



RECREATION FOR ALL

2019 Events and Programs
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Oakland County Parks and Recreation offers myriad year-round opportunities for individual and family recreation.

In addition to large-scale and community-based special events, we bring recreation right to you with unique mobile units.

Youth can experience outdoor adventures in week-long summer day camps.

Active adults and individuals with disabilities enjoy programs tailored to their interests and needs.

Citizen Science programs involve everyday people with scientific studies.

Two nature centers provide interpretive programs, events and outreach presentations.

There's even archery and special events for history buffs -- all in the great outdoors.

2019 SPECIAL EVENTS

Marshmallow Drop	April 19	Wardon Park, Royal Oak
Feather Fest	May 18	Independence Oaks County Park
Light Up the Night	June 8	Addison Oaks County Park
Make a Splash Shark Day	June 12	Waterford Oaks Waterpark
Archery Open House	June 15	Independence Oaks County Park
Come Out & Play	June 28	Red Oaks Soccer Complex
Firefly Frenzy	June 29	Independence Oaks County Park
Come Out & Play	July 9	Independence Oaks County Park
Butterfly Parade	July 13	Red Oaks Nature Center
Rhythm & Rhymes Music Festival	July 20	Southfield Civic Center
Make A Splash Pirate Day	July 24	Waterford Oaks Waterpark
Air Fair	Aug. 3	Groveland Oaks County Park
Cosmic Commotion	Aug. 12	Addison Oaks County Park
Make a Splash Wookie Wednesday	Aug. 14	Waterford Oaks Waterpark
National Senior Day	Aug. 21	Independence Oaks County Park
Drive-in Movie	Aug. 22	Waterford Oaks BMX Track
Haunted Hallows	Sept. 14 & 21	Groveland Oaks County Park
Hometown Harvest	Oct. 6	Red Oaks County Park
Boo Bash	Oct. 12 & 19	Addison Oaks County Park
Trick or Trees	Oct. 26	Red Oaks Nature Center
Pop in & Play	Nov. 7	Springfield Oaks Activity Center
Pop in & Play	Nov. 22	Lyon Oaks Banquet Center

EXPLORE TWO NATURE CENTERS



Both Red Oaks and Wint nature centers offer interpretive programs for all ages; scout badge days, Wild Birthday Parties for kids and field trip opportunities. Outreach programs bring nature to you with school Nature Discovery visits, nature tables at parks and events and the StarLab inflatable planetarium.

Park entry fee is included with paid nature programs. Call the nature centers directly to schedule field trip appointments. To register for programs, call 248-858-0916. Find program details and schedules at OaklandCountyParks.com.



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. Independence Oaks-North offers hiking trails and fishing docks.

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-style nature center offers 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 full day of fun awaits.



Get Active the benefits are endless

Being active outdoors in fresh air and sunshine improves health and fitness. A visit from Oakland County Parks and Recreation's Mobile Recreation units helps strengthen families and brings people together.

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Citizen Science Programs

Everyday people and researchers work on scientific studies collaboratively to benefit the preservation of natural habitat and animal species at the 13 Oakland County Parks. Participants gather information about birds, water quality, invasive species, butterflies and more. Citizen science allows the public to assist park staff with management practices within our parks.

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

Topics and age requirements vary; visit OaklandCountyParks.com for a seasonal listing and registration information.



JUST FOR ADULTS

With programs designed specifically for adults, Oakland County Parks and Recreation makes it easy to stay active and healthy while enjoying the great outdoors.



River Walk – In a unique fitness experience held after hours at Red Oaks Waterpark, adults ages 18+ can walk with or against the current along the 990-foot long River Ride.

TrailBlazer Walking Series – Walkers of any age can combine fitness with fun facts during free guided trail walks on summer Tuesday evenings. Explore ecological features, view wildlife and learn historical trivia at a different park each week.



After-hours adults-only swims – Be a kid again – show an ID (ages 50+) to gain exclusive access to Red Oaks Waterpark after closing time on specific summer evenings. Float on the River Ride, swim in the wave pool and zip down the waterslides.



ADAPTIVE RECREATION

All abilities are welcome at Oakland County Parks and Recreation. Inclusion services, including therapeutic recreation programs and adaptive equipment, are offered so that individuals with disabilities can participate in any program or event hosted by Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

A certified therapeutic recreation specialist coordinates programs and assists individuals during programs. Partnerships with more than 30 non-profit agencies, schools and disabled sports organizations enable Oakland County Parks and Recreation to cooperatively provide unique recreational options:

Socials – Through community partnerships, trained adaptive recreation staff and volunteers host more than 20 socials each year for individuals with developmental disabilities, at locations throughout Oakland County. This programming fosters a sense of camaraderie and provides fellowship opportunities for both participants and caregivers.

Summer Daze-Aug. 3 Independence Oaks County Park This free event for individuals with disabilities, held each summer at Independence Oaks, includes park entry, lunch, music and pontoon boat rides.

Adaptive Sports Clinic-July 19 Independence Oaks County Park Individuals with physical disabilities can attend clinics to learn archery techniques as well as how to kayak and hand cycle.

Youth Programming – Youth with disabilities can attend weekly drop-in open gym sessions in the fall and winter months. During the summer, children and their families can interact with pilots in a unique program that includes plane rides and other aviation activities.

Adaptive Sports Equipment – Pool transfer chairs, trail wheelchairs, hand pedal boats, out-riggers for kayaks, hand cycles and single rider golf carts provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to enjoy leisure activities at beaches, on trails and at golf courses.

Get more information:
Oakland County Parks and Recreation
Recreation Programs and Services South Office
27725 Greenfield Road
Southfield, MI 48076
248-424-7081
Adaptive@oakgov.com

Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday



ARCHERY

NEW at Independence Oaks County Park – an archery range will offer open times as well as beginner classes. Groups can reserve the archery range at 248-858-0916. Call 248-858-5267 for details about the range.



HISTORICAL ADVENTURES

Oakland County has a rich history and the parks are no exception. Explore park facilities with a local historian to learn surprising facts, interesting stories and family histories of former residents. Groups and individuals are welcome.



Buhl Estate tours – Stroll through the estate and learn about the history of Addison Oaks County Park which dates back more than 100 years.

Classic Christmas program – Tour the historical 1920s English-style clubhouse at Glen Oaks County Park when it is decorated for the holidays.

Tea Party at the Ellis Barn – Steep yourself in the history of tea at the historic 1884 Ellis Barn. June 4, 5 and 6 at Springfield Oaks County Park.

Fall Color Tour – Buhl Estate history tour, elegant lunch, accessible hay wagon ride, cider and donuts. OCPB buses available for groups or individuals Oct. 15 and Oct. 16 at Addison Oaks County Park.

LET US BRING THE PARTY TO YOU



GO! ADVENTURES

Equipment and instructions provided
 Cost: \$225/2 hours; \$100/Second Unit;
 \$50/each additional hour (same site and day)

GO! Fish (indoor or outdoor play)



Backyard Bass Clinics use poles rigged with plugs and plastic fish to teach the basics and safety of fishing. Program can be hosted in a 60' x 60' open field, gym or pool. Take a Hooked on Fishing trip to any lake in Oakland County or to an Oakland County Park (park entry fee included). We can help you find the perfect location for your trip. Organized groups only. Adult chaperones are required for youth groups. Maximum group size is 30.

GO! Cache (outdoor play only)



Traditional Geocaching Adventures teach the basics of geocaching including Leave No Trace outdoor ethics. Recommended for school groups, scouts, camps and birthday parties. Maximum group size is 30.

In 5-Card Frenzy (a family-friendly poker run), groups compete to find all five event caches, choose a mystery playing card and post their hand to see who wins the 5-Card Frenzy prize.

GO! Golf (outdoor play only)

Try golf for the first time. Hit the target for a promotional prize. This inflatable can be set up for chipping or as a 9-hole golf course. A 50' x 50' area is needed for the 10' x 10' inflatable.

INFLATABLE FUN PACKAGES

(Socks must be worn)



Inflatable Bouncer

Designed for all ages – 14' wide x 14' long

Cost: \$375/2 hours; \$50/each additional hour

Festival

- Extreme Course II - (designed for 3rd grade and older) 34' length x 23' wide x 14' high
- Tropical Maze - (designed for pre-k through 2nd grade) 16' wide x 27' long x 10' high

Cost: \$600/2 hours; \$100/each additional hour

Mini Festival

- Bouncer – 11' wide x 11' long
- Tropical Maze - 16' wide x 27' long x 10' high
- Dino Slide - 12' wide x 24' long x 8' 6" high

Cost: \$500/2 hours; \$75/each additional hour

Carnival

- Wacky Coliseum - A jousting area or a bouncer for small children. 25' wide x 29' long x 12' high
- Bungee Run - Two people race with bungees on their backs. 11' wide x 35' long x 7' high
- Carnival Games – Baseball, toss game, basketball and skee ball

Cost: \$500/2 hours; \$75/each additional hour

Obstacle Course

- Two obstacle course lanes include inflatable rock walls, squeeze tunnels and slides
- 14' wide x 49' long x 17' high
- Designed for any age

Cost: \$500/2 hours; \$75/each additional hour

RETRO GAMES

If it was cool back in the day, we have it! Trailer comes stocked with games and activities for all ages, and our trained staff will take the lead. Retro Games includes many field day favorites like sack races, egg-and-spoon relays, tug-o-war ropes, kickball and parachute games. Other activities include hula hoop contests, arts and crafts, scooters, giant foam javelins, bean bag toss games, sidewalk chalk and much more.

Cost: \$325/2 hours; \$50/each additional hour



CLIMBING TOWER

Two climbing towers are available. Each stands 25 feet upright and simulates rock climbing. A safety harness and helmet are provided and must be used. Tower must be set up on asphalt.

Shoes and socks must be worn. Minimum weight 40 lbs. Maximum weight 250 lbs. Great for fitness -- improves strength, flexibility and cardiovascular circulation.

Cost: \$500/2 hours; \$75/each additional hour



RECREATION ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

RAPP grants recreation opportunities and experiences including outreach programs and bus transportation to cities, villages and townships; community parks and recreation departments; schools; downtown development authorities; non-profit organizations; and underserved populations. Applications are available at OaklandCountyParks.com.

ADDITIONAL RENTAL OPTIONS

Buses

Three buses available for rent year-round:

- 34-passenger Coach Championship bus with wheelchair lift. Can accommodate 32 passengers with one wheelchair, 30 passengers with two wheelchairs
- 38/adult or 50/children (4th grade or lower) passenger school bus
- 41-passenger transit bus with wheelchair lift can accommodate 39 passengers with one wheelchair; 37 passengers with two wheelchairs

Cost:

School, Transit or Coach Bus - \$550/up to 8 hours;
 \$50/hour over 8 hours

Seniors/Therapeutics programs (Transit Bus only)
 \$350/up to 8 hours

School groups (School Bus only): \$300/4 hours, Sept.–May;
 \$50/extra hour; \$75 fee if bus leaves Oakland County

Stages*

- Show 1: 8' wide, 33' 4" long, 19' high; Stage area: 14' x 28'; wheelchair lift
 - Show 2: 8' wide, 33' 4" long, 19' high; Stage area: 14' x 28'; wheelchair lift
 - Show 3: 8' 4" wide, 35' long, 19' high; Stage area: 13' 6" x 32'; wheelchair lift
- Rental group must provide Certificate of Liability Insurance.

Cost:

Government within Oakland County \$500/day
 Non-government within Oakland County \$650/day
 Outside Oakland County \$725/day

Bleachers*

Capacity is 180 people in eight rows (16' x 30')
 Park staff set up and tear down bleachers
 Cost: \$350/day

*Requirements for Stages and Bleachers

Site must be flat, grounded electricity required within 100 feet of stage with at least 20-amp breaker. No public address or sound system provided. Rental group must provide Certificate of Liability Insurance

Other charges

\$50 for cancellation within one week of reservation date (all units).

\$75 fee for any unit leaving Oakland County.
 Vehicles will only travel 20 miles outside of Oakland County.

Reservations: 248-858-0916
 RPSreservations@oakgov.com

OAKVENTURES Summer Camp

Do your kids love adventures and exploring new places? If so, Oakland County Parks and Recreation's OakVentures Day Camp fits the bill. The week-long day camp takes place at several Oakland County Parks where campers spend time in the great outdoors.

During the course of the week, campers might make waves at two waterparks, experience nature on guided trail hikes, discover the night sky in StarLab (inflatable planetarium), learn archery, scale a rock wall and soar through the air on a zip line. They will also have a chance to ride the BMX track, run through inflatable obstacle courses, make crafts, participate in wacky games and more! Trained summer camp staff and OCPD bus drivers pick up campers at designated communities and transport them to the parks each day.

Camp OakVentures is for kids who are 6-12 years old by the first day of camp. Six-year-olds must have completed kindergarten.

Camp activities are planned from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Pickup and drop-off times will vary based on individual community locations.

Cost: \$140 per camper. Camp registration includes T-shirt, all park entries and tickets throughout week of camp. Campers are required to bring a lunch, two snacks, refillable water bottle, sunscreen, socks, tennis shoes, bathing suit and towel each day.

Register for Camp OakVentures at the participating community's Parks and Recreation Department.

June 24-28; July 22-26; Aug. 12-16 are for these communities: Berkley, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Southfield (Southfield is not offering June 24-28).

June 17-21; July 8-12; Aug. 5-9 are for these communities: Holly Township, Independence Township, Orion Township, Waterford (Waterford also offers June 24-28).

Detailed Camp OakVentures information can be found at OaklandCountyParks.com, or call 248-858-0916.

