



## 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 summer 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.

#### June 3rd (12-4pm) (All Ages)

**Babbles About Mammals** – They're definitely one of our favorite classes of vertebrate animals (and not just because we're one of them). Join us as we spend some time investigating the mammals that call Lost Lake home. We will take guided trips out into the woods to search for footprints, get hands-on with furs from animals both local and exotic in the nature center, and even take an up-close look at a couple animal skulls! We will even be putting together squirrel feeders to take home to continue your observations at home!

#### July 15th (12-4pm) (All ages)

**Words About Birds** – Take out your birding check-lists because there are approximately 450 species of birds that call Michigan home. Inside we will be putting together our own recycled bird feeders and bird houses, while outside we will be taking trips into the woods with binoculars to try and spot a few of the avian friends that are calling Lost Lake home. We will even let you know what seeds to place in your feeders to attract specific birds!

#### July 29th (12-4pm) (All Ages)

**What About Wetlands?** – The wetland ecosystem is one of the most diverse in the world but you wouldn't know it just by using your eyes. Join us for a special day of wetland observation and skimming as we take samples of water from very own wetland and put them beneath a powerful microscope to see just how many different specimens can be found! We will also be putting together our own. Inside we will have a very special frog craft available for the younger naturalists!

#### August 5th (12-4pm) (All Ages)

**Wild About Reptiles** – Michigan is home to some of the coolest (and frankly some of the shyest) reptiles on the planet. From introverted box turtles to snakes that like to remain in the shadows we have a whole world of reptiles we constantly overlook. Join us as we go out on the trails to find signs of garter snakes (as well as their lunches), take a look at several turtles inside the nature center for a critter meet-and-greet and even put together a turtle maraca to take home!

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



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#### August 19th (12-4pm) (All Ages)

**Barking up the Wrong Tree** – With summer in full force it's time to get outdoors and explore the wonderful world of dendrology (the study of trees!). We will be taking periodic tours of the woods to learn the basics of tree identification, make leaf pressings, produce a craft with the needles of our state tree (the eastern white pine), demonstrate how paper is made, and even learn how to tell a tree's age by counting samples of rings!

## Classes at Lost Lake Nature Park

**Classes** are a great way to experience Lost Lake Nature Park as they're lead by talented instructors who walk participants through quite a large variety of subject matter in a structured (yet completely fun) setting. Each class will feature an indoor and outdoor portion with many having crafts for participants to take home with them. To sign up for these classes registrants need to head to [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org) and find the class which interests you before simply signing up and paying from the convenience of your own home. Registration is required in advanced and closes a week before the class is to run, this allows us to ensure that we have time to purchase supplies for everyone.

#### June 16th 4:30-6

##### **Bicycle Touring 101 (Adults, 18+)**

Jennifer Miller is a bicycle tourist who recently completed a coast-to-coast trip in 2016 from Maine to Washington State over the course of 3 months. This daunting task required lots of planning, purchases, and training in order to accomplish and she would like to share with you tips and tricks about starting in the hobby of touring. She will be displaying and demonstrating the gear, showing how to optimize and pack your bicycle for day trips and beyond and will be sharing advice on how to get started to take your first overnight tour! This is the perfect way to experience portions of national parks that you would otherwise miss! Trust us, we've seen the pictures.

*\$5 residents/\$7 non-residents*

*Registration required. Please register online at [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org)*

*Registration closes June 10rd*

## Summer Camp at Lost Lake Nature Park

#### July 30th – August 3rd (10am-3pm) (5-8 year olds)

**Wild Kids of Lost Lake** - For the true park experience, you need to join us for our Wild Kids of Lost Lake summer camp. This week long day camp features five themed days inundated with fun. Whether it's casting a line out into the lake, wading through the swampland in search of frogs and snakes, concocting wacky experiments inside or simply learning how to climb a tree we have something for everyone in this adventure of a week. This camp will feature a large variety of scientific and educational activities. We will picnic outside whenever the weather permits so bring a bagged lunch to keep your little scientist fueled so they can continue inspecting insects beneath stereoscopes, dodging water balloons and enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Lost Lake.

*\$140 residents/\$170 non-resident Pre-registration is required*

*Register online at [www.dinosaurhill.org](http://www.dinosaurhill.org) Registration closes July 24th*