

FALL & WINTER

Nature Education Programs



OCTOBER 2026 - MARCH 2027

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

Must-know information for all programs: Programs may take place outdoors or have an outdoor component. Dress for the weather. Outdoor footwear and attire are recommended. In case of inclement weather, programs may be cancelled or rescheduled. Refunds will be issued only for extenuating circumstances.



INDEPENDENCE OAKS COUNTY PARK

9501 Sashabaw Road

Clarkston, MI 48348

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Preregistration with payment required.
Call 248-625-6473 for registration

Apple Cider Pressing

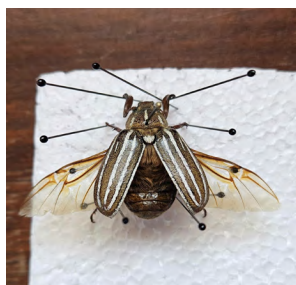
Sat. Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-Noon & 2-4 p.m.

Try your hand at grinding apples and pressing cider. Taste fresh Michigan cider and donuts, and enjoy an early fall hike. Bring a pre-washed, light-colored T-shirt to decorate with apple and leaf prints. Suitable for all ages. **\$10/person.**



Vulture Culture - DIY Bug Pinning

Sun. Nov. 1, 2-4 p.m.



Preservation techniques, like taxidermy, bone cleaning and bug pinning, allow specimens to have a second life as educational tools and artistic décor. Take a hike to find specimens, learn about preservation techniques and create your own "vulture art."

We'll provide materials or BYOB (bring your own bones). Suitable for ages 8+. **\$15/person.**

DIY: Yule Log

Sun. Dec. 13, 1-3 p.m.

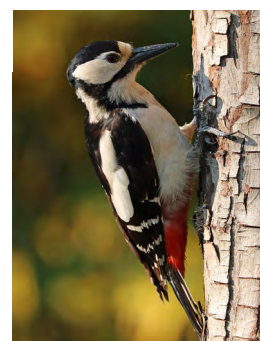
Create your own festive centerpiece while learning the history of the Yule Log tradition. All supplies will be provided. Suitable for ages 8+. **\$20/log.**



The Red-Headed Woodpeckers of MI

Sat. Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-Noon

Michigan is home to several woodpeckers. Most have some red on their heads. Discover their unique (and similar) ecology and adaptations, make a suet feeder, then take a nature walk to see who we can find. Suitable for all ages. **\$10/person.**



Back to the Sugar Shack

Sat. Feb. 20 & 27,
9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.



Ring in the maple season at our brand-new sugar shack! Explore the world of maple with a hands-on lesson on its history, science and geography — plus, see a live

demonstration of the sugaring process from tree to table. Cap off your experience with a tasting of maple's many forms! Suitable for all ages. **\$10/person.**

Polish Your Own Petoskey Stone

Sat. March 6, 2-4 p.m.

Come and learn how to polish your own Petoskey Stone! While using sandpaper and some "elbow grease," learn about Michigan's state stone and its history. All materials provided. Suitable for ages 8+. **\$15/person.**



Early Childhood Programs

Introducing two new weekly series offerings: *Tiny Twigs* - children ages 2-6 bring their caregivers along for a nature adventure. *Little Acorns*: A drop-off series where 3-5 year olds explore the outdoors with naturalist guides.

[Click here](#) for more information.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Preregistration with payment is required for all nature center programs. Walk-ins are accommodated as space allows. Refunds are issued only for extenuating circumstances.

Register and pay: Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express are accepted. Call 248-858-0916 to register during

regular business hours or call the nature centers during open hours. For field trips and outreach inquiries, please use the booking request forms on the website or call or email the nature centers directly.

Programs take place rain or shine. Dress for the weather as programs may be held outdoors. Programs will be cancelled if weather is inclement. [Click here to register now.](#)