

Lewis E. Wint Nature Center



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The Lewis E. Wint Nature Center has provided rich nature education experiences for all ages since 1985. Located inside 1,276-acre Independence Oaks County Park near Clarkston, the nature center features hands-on natural history exhibits, wildlife feeding stations, meeting spaces and live animal displays. Outdoors, enjoy sensory and water gardens, an amphitheater, playgrounds, 12 miles of hiking trails and 68-acre Crooked Lake for an exciting and diverse day.

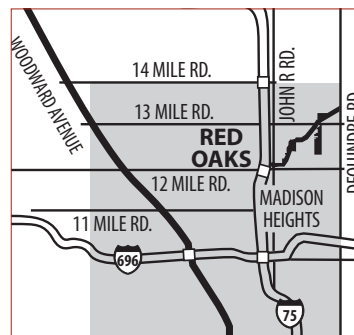


30300 Hales Street
Madison Heights, MI 48071
248-585-0100 (Nature Center)
248-858-0916 (Program Registration)

HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday
Noon-5 p.m.



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248-625-0877 (Park)

HOURS

Memorial Day-Labor Day
Sun. 1-5 p.m.

Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m-5 p.m.

Labor Day-Memorial Day

Sun. 1-5 p.m.

Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



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Nestled within a 38-acre natural area known as George Suarez Friendship Woods, this log cabin features seasonal displays, live animals, outdoor pond and multi-purpose classroom. A 1.3-mile paved trail invites visitors to experience more than 45 native tree and shrub species, exquisite birding and a variety of habitats. In addition to the nature center, explore Red Oaks Waterpark, Dog Park, Soccer Complex and Golf Course, all nearby. A whole day of fun awaits.



Nature in Our Backyard

Seasonal Programs

Explore the outdoors year-round! Seasonal public programs are offered at each nature center for families and individuals.

Sample programs include animal encounters, evening astronomy events and mini camps. Topics, prices and age requirements vary; visit OaklandCountyParks.com for a seasonal listing and registration information.



Scout Badge Days

Offered on select Saturdays during the school year, Badge Days fulfill all requirements necessary for Girl Scout, Cub Scout and Boy Scout merit badges. Each badge session includes hands-on activities and most include a snack. Space is limited and preregistration is required. See the Badge Day flyer or OaklandCountyParks.com for a current schedule and registration information.



Scheduled Badge Days don't fit your calendar? Call the nature centers to arrange field trips for groups, tailored to fit your needs. Minimum charge applies.



Choose from a variety of nature themes for children ages three and older.

Party package includes:

- Ninety minutes of birthday fun
- Nature talk, game and craft or hike
- Party invitations and decorations
- A goodie bag for each child

Guidelines:

- Two weeks minimum notice and non-refundable \$25 deposit required. Minimum fee is \$100
- Maximum of 18 children: ratio of one adult chaperone to five children required
- Birthday child is free

Nature Center programs meet numerous Michigan Department of Education Science Standards K-12, and make ideal hands-on experiences for students. Many programs include the use of pelts, taxidermy and limited live reptiles and amphibians.

Homeschoolers

Monthly programs are offered at Red Oaks Nature Center! Visit OaklandCountyParks.com for details and schedule.

Field Trips

Nature center field trips offer hands-on nature education perfect for students preschool through high school-age, along with scouts, private groups, day camps, homeschoolers and seniors.

Each 90-minute program includes an interactive nature talk, naturalist-guided hike (weather permitting) and time to explore exhibits. Small groups can be accommodated; minimum charge applies. Most field trip topics may be modified into a Nature Discovery Outreach service.

Sample topics:

- Michigan Wildlife
- Terrific Trees
- Birds of a Feather
- Amazing Adaptations
- Astronomy/StarLab



Nature in Your Backyard

Nature Discovery

Bring an interactive, naturalist-led nature talk to your classroom, library, senior center, day camp or preschool.

- Presentations are 45 minutes long
- Appropriate for ages three and older
- Programs include the use of natural objects (pelts, taxidermy) and one or two live animals.

Nature Tables

Book a Nature Table for your next festival or large event. A naturalist will display and interpret skulls, skins or pelts, and other biofacts for event participants.



StarLab

StarLab is a portable, inflatable planetarium that brings the wonder of the night sky indoors, year-round, to your facility or ours.

- StarLab requires a quiet, clean indoor area (minimum 23' x 23' and 11' high) with electricity.
- Presentations can accommodate up to 30 people.
- Typical presentations are 45 minutes in length and appropriate for first grade and older. Change time is needed between programs.



Schedule an appointment

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Program fees and Information:
Visit OaklandCountyParks.com

Park Entry Fee is included with paid nature programs

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Natural Resources Education

Citizen Science Programs feature the collaboration between everyday people and researchers working on scientific studies. People gather information about birds, water quality, invasive species, butterflies and more. Citizen science allows the public to assist scientists' understanding of the complexities of nature.

Citizen science and stewardship programs at Oakland County Parks and Recreation have included NestWatch; environmental surveys and counts; park and river stewardship efforts; and various other educational programs.

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Independence Oaks Archery Range

The Archery Range offers many different archery opportunities.

- Open range time May-September with equipment rentals available
- Beginner and Intermediate classes May-October
- Themed field trips, events and camps are offered during the operating season

Details at OaklandCountyParks.com.