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Red Oaks Waterpark to open for the 2025 season on Saturday, June 7

MADISON HEIGHTS – May 20, 2025 – Red Oaks Waterpark will open for the 2025 season from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 7.

"We are looking forward to another great summer," Red Oaks County Park Supervisor Ryan Danescu said. "There's always a lot of excitement as opening day approaches. We know that guests of all ages enjoy cooling off in the water features and spending time making memories together at the waterpark."

Red Oaks Waterpark offers something for everyone. A highlight for many is the wave pool, where the waves roll for 10 minutes, then rest for 10 minutes. It is heated, so even if the weather is a bit on the cool side, the water temperature is just right.

Older children and teenagers especially enjoy the triple-flume waterslide while younger children can play all day at SplashTown, a splash pad with 52 interactive water features, including a water play climber with slides and a dumping bucket. Adults often find that floating on a tube down the heated River Ride, a 990-foot-long moving river, to be a relaxing outdoor activity. All ages can enjoy the attractions, but the triple flume waterslide has a 43-inch height requirement.

The waterpark also provides lounge chairs and picnic areas, so guests can relax in the summer sun and keep energy levels up with food and hydrating drinks. While concessions are available on site, patrons are welcome to bring their own food; no glass or alcohol allowed.

As the season gets under way, there will be limited hours of operation and these are subject to change based on weather and attendance levels. Red Oaks Waterpark will be open:

- June 7-8, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- June 9-13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- June 14-15, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- June 16-18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- June 19-Aug. 17, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Aug. 18-Sept. 1: Late season hours to be announced

Guests are encouraged to purchase waterpark tickets online at <u>OaklandCountyParks.com</u> up to three days prior to day of visit. Tickets can also be purchased on site during regular hours. It is

recommended that guests check ticket availability before coming out to the waterpark because many days sell out in advance. Children ages 0-11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Red Oaks Waterpark ticket prices are \$28 regular rate; \$20 Oakland County resident rate; and free for children under 36 inches on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; and \$26 regular rate; \$18 Oakland County resident rate; and free for children under 36 inches on Mondays-Thursdays.

Oakland County Parks (OCP) consistently receives high marks for safety from the Jeff Ellis and Associates International Lifeguard Training Program, which licenses its lifeguards.

"Safety is our top priority at Red Oaks Waterpark," Assistant Park Supervisor Zach Owczarzak said. "Our staff spends countless hours training to ensure they can provide the highest level of risk management and safety to our guests."

Waterpark programming

Two programs are scheduled for after Red Oaks Waterpark closes to the general public: River Walk and the After Hours 50+ Swim Party.

Participants can enjoy water exercise from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays, June 16-Aug. 14 during River Walk. This year marks the program's 20th anniversary. Walk with or against the flow of the 1,000-foot River Ride for a fun workout. This adults-only program is for all abilities and fitness levels. Participants must walk; no floating allowed.

Four cards are available, each valid for a specific day of the week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Each card is good for eight visits on that day only. Cards are on sale now. They are \$50 each if purchased by June 10. The cost is \$60/card beginning June 11.

Cards will be available for purchase through June 27, 2025 or until capacity is sold out. To purchase, <u>register online</u>, call 248-858-0916 weekdays during business hours or mail in the <u>registration form</u>. Cards will be distributed on site during the first week of the program.

Those ages 50 and older have the waterpark's attractions all to themselves from 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, June 30 during the After Hours 50+ Swim Party. Cost is \$10/person if preregistered by June 29. Day-of-the-event registration is \$15/person. Register online or by calling 248-858-0916 during business hours.

Waterford Oaks Wave Pool

As a reminder, Waterford Oaks Wave Pool will not open this year. As future plans for the facility and its site are under consideration, OCP is undertaking a thorough analysis of the current and future aquatic recreation needs of the community. Interested persons are welcome to share their ideas and thoughts by completing the <u>Waterford Oaks survey</u>.

For information on other events, visit OaklandCountyParks.com. Join the conversation on Facebook and Instagram.