

# NATURE EDUCATION



**Red Oaks Nature Center  
Madison Heights**

**Lewis E. Wint Nature Center  
Clarkston**

**OaklandCountyParks.com**

## Red Oaks Nature Center



30300 Hales Street, Madison Heights, MI 48071 248-585-0100

Nestled within a 38-acre natural area known as George Suarez Friendship Woods, this log cabin features seasonal displays, live animals, outdoor pond and classroom-style auditorium. 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.



## Lewis E. Wint Nature Center



9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI 48348 248-625-6473



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, 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**  
Memorial Day–Labor Day  
Tuesday–Friday  
10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Sunday Noon–5 p.m.  
  
Labor Day–Memorial Day  
Tuesday–Saturday  
10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Sunday Noon–5 p.m.



9501 Sashabaw Road  
Clarkston, MI 48348  
248-625-6473 (Wint Nature Center)  
248-625-0877 (Park)

**HOURS**  
Memorial Day–Labor Day  
Tuesday–Saturday  
10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Sunday 1–5 p.m.  
  
Labor Day–Memorial Day  
Friday–Saturday  
10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Sunday 1–5 p.m.



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# 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](http://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 Cub Scout and Girl Scout badges. Each badge session includes hands-on activities and a snack. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. See the Badge Day flyer or [OaklandCountyParks.com](http://OaklandCountyParks.com) for a current schedule and registration information.

Scheduled Badge Days don't fit your calendar? Call the nature centers to arrange a field trip for groups of 10 or more, tailored to fit your needs.



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.
- Maximum of 18 children
- Ratio of one adult chaperone to five children required.
- Birthday child is free



Field trips can enhance your homeschool science curriculum

## 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. Groups of 10-50 can be accommodated.

Sample topics:

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



# Nature in Your Backyard

## Nature Discovery

Naturalists can bring interactive nature talks to your classroom, library, senior center, day camp and preschool.

- Presentations are 45 minutes in length and are appropriate for ages three and older.
- Programs generally include the use of pelts, taxidermy mounts, other natural objects and one or two live animals.
- Most field trip topics may be modified into a Nature Discovery service.



## 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

Red Oaks Nature Center 248-585-0100  
Wint Nature Center 248-625-6473

**Program fees and Information:**  
Visit [OaklandCountyParks.com](http://OaklandCountyParks.com)

**Park Entry Fee** is included with paid nature programs

## Essential Info

While you are having fun at the parks, share your experience with us through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



# 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 and FeederWatch programs; environmental surveys and counts; park and river stewardship efforts; Stream Leaders and various other educational programs.

Topics, prices, and age requirements vary; visit [OaklandCountyParks.com](http://OaklandCountyParks.com) for a seasonal listing and registration information.



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.