



Fun for all age groups at Dinosaur Hill!

Candlemaking By Firelight Saturday, January 6, 4-6 pm

All Ages (\$7/5 per person)

A tour of our pioneer cabin and making dip candles around our campfire will be followed by warming up inside the nature center and pouring candles. Have a taste of a dutch oven dessert.

Winter Seed Sowing Workshop Saturday, Jan 20 or Sat. Jan 27 10:00-11:00am

All Ages (\$15) Presented by Rochester Pollinators

Michigan native seeds do best when sown in the winter. At this workshop you will learn all that you need to know in order to do your own winter sowing project. All supplies you need in order to sow two types of native seeds will be included. More supplies are available for a small additional fee.

Member Mingle Sunday, February 18 **5-7 pm All Ages FREE** *just for current members & their guests. If snow is available, we'll have a snowshoe trek to the community garden and back, then warm up with hot cocoa and snacks in the nature center. Visit our ambassador animals in the exhibit area, play a round or two of Nature/Insect/Rock/Reptile bingo in the birthday room, and make a snowman craft in the library.*

Natural Fibers & Basic Knitting Tuesday, February 20 **6:30-8 pm**

Ages 12+ (\$7/5 per person)

Join us for a primer on natural fibers that can be used in crafts, as well as a basic overview of knitting! Needles and yarn will be provided.

Dungeons and Dinosaurs Fridays, Feb 16-March 15, 5:30-7:30 pm

Ages 10-14 (\$40 all 5 sessions)

Join a campaign that mixes tabletop roleplaying game with real world ecological problems. Something's threatening to wake up the dinosaur sleeping in Dinosaur Hill, help find and fix the problem(s) based on what we know about the ecosystem. Snacks provided.

Simmer Down! Sunday, March 10, 10-11:30 am, 12-1:30 pm, 2-3:30 pm

All Ages (\$6/\$4 per person)

Join us for a maple syrup boil over the campfire. We'll walk along the trail identifying different types of maple trees, have a taste of sap straight from the trees, and discuss the process of making sap into syrup, candy, and sugar. Have a taste of some maple products.

Everything Eggs Saturday, March 23, 10-11:30 am or 1-2:30 pm

Ages 2-10 (\$7/5 per child)

Many animals lay eggs, explore different types of eggs you might see here in Michigan. Then go for an egg hunt through the trail and at the dinosaur dig for tickets to redeem for prizes.

Fossil Fest Sunday, April 7, 10am– 2pm

All Ages (\$7/5 per person)

A day packed with fossil fun, feel free to drop in from 10-2 for different activities. Schedule available online.

Earth Day Open House Sunday, April 21, 10am– 2pm

All Ages FREE

Play our recycling relay race, make an upcycled craft or two, and enjoy saving the earth.

Bat Chat Saturday, May 11, 8-9:30 pm

All Ages (\$6/\$4 per person, \$15/\$13 per family)

Bring any bat questions you have as we discuss the only mammals that fly! Learn about Michigan bats before we take to the trail to find them.

River Day Sunday, June 9, 10am-2pm

All Ages FREE

Meander along our trails and stop at our River Day stations to discover what our waterways do for us, and how we can help them. Bring water shoes (or borrow ours) to get in the water and dip net for macroinvertebrates, try your hand at water quality testing, and create a water-based painting..

FOSSIL FEST

Sunday April 7, 2024

10-10:30 am—Dinosaur Prophecy video in Discovery Dome

10:30-11:15 am Naturalist Led Prehistoric Walk

11:15am -12:00 pm Common Michigan Fossils presentation

12-12:30 pm Fossil Dig 1: Michigan Fossils (to keep)

12:30-1 pm Fossil Cookie Craft

1-1:30 pm Dinosaur Fossils presentation

1:30-2 pm Fossil Dig 2: Dinosaur replicas (to find & return)

Preschool-K:

These programs are designed for the child to experience accompanied by their adult.

Nature Tales Classic

Jan 18 Feb 15 Mar 21 April 18 May 16 June 20

10-11 am Every 3rd Thursday of the month at this program, we'll read a story, eat a snack, and make a craft that matches the theme. (\$6/4 per child per session) **Suggested Ages 3-5**

Story & STEAM

Jan 12 & 26 Feb 9 & 23 Mar 8 & 22 April 12 & 26 May 10 & 24

10-11 am Every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month we combine a story with related Science, Technology, Engineering, Art &/or Math activities.
(\$6/4 per child per session)

Suggested Ages 3-5

Planting Pizza

Wednesdays 4/24-5/29 (\$60/50 for 6 weekly classes)

Grades 2-5

Gardening lessons & delicious pizza snacks each week! Learn how to compost, plant seeds, transplant seedlings, manage common pests, and grow pizza & salad plants. Kids will help plant the DH Children's Garden & take home plants for their own backyard or porch pot garden.



STUDENT STEWARDS

Ages 12-18 can earn community service hours learning to identify invasive species and helping to control a different one each month. Registered students will be provided a link to earn certification on identifying the targeted species before removal day. Snacks and water provided. Additional independent volunteer removal hours may be scheduled at conclusion of scheduled session.

Thursdays at Dinosaur Hill

March 21 4:30-6:30 pm Intro & Common & Glossy Buckthorn pruning

March 28 2-5 pm Bush Honeysuckle removal

April 18 4:30-6:30 pm Japanese Barberry Removal

May 16 4:30-6:30 pm Garlic Mustard Seed Head Removal/Pull

June 20 12-3 pm Dame's Rocket Seed Head Removal/Pull

TO REGISTER:



Eco-Friendly Birthday Party Rental

A birthday party at Dinosaur Hill is a memorable experience! You may choose between Dino Adventure, Explore Michigan Wildlife, Pirate Party, or Investigate Insects. Party fee includes compostable paper goods, decorations, non-plastic party favors and your own “adventure guide” who leads the group in indoor and outdoor activities related to the theme. Please email Amanda@DinosaurHill.org for availability.

Fee: \$200/\$150 for members 2 hour rental, limit 25 people.

Conservation Campfires

(\$6/4 per person \$15/13 per family per event)

All ages.

The scariest fear conservationists have is extinction of a species. Listen to the harrowing tales that some plants & animals face. S’mores supplies will be provided.

- March 28– 6-8 pm Piping Plover
- May 9—6-8 pm Karner Blue Butterfly
- April 25– 6-8 pm Wild Turkey
- June 13—6-8 pm Trumpeter Swan

Daffodils for Dinosaurs Fundraiser

Devonian Daffodils or Mesozoic Mums

Order Feb 1-28

For delivery to Meals on Wheels recipients, Fire, Police, &/or self pickup on March 13 or 14

Evening Campfire Rentals

Enjoy a private seasonal evening hike & campfire with your group. Roasting sticks are provided for roasting marshmallows or hotdogs that you bring. A folding table is provided for your convenience. Firewood is provided. Building is open for restroom use.

All rentals with campfires require 7 day notice.
Fee: \$100 2 hour rental, limit 40 people.

OFF-SITE Programs

- On App Scavenger Series 1—Jan 20, 10-11 am (Families)
- Love Letterboxing—Feb 13. 4:30-6:00 pm (After School)
- Maple Mysteries—Feb 24, 1-2:15 or 2:30-3:45 pm (Teens)
- Wildlife Rescue Questions—March 7. 6:30--8:00 pm (Adults)
- River Roles– April 12, 10-11 am (PreK)
- On App Scavenger Series II—April 20. 10-11 am (Families)
- Peek in the Pond!- May 14. 4:30-6:00 pm (After School)

Sponsored by Oakland Township Parks and Rec Commission these programs are offered at nearby township parks. Discount for township residents/DHNP members but open to general public.
Please preregister with the township at (248)651-7810 or <https://oaklandtownship.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

Registration Information

Member registration: begins Dec 26

Public registration: begins Jan 1

Please register at least one week prior to start of program. Some programs fill-up quickly!

Make checks payable to “DHNP”.

Refund policy: full refund if class is canceled by DHNP. If registrant withdraws at least one week in advance of program start date a refund minus \$5 processing fee will be given. No refunds will be made after the one week advance deadline.



Directions to Dinosaur Hill

Dinosaur Hill is located at 333 North Hill Circle in the City of Rochester. From Rochester Rd. go West on Woodward (there is a light at this intersection. This is a residential side street, not the Woodward that runs through Detroit). From Woodward, turn right (North) on N. Oak Street. From N. Oak St. turn left (West) on North Hill Circle. North Hill Circle will dead-end in the Dinosaur Hill parking lot.

May-August
Open Hours
Fri–Sun 12-5

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