

EXPLORE

TWO NATURE CENTERS



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Clarkston, MI 48348
248-625-6473



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Madison Heights, MI 48071
248-585-0100

Both Red Oaks and Wint nature centers offer interpretive programs for all ages, scout badge days, Wild Birthday Parties for kids and field trip opportunities. Outreach programs bring nature to you with school Nature Discovery visits, nature tables at parks and events and the StarLab inflatable planetarium.

Park entry fee is included with paid nature programs. Call the nature centers directly to schedule field trip appointments. To register for programs, call 248-858-0916. Find program details and schedules at OaklandCountyParks.com.



Current nature education programs may be found in the [Seasonal program brochure](#) at OaklandCountyParks.com. All in-person programs take place outdoors and require pre-registration, on-site health screening, and masks.

In-person interpretive programs

Have some fun while learning about the great outdoors! Seasonal programs take place at both the Wint and Red Oaks nature centers.

Free monthly nature hikes

Join us for your very own FREE, naturalist-guided hike at Independence Oaks or Red Oaks. Up to three family groups will be admitted per time slot. Park entry fee applies. Preregistration required.

In-person, appointment-based services

Now taking appointments for school field trips, scout badge work, and community groups looking for something fun to do. Call the Wint or Red Oaks nature centers to schedule an appointment.

Take-and-make programs

Join us virtually for a crafting project from the comfort of home. Register for your selection, then pick up a craft kit and virtual meeting instructions at Red Oaks or Independence Oaks county parks during listed times. Check OaklandCountyParks.com for current nature center open status and hours.

Virtual Opportunities

Monthly Virtual Nature Programs are available on our Facebook, YouTube and Twitter pages. Engage with various nature themes by tuning in to an interpretive video, craft idea, and suggested activity.

Virtual Field Trips

Virtual Take and Learn Field Trips are a field trip in a box, delivered to your door. Programs are specially designed to meet Next Generation Science Standards in the times of Covid-19. Our staff will drop off a box of sanitized lesson supplies to your school. Then, tune in to 60-90 minutes of live instruction via zoom with a naturalist. Call either nature center to schedule.

OaklandCountyParks.com

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

RECREATION FOR ALL

Get Active the benefits are endless

Being active outdoors in fresh air and sunshine improves health and fitness. A visit from Oakland County Parks and Recreation's Mobile Recreation units helps strengthen families and brings people together.

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2021 Events and Programs
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Discover where you live

Oakland County Parks and Recreation offers year-round opportunities for individual and family recreation.

In addition to large-scale and community-based special events, we bring recreation right to you with unique mobile units.

Youth can experience outdoor adventures in week-long summer day camps.

Active adults and individuals with disabilities enjoy programs tailored to their interests and needs.

Citizen Science programs engage everyday people with scientific studies.

Two nature centers provide interpretive programs, events and outreach presentations.

There's even archery and special events for history buffs -- all in the great outdoors.

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2021 SPECIAL EVENTS

In-person special events are not being planned for 2021 due to Covid.

We hope to see you in 2022 at these events and more!

Fire & Ice
Downtown Rochester

Marshmallow Drop
Catalpa Oaks in Southfield

Camp OakVentures
Adventure day camp that travels to various Oakland County Parks

Hometown Harvest
Red Oaks Nature Center
in Madison Heights



ARCHERY

The Independence Oaks Archery Range offers archers an opportunity to learn, develop, and sharpen their skills.

A Daily or Annual Vehicle Permit is required for park entry.

Bring your own equipment or rent at the range. \$5/hour range time, \$5/rental.

Beginner Archery

For ages 8 and older, \$75/6 week session
Class meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
June 29-Aug. 3 and Aug. 10-Sept 14

Learn about the fundamentals of archery through instruction and game. Each hour-long class covers a different aspect of shot process and form, while keeping a competitive edge in a weekly game. Limited spots available.

Intermediate Archery

For ages 8 and older, \$75/6 week session
Class meets on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15 p.m.
June 29-Aug. 3 and Aug. 10-Sept 14

Build upon fundamentals to strengthen form. Deepen your understanding of archery etiquette and procedure. Limited spots available.



Open Range

Wednesday - Friday, 3-7 p.m.
\$5/hour, \$5 equipment rental

The range is open to all - bring your own equipment or rent equipment onsite. A quick orientation and instruction are offered for those new to archery. Perfect for learning about archery, sighting a bow for the hunting season, or having fun with friends and family.

Rental Opportunities

\$20 per shooter. The fee includes equipment use. Great opportunity for Scouts, Company gatherings, Family parties, Birthday Parties
For more information visit www.oaklandcountyparks.com

Just For Adults

With programs designed specifically for adults, Oakland County Parks and Recreation makes it easy to stay active and healthy while enjoying the great outdoors.

TrailBlazer Walking Series

Walkers of any age can combine fitness with fun facts during free guided trail walks on summer Tuesday evenings. Explore ecological features, view wildlife and learn historical trivia at a different park each week. June 1-Aug. 31, 7 p.m. RSVP to 248-221-8040



Fireside Chats (Historical)

Learn about the rich history of Oakland County Parks with our Parks Historian. Programs are offered virtually each month in Fall and Winter.

During the summer, join us at alternating weeks at Independence Oaks' Wint and Red Oaks Nature Centers for tidbits of history. Wednesdays, July 14-Aug. 19, 7 p.m. RSVP to 248-221-8040



Adaptive Recreation

All abilities are welcome at Oakland County Parks and Recreation. Inclusion services, including therapeutic recreation programs and adaptive equipment, are offered so that individuals with disabilities can participate in any program or event hosted by Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

A certified therapeutic recreation specialist coordinates programs and assists individuals during programs. Partnerships with more than 20 non-profit agencies, schools and disabled sports organizations enable Oakland County Parks and Recreation to cooperatively provide unique recreational options:

Adaptive Sports Equipment - Pool transfer chairs, trail wheelchairs, hand pedal boats, out-riggers for kayaks, hand cycles and single rider golf carts provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to enjoy leisure activities at beaches, on trails and at golf courses.



Get more information:

Oakland County Parks and Recreation
Recreation Programs and Services Office

2800 Watkins Lake Road
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Camp OakVentures Summer Day Camp

This program will return in the summer of 2022

Do your kids love adventures and exploring new places? If so, Oakland County Parks and Recreation's OakVentures Day Camp fits the bill. The week-long day camp takes place at several Oakland County Parks where campers spend time in the great outdoors.



During the course of the week, campers might make waves at two waterparks, experience nature on guided trail hikes, discover the night sky in StarLab (inflatable planetarium), learn archery, scale a rock wall and soar through the air on a zip line. They will also have a chance to ride the BMX track, run through inflatable obstacle courses, make crafts, participate in wacky games and more! Trained summer camp staff and OCPR bus drivers pick up campers at designated communities and transport them to the parks each day.

Camp OakVentures is for kids who are 6-12 years old by the first day of camp. Six-year-olds must have completed kindergarten.

Camp activities are planned from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pickup and drop-off times will vary based on individual community locations.

Cost: \$155 per camper. Camp registration includes T-shirt, all park entries and tickets throughout week of camp. Campers are required to bring a lunch, two snacks, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, socks, tennis shoes, bathing suit and towel each day.

Historical Adventures

Oakland County has a rich history and the parks are no exception. Explore park facilities with a local historian to learn surprising facts, interesting stories and family histories of former residents. Groups and individuals are welcome.



Buhl Estate Tours

Stroll through the estate and learn about the history of Addison Oaks County Park which dates back more than 100 years.

Dashing Through the Past

Tour the historical Buhl Estate at Addison Oaks County Park when it is decorated for the holidays.

Harvest and History

Steep yourself in the history of Springfield Oaks County Park. OCPR buses available for groups or individuals.



Citizen Science Programs

Citizen Science Programs feature the collaboration between everyday people and researchers working on scientific studies. People gather information about birds, water quality, invasive species, butterflies and more.

Citizen science allows the public to assist scientists' understanding of the complexities of nature.

Citizen science and stewardship programs at Oakland County Parks and Recreation have included NestWatch and Butterfly Count programs; environmental surveys and counts; park and river stewardship efforts; and various other educational programs.

Topics, prices, and age requirements vary; visit OaklandCountyParks.com for a seasonal listing and registration information.



LET US BRING THE PARTY TO YOU

Make your event unique

Put some pizzazz in your next birthday, graduation, family reunion, neighborhood or any celebration with Oakland County Parks and Recreation's unique mobile recreation program.

Inflatables, Climbing Towers, Get Outdoors! Adventures, Go Big Games, buses, stages and bleachers can be rented for your next event. The units are perfect for libraries, schools, day care centers, senior centers and summer concert series pre-shows and festivals, as well as graduation parties and family reunions. All units are staffed by well-trained professionals.

Reservations: 248-858-0916
RpsReservations@oakgov.com



GO! ADVENTURES

Equipment and instructions provided
Cost: \$250/2 hours; \$100/Second Unit;
\$50/each additional hour (same site and day)

GO! Fish (indoor or outdoor play)



Backyard Bass Clinics use poles rigged with plugs and plastic fish to teach the basics and safety of fishing. Program can be hosted in a 60' x 60' open field, gym or pool. Take a Hooked on Fishing trip to any lake in Oakland County or to an Oakland County Park (park entry fee included). We can help you find the perfect location for your trip. Organized groups only. Adult chaperones are required for youth groups. Maximum group size is 30.

GO! Cache (outdoor play only)



Traditional Geocaching Adventures teach the basics of geocaching including Leave No Trace outdoor ethics. Recommended for school groups, scouts, camps and birthday parties. Maximum group size is 30.

In 5-Card Frenzy (a family-friendly poker run), groups compete to find all five event caches, choose a mystery playing card and post their hand to see who wins the 5-Card Frenzy prize.

GO! Golf (outdoor play only)

Try golf for the first time. Hit the target for a promotional prize. This inflatable can be set up for chipping or as a 9-hole golf course. A 50' x 50' area is needed for the 10' x 10' inflatable.

INFLATABLE FUN PACKAGES

(Socks must be worn)



Inflatable Bouncer

Designed for all ages – 14' wide x 14' long

Cost: \$375/2 hours; \$50/each additional hour

Festival

- Extreme Course II - (designed for 3rd grade and older) 34' length x 23' wide x 14' high
- Tropical Maze - (designed for pre-k through 2nd grade) 16' wide x 27' long x 10' high

Cost: \$600/2 hours; \$100/each additional hour

Mini Festival

- Bouncer - 11' wide x 11' long
- Dinosaur - 12' wide x 34' long x 14' high
- Dino Slide - 12' wide x 24' long x 8' 6" high

Cost: \$500/2 hours; \$75/each additional hour

Carnival

- Wacky Coliseum - A jousting area or a bouncer for small children. 25' wide x 29' long x 12' high
- Bungee Run - Two people race with bungees on their backs. 11' wide x 35' long x 7' high
- Carnival Games - Baseball, toss game, basketball and skee ball

Cost: \$500/2 hours; \$75/each additional hour

Obstacle Course

- Two obstacle course lanes include inflatable rock walls, squeeze tunnels and slides
- 14' wide x 49' long x 17' high
- Designed for any age

Cost: \$500/2 hours; \$75/each additional hour



In-person Community Outreach

OAKS ON THE ROAD

Community organizations can build program packages with specific themes incorporated into games, crafts and specialty activities. Each package includes five activity stations. Oaks on the Road programs can be used as a camp field trip, enhance a current program, or utilized as a small stand-alone program.



SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITIES

'Friends with Pens' Pen Pal Program.

Participants in the program will be paired with others to exchange stories, memories, inspiration and cheer through mailed or emailed postcards.



Community Scavenger Hunts.

Your community can turn into an interactive puzzle as you travel between parks and facilities, answering brain-teasers and gathering clues to solve a mystery. Scavenger hunts are held over a two-week period, with clues posted in well-known public locations. Participants can travel at their own pace to complete the hunt puzzles.



Jumbo Games

If it was cool back in the day, we have it! Trailer comes stocked with games and activities for all ages, and our trained staff will take the lead. Go Big Games includes many field day favorites like sack races, egg-and-spoon relays, tug-o-war ropes, kickball and parachute games. Other activities include hula hoop contests, arts and crafts, scooters, giant foam javelins, bean bag toss games, sidewalk chalk and much more.

Cost: \$325/2 hours; \$50/each additional hour



Climbing Tower

Two climbing towers are available. Each stands 25 feet upright and simulates rock climbing. A safety harness and helmet are provided and must be used. Tower must be set up on asphalt. Shoes and socks must be worn. Minimum weight 40 lbs. Maximum weight 250 lbs. Great for fitness -- improves strength, flexibility and cardiovascular circulation.

Cost: \$500/2 hours; \$75/each additional hour



RECREATION ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

RAPP grants recreation opportunities and experiences including outreach programs and bus transportation to cities, villages and townships; community parks and recreation departments; schools; downtown development authorities; non-profit organizations; and underserved populations. Applications are available at OaklandCountyParks.com.

ADDITIONAL RENTAL OPTIONS

Buses

Three buses available for rent year-round:

- 34 passenger Coach Championship bus with wheelchair lift. Can accommodate 32 passengers with one wheelchair, 30 passengers with two wheelchairs
- 44 passenger school bus without wheelchair lift
- 41 passenger transit bus with wheelchair lift can accommodate 39 passengers with one wheelchair; 37 passengers with two wheelchairs

Cost:
School, Transit or Coach Bus - \$550/up to 8 hours;
\$50/hour over 8 hours

Seniors/Therapeutics programs (Transit Bus only)
\$350/up to 8 hours

School groups (School Bus only): \$350/4 hours, Sept.–May;
\$50/extra hour; \$75 fee if bus leaves Oakland County

Stages

- Show 1: 8' wide, 33' 4" long, 19' high; Stage area: 14' x 28'; wheelchair lift
- Show 2: 8' wide, 33' 4" long, 19' high; Stage area: 14' x 28'; wheelchair lift
- Show 3: 8' 4" wide, 35' long, 19' high; Stage area: 13' 6" x 32'; wheelchair lift

Cost:
Government within Oakland County \$500/day
Non-government within Oakland County \$650/day
Outside Oakland County \$725/day

Bleachers

Capacity is 180 people in eight rows (16' x 30')

Park staff set up and tear down bleachers

Cost: \$400/day

Requirements for Stages and Bleachers

Site must be flat, grounded electricity required within 100 feet of stage with at least 20-amp breaker. No public address or sound system provided. Rental group must provide Certificate of Liability Insurance.

Other charges

\$50 for cancellation within one week of reservation date (all units).

\$75 fee for any unit leaving Oakland County.
Vehicles will only travel 20 miles outside of Oakland County.

