



## Winter into Spring Weekend Programs

### *Gillette Sand Dune Visitor Center, P.J. Hoffmaster State Park*

**March 5**

#### **Feeding Birds**

**10am**

Do you have a bird feeder? Would you like to learn more about feeding birds and maintaining a healthy bird feeding area? This class will cover basic bird identification, seed, basics of maintaining a bird feeding area at home, DIY bird feeders, and how to clean your feeders.



#### **Farewell to Winter Walk**

**11 am**

If snow is present this hike will be conducted with snowshoes. We will cover about 2.5 miles in one hour to search for signs of spring. This is a great hike for first time visitors and those wanting to learn more about the park.

**March 12**

#### **What Is Wild?**

**11am**

Learn the difference between pets and wild animals. This program is suitable for 4-6year olds. A short hike will follow.

**March 19**

#### **All Things Green and Lucky Hike**

**10:30am**

Help us look for signs of spring, learn about residents of the Hoffmaster woodland and see if you can spy the leprechaun. This short 1 mile hike is appropriate for young children and their families.



**March 26**

#### **Birds of Hoffmaster State Park**

**9:30am**

This is a hike for beginning birders. It is a short hike with binoculars to see what bird species we can find. Bring your own binoculars or use ours.

All hikes and programs begin at the Gillette Visitor Center, [www.michigan.gov/gillettevc](http://www.michigan.gov/gillettevc). A state park passport is needed for park entry. For information on the recreation passport visit [www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport](http://www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport). For more information on the programs above please call 231-798-3573.

**GILLETTE SAND DUNE VISITOR CENTER, P.J. HOFFMASTER STATE PARK, 6585 LAKE HARBOR RD., MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN 49441, 231-798-3573 OR 231-798-3711.**





# Bluebird Basics Workshop

*Gillette Sand Dune*

*Visitor Center*

March 19, 2022

**10am-noon**

**This workshop is FREE.** Learn all about the Eastern Bluebird, their habitat and nesting needs from Gene Wasserman of the Michigan Bluebird Society. Bluebird box maintenance and styles will also be discussed. Want to attract bluebirds to your property? This workshop will address your questions about getting started.

Do you already have bluebirds using boxes on your property but English sparrows are causing issues? Strategies for deterring this pest will be reviewed. Anita Friend, our local representative from the Michigan Bluebird Society will also be on hand to talk about local bluebird box efforts.

For more information or to register, please call 231-798-3573 or email Elizabeth @ [Brockwell-Tillmane@michigan.gov](mailto:Brockwell-Tillmane@michigan.gov). Registration is limited so call today. The first 25 will be entered into a drawing.

