



Programs & Events

Fall 2021

EDDY DISCOVERY CENTER at WATERLOO

Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Gerald Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118

A Recreation Passport is required for entry in Waterloo Recreation Area

Arrows Away. Saturday, September 11, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Edible Plants Foraging Walk. Sunday, September 12, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join us on a walk with Rachel Misfud from Will Forage for Food to look for edible, medicinal, and otherwise useful plants and mushrooms that are ready for harvest. The walk will be leisurely, but participants need to be able to handle uneven, shrubby or muddy ground, as we may leave the trail to search for these plants. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family with State Recreation Passport. Program will be held outdoors at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea.

Advance registration required at (734) 475-3170 as this program is limited to 35 people.

Arrows Away. Saturday, September 18, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Fall Mushroom Hunt. Sunday, September 19, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Come search the woods to find and collect fall mushrooms! Afterwards, mushroom expert Phil Tedeschi will talk about what you have collected and identify those that are edible. Bring a basket or paper bag and waxed paper for collecting. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family with State Recreation Passport. Program will be held outdoors at the Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. **Advance registration required at (734) 475-3170 as this program is limited to 30 people.**

Michigan Trails Week: Hike Around Mill Lake. Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. Take a guided hike with a naturalist around Mill Lake, through oak-hickory forest, wetlands, the historic Mill Lake camp, and back to the Center. Three-mile hike on uneven terrain. 1.5 hours. Cost: Free.

Animal Adaptations. Sunday, September 26, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Whether they have fur, feathers or scales, all animals need special features that allow them to find food, avoid predators, and survive in their environment. Learn about some of these amazing adaptations in this hands-on program with live animals brought to you by Science Alive. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family with State Recreation Passport. Program will be held outdoors at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea.

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Seven Outdoor Skills Everyone Should Know. Sunday, October 3, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sure, your iPhone has an app for everything, and you won't get lost using your GPS. But what if your batteries die? In this hands-on workshop, Meg Gower and Ryan Dibble will show you ways to navigate, as well as basic survival skills. Learn how to make fire without matches, build a shelter, locate water, signal, and more. Aimed at ages 10 to adult. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family with State Recreation Passport. Program will be held outdoors at the Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. **Advance registration required at (734) 475-3170, as this program is limited to 25 people.**

Apple Cider Pressing. Saturday, October 9, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Become part of the process from start to finish, with lots of family time and great cider! Cost: Free.

Arrows Away. Saturday, October 16, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn a traditional outdoor skill through fun, safe instruction. Equipment provided. Age 8 and up. Cost: Free.

Michigan Birds of Prey. Sunday, October 17, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Survival at its finest! Francie Krawcke of Michigan Avian Experience will bring live raptors to demonstrate their remarkable survival adaptations and behaviors. Enjoy a close-up look at these magnificent birds. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family with State Recreation Passport. Program will be held outdoors at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. **Advance registration required at (734) 475-3170 as this program is limited to 35 people.**

Self-Guided Fall Color and Sandhill Crane Tour. Large numbers of Sandhill Cranes can be seen in parts of the Waterloo Recreation Area through late November. Beginning October 10, visitors may pick up free maps to the best fall color routes and crane viewing areas around the Waterloo Recreation Area. A film "The Sandhill Crane Story" will be shown on request.

Sandhill Crane Tour. Sunday, October 24, 2 p.m. Local expert Bill Wells will talk about Sandhill Cranes and answer some of your questions about their fascinating behaviors. Afterwards, he will lead a driving tour to view cranes in the fields around the Waterloo Recreation Area. Visitors can expect to see some of these magnificent birds at close range. Bring binoculars and cameras. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family with State Recreation Passport. Program will begin outdoors at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Rd. in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. **Advance registration required at (734) 475-3170.**

Halloween Geocaching 101. Saturday, October 30, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Using a GPS receiver, navigate the trails at the Discovery Center to find hidden caches of "treasures." Learn how you can join this ongoing adventure of hidden treasure all over the world. Cost: Free.

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