



## LOST LAKE NATURE PARK PARTNERSHIP

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation  
&  
Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

Lost Lake Nature Park  
846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland Charter Township, MI 48363



**Oakland Township Parks and Recreation and Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve have partnered to bring Oakland Township residents and others exciting new programs at Lost Lake Nature Park. Family, friends and neighbors are invited to explore everything this partnership has to offer at FREE fall open houses.**

### Open House at Lost Lake

Open houses are FREE! Open houses are FUN! Open houses are for the whole family! The nature center will be open for four hours. You are welcome to drop by any time during those hours. You will have a chance to explore this amazing park, check out the nature center, participate in crafts, games and other ongoing activities... Including FREE KAYAKING! A new theme will be featured each month so come to one or come to all! You are also welcome to make an afternoon of it and bring along a picnic to enjoy with a scenic view of the huge pine trees and beautifully secluded Lost Lake.

**September 16th Sunday – The Fall Harvest** – There's no better time of year for comfort food than the autumn and people have known this going back as far as ancient Greece. Join us as we celebrate all that autumn has to offer by producing some interesting crafts with harvested fruits and vegetables. Inside we will also put several fruits beneath the stereoscope to see just how amazing their structures can be up close. We will also take guided walks in the woods to see if we can find some fruits growing in the wilds, some of which we should not eat.

**October 14th Sunday (12-4) – Spooky Woods** – Even the scariest aspects of nature are ludicrously cool and we plan on heading out there to learn all about that which goes bump in the night. We'll have owl mounts and owl pieces to admire and touch, a real tarantula, a build-a-bug station and more hauntingly entertaining activities inside. Outdoors we will flip over logs to glimpse the last of our creepy-crawlies before they seemingly vanish for the winter. We'll even talk about how they survive!  
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**November 4th Sunday (12-4) – A Michigan Thanksgiving:** With the approaching celebration of our favorite pudgy bird we figure it only fitting to celebrate our graceful friend with a day all about the turkey... But then we thought, why not pepper in some discussion of Native Americans while we're at it? So join us for the best of both worlds as we honor the true tradition of Thanksgiving by learning about the indigenous people of Michigan while simultaneously putting together our own turkey crafts to take home. Outside we will perfect our turkey call on periodic tours of the woods and, of course, we will play some Ojibwa games.

**December 2nd (12-4) The Happy Holiday Hullabaloo** – With the holidays right around the corner it's time to ring in the new year and celebrate our families by taking everyone out to Lost Lake Nature Park for an afternoon of ornament making, carols, popcorn-stringing, refreshments and more! We will be taking hikes out into the woods to collect natural materials to turn into hanging ornaments inside, playing some festival holiday games, and even going on a scavenger hunt outside for missing prizes!

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For more info or to register: [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org)**



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There is some amazing sledding that happens during the winter months at Lost Lake. For a special treat, Dinosaur Hill is planning one or two surprise “pop up” open houses during prime sledding days at the park. Keep an eye on our facebook page and website for special announcements about this fun event.

**Pop Up Open House** – *date to be determined by mother nature!!!* With the sledding hill in full swing we will be opening up our nature center, in addition to the warming shelter, for a very special way to regain feeling of your toes. We will be putting together winter crafts and serving out cups of hot chocolate to keep sled warriors fueled for their day of recreation at the park. We'll also be donning snowshoes periodically throughout the day to practice moving atop the snow as well for a unique way to experience Lost Lake's trail system!

### **Special event: Super Eco Adventure & Forest Forensics!!!**

We welcome folks of all ages to our programs at Lost Lake but this special event will feature some extra special activities for the pre-teen set. This awesome day is planned for a day when school is closed...so why not shake off the cabin fever and spend an awesome day with Dinosaur Hill up at Lost Lake.

**November 5th Monday (10-2) - Super Eco-Adventure & Forest Forensics:** With school being out we are opening our doors for a special preteen day camp! We will be heading outside and collecting specimens from nature to place beneath microscopes and stereoscopes, dissecting owl pellets and reassembling the bones, and creating edibles versions of animal scat that we find out in the woods for a delicious and gross snack! In the woods we will also hone our tracking skills as we become sleuths on the track for elusive wildlife. We will be combining the best of entertainment and education into this nature extravaganza for the older kids, oh, and did we mention this camp is free? Registration is required via [dinosaurhill.org](http://dinosaurhill.org)

### **Where is Lost Lake?**

Interested in coming out to one of our fabulous open houses, camps or other exciting events but not quite sure where to find it? Lost Lake is like a little piece of up north but close to home.

The park is located at 846 Lost Lake Trail in scenic northern Oakland Township...the easiest route to the park is to head North on Rochester Rd from the Rochester area and southern Oakland Township. Go West on Predmore until you see the sign on the right for Lost Lake. If you see large beautiful pines, a scenic small lake and feel all of the stress leaving your body then you've found the right spot!!!!

Did you know that you can picnic at the lake, take a hike among the rolling hills or just relax on the dock and watch the ducks and geese? The dock, parking lot, picnic area and nature center are all handicap accessible and so they may be enjoyed by individuals of all abilities.

**[www.dinosaurhill.com](http://www.dinosaurhill.com) is the place to go for more information, to register for a program or to ask any questions you may have!**