

Homeschool Curriculum



RED OAKS COUNTY PARK
30300 Hales Street
Madison Heights, MI 48071
248-585-0100



INDEPENDENCE OAKS COUNTY PARK
9501 Sashabaw Road
Clarkston, MI 48348
248-625-6473

Essential Information:

- Each program is adapted for ages 6-9 and 10-13.
- Preregistration is required; call 248-858-0916 on weekdays during regular business hours. No on-site registration will be available.
- Sessions run 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and are designed as drop-off programs for youth. All students are welcome, whether from a traditional homeschool, pod, or virtual learning setting. A release form must be completed with registration. Cost: \$10/session.



Space!

Jan. 13 - Red Oaks Nature Center
Jan. 19 - Wint Nature Center

Take an out-of-this-world solar system hike. Learn about the sun, moon, planets and stars.

Animal Movement

Feb. 10 - Red Oaks Nature Center
Feb. 16 - Wint Nature Center

How do animals get from one place to another? Imitate ways animals ambulate and learn to read the tales that tracks can tell.

Maple Sugaring

March 10 - Red Oaks Nature Center
March 16 - Wint Nature Center

Meet the maples! Identify Sugar Maples and other Michigan trees, then learn how maple syrup is processed today and in the past.

Weather

April 14 - Red Oaks Nature Center
April 20 - Wint Nature Center

Forecast a great time – learn about weather and how to describe it through temperature, wind and precipitation.

Stream Leaders

May 12 - Wint Nature Center

Get your feet wet with some citizen science! Join Oakland County Parks and Recreation and Clinton River Watershed Council to learn all about healthy waterways and stream surveying.

Birds

May 19 - Red Oaks Nature Center

Search for spring songbirds on our trails. Learn about the habits and habitats of our feathered friends as they return for the summer.

Life in a Log

June 9 - Red Oaks Nature Center
June 15 - Wint Nature Center

Who's at home in the Deadfall Hotel? Learn about lives that depend on dead and decomposing trees.

Magical Metamorphosis **July 14 - Red Oaks Nature Center**
July 20 - Wint Nature Center

Meet some Monarchs! Metamorphosis is the word of the day as we discuss the lifecycles of butterflies and moths.

Nature Careers

Aug. 11 - Red Oaks Nature Center
Aug. 17 - Wint Nature Center

Explore jobs that include nature and discuss different journeys to a career in conservation.

Smitten with Our Mitten **Sept. 8 - Red Oaks Nature Center**
Sept. 21 - Wint Nature Center

What makes Michigan unique? Discover history, fun facts and more about our state.

Skulls and Bones

Oct. 13 - Red Oaks Nature Center
Oct. 19 - Wint Nature Center

Analyze the bones of animals and see what you can discover about their lives.

Colonial Schoolhouse

Nov. 10 - Red Oaks Nature Center
Nov. 16 - Wint Nature Center

Find out how children learned 200 years ago as you travel back in time during this lesson.

Who Let the Dogs In?

Dec. 8 - Red Oaks Nature Center
Dec. 14 - Wint Nature Center

How did dogs become our best friends? Learn about domesticated and wild animals.

Programs will take place outdoors – under a tent or on a trail. A water bottle and outdoor dress are recommended. Masks are encouraged for all trail programs and recommended for programs conducted under the tent. Masks are available on site if participants do not have their own. Staff will wear masks. Screening questions and touchless temperature checks are required upon arrival. Check in at the white tent near the nature center. In case of inclement weather, programs will be cancelled. Please be patient as COVID-19 guidelines and protocols are subject to change.