community Open House

Thursday, May 11, 6-8 p.m.

Come on down to the Outdoor Adventure Center for the Spring Community Open House!

Meet community groups that are active in and around Detroit, and learn about the great programs they offer for you and your family.

Fee: Complimentary admission.

Our spring event is focused on health, wellness and recreation. We'll be joined by fabulous local groups.

Petite Prix

Saturday, May 13, noon-4 p.m.

We are so excited that the Chevrolet Grand Prix presented by Lear is back downtown!

To start the festivities, the OAC is hosting a Petite Prix in front of the building for all of our younger racing fans! Bring your Power Wheels, Cozy Coupe, trikes and pedal cars and do a lap on our Petite Prix mini race course. An authentic Grand Prix show car will be on site for photo opportunities along with everything you need to know about the Grand Prix.

Our young racers will also have an opportunity to decorate a wooden mini-car and race it on our track. The car you make is yours to keep. Cars will be given to the first 100 children.

At 1 p.m., join us for our outdoor "drive-in" movie, Disney's "Cars." Bring your own boxcar to sit in and enjoy the movie or make one onsite. Limited number of boxes and decorative material available. Lawn chairs and blankets are also welcome. Please note - no alcohol or smoking of any kind is permitted during the showing of the movie.

Rev your engines – let's get ready to celebrate the Detroit Grand Prix!

Fee: This is a free outdoor event.

Homeschool Hangout: Summer Exploration

Thursday, June 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bring your young scholars to the Outdoor Adventure Center for a fun and educational experience! This event is designed as an opportunity for homeschool students grades Pre-K through 8th to enjoy the OAC while participating in programs by grade level. During this event, the building will be closed to the public. Preregistered students and their families may explore the OAC exhibits and participate in programs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Children must be registered as "students" under the appropriate grade categories to be eligible to participate in programs designated for that grade level. Individuals registered under the "non-student" category will not be admitted to programs but may still enjoy the OAC exhibits for the duration of the event. Programs for this season's Homeschool Hangout will focus on insects, and programs will be conducted in outdoor spaces, so dress appropriately!

Fee: Fees vary based on program selection. Please see registration link for details.

Preregistration required.

[Register for Homeschool Hangout: Summer Exploration.](#)

Harvest Family Campout

Saturday, Sept. 9

Check-in Saturday, Sept. 9 from 5-6:30 p.m. Check-out Sunday, Sept. 10 from 8-9 a.m.

Join us for a Harvest Night at the Outdoor Adventure Center! Learn how to pitch a tent and roast marshmallows. Fun for the entire family!

- S'mores kits, crafts, a guided hike and a pancake breakfast will be provided for every registered guest. Water bottle refill stations will be available; please bring your own reusable water bottle.
- HARVEST THEME! Campers are encouraged to use fall decorations at their sites, Children are encouraged to bring and wear their costumes for a parade. Campers are encouraged to bring treats for a trick or treat event (prepackaged only, nothing homemade, please). Crafts will have an autumn theme.
- A quiet time of 10 p.m. will be enforced, with lights out at midnight.
- There are no drugs or alcohol allowed at this event.
- All equipment must be unloaded and walked on to the site – there is no place for cars to pull onto our temporary campsites. Utility carts will be available for unloading and transporting equipment.

Need a tent? No problem! Loaner tents are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Request loaner equipment at the time of your reservation. Emails will be sent after registration with loaner tent assignment.

Each site can accommodate up to six people with an eight-person tent or two small tents. Don't forget to pack a sleeping bag, air mattress and pillow!

Fee: \$15 per person

Preregistration required.

Member registration begins Thursday, June 14, at 8 a.m. General registration begins Saturday, July 21, at 8 a.m.

[Register for Harvest Family Campout.](#)

Natural Resources Open House

Saturday, Oct. 7

Come on down to the Outdoor Adventure Center for the DNR Showcase and Community Open House! This is an opportunity for you to meet representatives of our DNR divisions, including Fisheries, Wildlife and Law Enforcement. We'll also spotlight our fantastic area community groups that offer many social and leisure opportunities to the people of Southeast Michigan.

Fee: Complimentary admission.

The More You Know

Beekeeping Basics With Bees in the D

Sunday, May 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join Brian Peterson, from Bees in the D, as he shares his passion about the education and conservation of the all-important pollinator, the honeybee. He will share his journey into the world of beekeeping, explaining common misconceptions, and the fascinating life of the honeybee.

Workshop participants will learn the basics of beekeeping, what tools are needed, and have the opportunity to visit active hives to collect and taste the honey. Join us to find out what the buzz is about with beekeeping!

This is a full-day workshop. Please pack a lunch to bring with you.

Fee: \$80 per person.

[Register for Beekeeping Basics.](#)

Wild Science Saturdays

10-11 a.m.

There's always more to nature than meets the eye! We'll take an in-depth look at the science within the natural world with hands-on activities and explore how technology is imitating nature!

Join us on the Detroit Riverfront near the wetlands in Milliken State Park for a dive into the world of science and nature.

Fee: This is a free outdoor event. Regular admission fees apply for building access.

Wetland Wonders

Saturday, May 20

Most people think of wetlands as soggy, boggy, buggy places. But they are so much more! A grocery, a pharmacy, a fast-food joint and a nursery all in one. Explore the wonders of wetlands through hands-on activities

Insects Up Close

Saturday, June 17

Insects have so many interesting and unusual features! We'll break out the magnifying lenses and investigate some of our insect neighbors with a bug's-eye view.

Flower Power

Saturday, Aug. 12

What would we do without plants?! They give us oxygen and food, clean our air and water, and provide habitat for so many animals. How do they do it all? Explore the science of plants!

Certification Programs

Hunter Education Field Day

Aug. 12, 8 a.m. – noon

Oct. 21, 8 a.m. – noon

The main purpose of the hunter education field day course is to provide an alternative to the traditional course. This course is the same as the traditional hunter education course; however, the classroom portion is completed by enrolling in the online training session. In order to purchase a hunting license in Michigan, an individual born on or after Jan. 1, 1960, is required to successfully complete an approved hunter education course. The online course is fee-based and can be taken at www.hunter-ed.com/Michigan. Students completing the online course followed by the field day must present a copy of their certificate of completion (voucher) for the online course at the start of the field day. All participants must have successfully completed the online hunter education course prior to registering for the field day.

About the field day:

- Four-hour course.
- Written test (80% or better to pass) and practice assessment (pass/fail).
- No minimum age requirement; however, students under 18 years of age should be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or other adult approved by parent or legal guardian.

[Register for Hunter Education Field Day.](#)

Recreation Passport

Cost, where to purchase and details (increases effective March 1, 2023)

- Vehicles: \$13 when purchased with your license plate registration renewal through the Secretary of State.
- Vehicles: \$18 when purchased at state parks, DNR customer service centers (cash or checks only) or at the Secretary of State outside your license plate registration renewal cycle. (Recreation Passport fee + \$5 convenience fee = \$18).
- Motorcycles: \$7 when purchased with your license plate registration renewal through the Secretary of State.
- Motorcycles: \$12 when purchased at state parks and DNR customer service centers (cash or checks only) or at the Secretary of State outside your license plate registration renewal cycle (Recreation Passport fee + \$5 convenience fee = \$12).
- Moped: \$7 when purchased at state parks.
- Commercial daily pass \$20 when purchased at state parks (24k+ lbs and/or seating capacity of 16+).

- A resident Recreation Passport cannot be purchased online.
- The purchase of a separate Recreation Passport is required for any hitched or unhitched towed vehicles.

The \$5 convenience fee will not be applied to purchases made at/for:

- Belle Isle Park.
- Non-street-legal vehicles at the Silver Lake State Park ORV area.
- Non-annual renewing vehicles (i.e., historical/authentic, street-legal moped, tribal government, dealer, temporary, manufacture, non-profit organization (Y) plates).
- Mopeds (a moped Recreation Passport is not available for purchase at the Secretary of State, so the

\$5 convenience fee does not apply):

- Commercial vehicles.

Thank you for supporting your state parks by purchasing your Recreation Passport and by visiting our beautiful state parks.

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