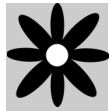


# Fun for all age groups at Dinosaur Hill!



Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

All programs are open to the general public. Please preregister for programs. The lower fees noted are for members of Dinosaur Hill.

**Nature Center Open Hours:**  
*Thursday 1-4 pm Friday-Sunday 12-5 pm*

**THE GREATER ROCHESTER  
HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL**  
*May 28 & 29 9 am-5 pm* **FREE**  
**ROCHESTER MUNICIPAL PARK**

**Bats & Beyond** May 7, 8-9 pm  
**Families** (\$6/4)

*Join us as we search the skies for flying mammals. Learn about bats from near & far. Bring any of your batty questions. An Echometer Touch will bring their echolocation calls into human hearing range.*

**Bigfoot & Friends** Fri. May 20, 7-8 pm  
**Families** (\$6/4)

*Have you ever wondered about the mythical creatures that may lurk in Michigan's forests? Join us on a hike to learn about Michigan myths and folklore.*

**River Day** Sat. June 11, 11 am-2 pm  
**Families**

*(FREE EVENT- Books available for purchase.) Carol Trembath will be reading & signing her books "Water Walkers" & "Ripples and Waves." Explore the types of macroinvertebrates & fish found in the Clinton River & its tributaries.*

**Wild Turkeys 101** Sat. June 18, 1-2:30 pm  
**Families** (\$6/4)

*It is not illegal to talk about turkeys in months other than November! Discover the history & biology of wild turkeys, how they differ from domestic turkeys, & why you may be more likely to see them in the spring.*

**Pollinator Parade** Sat June 25, 10 am—Noon  
**All Ages** (\$8/6) with **Rochester Pollinators**

*Dress as your favorite native pollinator or pollinated plant and parade from the nature center around the Rochester Community Garden, playing pollinator bingo on the way. After the parade, we'll play pollinator games and build pollinator hotels. A special prize for the best dressed pollinators!*

**Night of Nature**

Sat. July 16– Sun July 17, 9 pm-8 am  
**Families** (\$12/10 per person)

*Starting with s'mores over our campfire, we'll tell some stories before taking a night hike to look for nocturnal animals. Play some nature games while getting a chance to see some of our nocturnal ambassadors on their schedule. We'll sleep in sleeping bags in the exhibit room (please bring your own sleeping bag/pillow/pjs) and cook breakfast over the campfire before heading home.*

**Hound Hike** Sat. July 30, 3-4 pm  
**All Ages** (\$6/4)

*Experience the benefits of positive reinforcement training by playing the training game, receive information about adoptable pets with pet rescue **Paws for Life**, followed by a hike in the woods with our special guest dogs. A pawssitive event for all pet lovers & potential adopters.*

**Summer Bounty** Thursday, August 4, 6-7 pm  
**Adults** (\$6/4)

*In preparation for "Sneak a zucchini on your neighbor's porch day," a guest speaker from local nonprofit **Make Food Not Waste** will teach ways to use all of the bounty from your summer garden without resorting to landfill.*

**Moth-erload!** Friday, August 19, 8:30– 10 pm  
**All Ages** (\$6/4)

*Learn about moths while we set up a moth sheet trap. We'll identify some common moths and other night time insects in the area.*



May-August 2022



## Preschool-K:

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

### Following Footsteps

This monthly series lets us discover a mystery plant or animal as we search the trails for clues. We'll think about the color, shape, feel, and parts of different plants or animals to figure out what it could be!

The 3rd Wednesday of each month, 1-2 pm

(\$6/4 per session)

**Ages 3-5**

May 18          June 15          July 20          August 17

### Nature Tales Classic

Each month at this program, we'll read a story, eat a snack, and make a craft that matches the theme.

The 3rd Friday of each month, 10-11 am

(\$6/4 per session) **Ages 3-5**

May 20          June 17          July 15          August 19

### Story & STEAM

This monthly series combines a story and related Science, Technology, Engineering, Art &/or Math activities.



The 2nd Wednesday of each month, 10-11 am

(\$6/4 per session) **Ages 3-5**

May 11- Flowers          July 13- Beavers  
June 8-                      August 10- Bats

### Little's Camp Week

August 1-4

10 am-12 pm

Our youngest summer class experience, all the fun of the big kids in a smaller package. At the end of the week, you'll be hoping for s'more! Each day will be an adventure in the park or garden, activities inside the nature center, and a related craft.

(\$100/80) **Ages 3-6**

### Scary Story

#### Conservation Campfires

(\$5/3 with a maximum fee per family of \$15/12 per session)

**All ages.** S'mores supplies will be provided.

Thursday, May 12, 7-9 pm- Turtles

Thursday, June 16, 7-9 pm - Moose/Elk

Thursday, July 7, 7-9 pm- Bald Eagles

Thursday, August 18, 7-9 pm- Indiana Bats

### Animal Artwork for All Ages & Abilities

Each session will include a different type of plant or animal that our staff will help guide you to create in the media of your choice. Reference used may be a combination of photographs, live animals, or taxidermy specimens.

Several types of art materials will be provided, or feel free to bring your own favorites.

(\$8/6 per session) 10 am—12 pm, drop in

Saturday, May 7 Turtles

Saturday, June 4 Owls

Sunday, July 10 Squirrels

Sunday, Aug 21 Ducks

Music & Nature combine in this monthly summer series brought to you by **Music Shapes.**

Ages 3rd-5th Grade  
(\$6/\$4 per session)

The following Wednesdays at 1 pm-2pm

June 22

July 20

Aug 24

### Nature Book Club

Teens-Adults

Read the suggested book of the month, then join us for a lively discussion about the book, light refreshments, and get up close with some of the nature elements found within the pages.

**Select Thursdays 6:30-8 pm**

Donation suggested.

May 26- Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy

June 23- TBD

July 21- TBD

# EXTENDED SUMMER PROGRAMS

Programs run for 3 hours per day, Monday-Thursday.

Every class can expect to spend time outside exploring the woods, creek, garden, and more!

## Grades 1-3: 9am-12 pm

\$105 non-members/\$85 members

### **Jun 20-23 DINO MIGHT**

Dig for dino bones, put a dinosaur skeleton together, take part in a dinosaur walk relay race, & create your own dinosaur tail in this prehistoric program.

### **Jun 27-30 NATURE CRAFTS Jr.**

For the extra crafty kids! We'll discover creative ways to use stones, soil, and plant parts to create artwork. Hike to gather natural objects that we'll use to design animals, create paintings, and decorate a bird feeder.

### **July 11-14 SAVING THE PLANET Jr.**

We'll discuss how the choices we make can help the planet. Get dirty making compost and planting a seed, make a plastic bottle into something new, and go on a litter scavenger hunt.

### **July 18-21 STARSTRUCK**

Explore our solar system, suns & moons, constellations, and space travel. One full session will take place inside our portable planetarium to view the constellations in ideal conditions!

### **Aug 15-18 BUG OUT**

Meet our resident movie stars. Search for creepy crawlies in water, soil, & sky. We'll safely capture and identify the ones we find before releasing them. Play bug bingo. Craft a bug of your own.

## Little Scamp Week

*August 1-4*

**10 am-12 pm**

Our youngest summer class experience, all the fun of the big kids in a smaller package. At the end of the week, you'll be hoping for s'more! Each day will be an adventure in the park or garden, activities inside the nature center, and a related craft.

*(\$100/80) Ages 3-6*

## Grades 4-5: 1-4 pm

\$105 non-members/\$85 members

### **Jun 20-23 LET'S SCUTE**

Meet a variety of reptiles and amphibians up close in the nature center, imitate frog calls using common objects, and review their habitats so that we can hope to find them outside.

### **Jun 27-30 NATURE CRAFTS**

For the older extra crafty kids! Discover more creative ways to use stones, soil, and plant parts to create artwork. Hike to gather natural objects that we'll use in more advanced crafts and create some crafts that are handy on the trail & in the garden.

### **July 11-14 SAVING THE PLANET**

We'll discuss how the choices we make can help the planet. Get dirty making compost and planting a seed, make an old t-shirt into something new, and play the Eco-Choice Recycling Race.

### **July 18-21 LET'S ROCK**

Discover how volcanoes, water, and wind shape our world. We'll break open geodes, polish stones, make rock candy, and identify different minerals.

### **Aug 1-4 ANIMALS INSIDE OUT**

How do our senses compare to other animals? Give your senses a workout with our echolocation obstacle course and scent & seek games. Examine skulls and other parts and guess which sense are important for that animal.

### **Aug 15-18 BIGGER & BUGGIER**

Meet our resident movie stars up close. Use nets to sweep for insects in the understory and in the creek. Turn logs. We'll safely capture and identify what we find, and turn them loose at the end of the day. Build a bug habitat and watch some very hungry caterpillars grow.

# Private Rentals for Your Group- Baby Showers, Family Reunions, Scout Sleepovers, Neighborhood Potluck, etc.

Online registration available!  
[www.dinosaurhill.org/Classes/](http://www.dinosaurhill.org/Classes/)



## 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 naturalist who leads the group in indoor and outdoor activities related to the theme. Please call or visit the nature center for availability.

*Fee: \$150 2 hour rental, limit 25 people.*

## Evening Campfire Rentals

Enjoy a naturalist guided evening hike & campfire. Firewood, roasting sticks, and marshmallows are provided. Building is open for restroom use.

*All rentals with campfires require 7 day notice.*

*Fee: \$150 2 hour rental, limit 40 people.*

## Nature Center Overnight Rental

Enjoy a naturalist guided evening hike, campfire, & craft. Firewood, roasting sticks, and marshmallows are provided. After the fire, board games are available, as well as viewing of resident nocturnal animal ambassadors before spreading our sleeping bags inside the exhibit room.

*All rentals with campfires require 7 day notice.*

*Fee: \$250 12 hour rental, 8-8 or 9-9; limit 15 people.*

## OFF-SITE Programs

**Investigate Insects**—May 14, 10-11:30 am (Families)

**Nature Art**—June 1. 4-5:30 pm (After School)

**Canines Hike**—June 10. 7:30--9:00 pm (Adults)

**Roly Poly Ruckus**—July 9, 10-11 am (PreK)

**Pollinator Party**—July 17. 2-3:30 pm (Families)

**Dragons & Damsels**—Aug 14. 2-3:30 pm (Adults)

**Bat Hike**—Aug 26, 8-9:30 pm (Teens)

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 April 8**

**Public registration: begins April 15**

\*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

Thursday 1-5

Fri-Sun 12-5

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