

Natural Resources Education



Programs take place at Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Unless otherwise noted, contact Kathleen Dougherty, 248.858.0704 or doughertyk@oakgov.com for details and registration.

Nest Box Monitoring Training

Sunday, March 4, 2–4 p.m.

Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks

Actively manage nest boxes for native cavity nesters like the Eastern Bluebird. Instruction will be provided on techniques, recordkeeping and more.

Volunteers must be willing to commit to weekly visits to the nest boxes from April–August.



Natural Shoreline Workshop

Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks

Workshop by Michigan State University Extension Service for lake property owners. The focus will be on using native plants to create natural shorelines which protect the watershed. Contact Linda Smith at 248.858.0887 or smithlin@oakgov.com.

Frog Survey Training

Friday, March 30, 7–9 p.m.

Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks

Learn how to recognize the calls of singing male frogs and methods of amphibian survey work. Then volunteer to assist from April–June with night frog surveys at Independence Oaks and Rose Oaks county parks.



Program Registration

Pre-registration required and early registration suggested since some programs are popular. Check for a **P** which indicates pre-payment required. Group reservations are scheduled separately. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.

Send a check payable to Oakland County Parks to:

Lewis Wint Nature Center
9501 Sashabaw, Clarkston, MI 48348
Include driver's license number and telephone number.

Visa/Mastercard/Discover now accepted.
No refunds for advance payments.

Please note new hours

Open for walk-in visitation:

Wednesday–Sunday 1–5 p.m.
Closed Monday and Tuesday

Group programs, field trips, birthday parties with advance reservations:

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, Noon–5 p.m.

Call for availability and details: 248.625.6473

Park Entry Fee

- \$5/vehicle Oakland County resident discount rate
- \$4/vehicle Seniors age 62+/Adaptive/Active Military
- \$10/vehicle regular rate

Vehicle entry fee may be charged if guests use other facilities in the park.

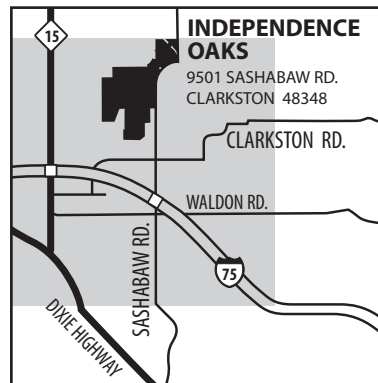
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Resident Discount Rate

- \$30/Oakland County resident
- \$22/Seniors age 62+/Adaptive/Active Military

Regular Rate

- \$46/regular rate
- \$30/Seniors age 62+/Adaptive/Active Military
- \$48/Parks Perks Pass for Oakland County Parks & Huron–Clinton Metroparks



2012 WINTER SCHEDULE

Growing the Green Minds of Tomorrow



Interpretive programs increase knowledge of the natural world

Great recreation experiences make a connection with the outdoors

Beautiful park setting is an oasis for wildlife



Snowshoe Trek & Campfire

Saturday, Jan. 14, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Join a naturalist for a guided snowshoe hike and discover “secrets in the snow” left by active winter animals. Warm up with a treat by a cozy campfire and decorate a T-shirt with animal track stamps. Snowshoeing is appropriate for ages 5 and older; participants must wear boots. A wintry walk will be substituted if conditions do not permit snowshoeing. Each person must bring a plain, white pre-washed T-shirt. \$5/person. **P**

Bats of the World

Saturday, Feb. 11, 1:30–3 p.m.

Bats make up one-fourth of all the mammal species of the world. Throughout the world there are about a thousand species, nine of which live in Michigan. Bats live in many different habitats on several continents and feed on a wide variety of foods. In partnership with the Birdfeeder of Clarkston, the Organization for Bat Conservation will bring **live bats** to demonstrate some of the many adaptations they have for survival. \$3/person. **P**

Frosty Oaks Fest

Saturday, Feb. 18, noon–4 p.m.

Independence Oaks is a premier winter recreation destination in Oakland County. Come with the family and warm the frost on your nose with winter activities such as ice skating (bring your skates), broom hockey, ice fishing, hiking, snowshoeing, “snow snake” competitions, snowflake catcher craft, StarLab and more. “Dress for the weather tips” will be presented by Moosejaw outfitters. Park entry fee required.



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Winter Star Party

Saturday, Feb. 25, 8–10 p.m.

Winter’s crisp, clear skies can be great for star gazing. Learn about Orion the Hunter and Taurus the Bull along with all the constellations seen during the winter season. Enjoy a planetarium show inside the Nature Center’s StarLab and view deep sky wonders through telescopes provided by the Oakland Astronomy Club (weather permitting). Make a cosmic craft and enjoy a star studded snack! Suitable for adults and school-age children. \$3/person. **P**

Tuning Your Tot into Winter

Wednesday, Feb. 29, 10–11:45 a.m. OR 1–2:45 p.m.

OR Saturday, March 3, 1–2:45 pm.

Building a strong love of nature in early childhood can lead to a lifetime of healthy living. Celebrate nature with the 3 - 6 year old in your family by making “Tuning Your Tot” a seasonal habit. Make memories with your child as we sing, discover, hike, craft and snack our way through a winter morning or afternoon. This winter session will focus on White-tailed deer. \$4/tot.

Maple Magic

Saturday, March 10, 10–11:30 a.m. OR 1:30–3 p.m.

Days with temperatures above freezing combined with chilly nights heralds the time to make some maple magic! As the trees start to “run” sap, learn the pioneers’ syrup process, take a walk to see a tap, make a simple maple craft and sample some **delicious** maple products! \$3/person. **P**



ATTENTION SCOUT LEADERS

The Wint Nature Center offers Badge Days fulfilling all requirements necessary for scout badges. Sessions are held on Saturdays and run from 10 a.m.–noon or 2–4 p.m.

Space is limited and some badges fill quickly. Pre-registration is mandatory. Call for details. No refund after registration/payment has been received.

Special Notes:

Girl Scout Leaders may contact their council shop for badge availability. Contact the nature center to schedule a field trip appointment for Girl Scout Journeys.

Jan. 21
Brownie
Animal-Try It

Feb. 4
Jr. Girl Scout
Frosty Fun

March 24
Cub Scouts
Weather Belt Loop & Pin

WILD BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Looking for a fun, different and educational program for your child’s next birthday celebration? Wint Nature Center is the place! Call for details, cost and availability.