

BURGESS-SHADBUSH NATURE CENTER

Closed Mon
Tues-Thurs: 10 AM - 5 PM
Closed Apr. 5 for Easter

Closed Fri
Sat-Sun: 10 AM - 6 PM

May & June 2026

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4101 River Bends Drive, Shelby Twp., MI 48317

GUIDED HIKES

May 3 & June 28 (All Ages)

Join us for a guided hike on our beautiful trails led by one of our knowledgeable naturalists. We will discuss seasonal changes, native flora and fauna, mindfulness practices, and ways to identify signs of animals. Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather. **Free**

12:30-1:30 PM	Sun	5/3
12:30-1:30 PM	Sun	6/28

HOME SCHOOL CLASSES

May 13 (Ages 4-12)

Our home school curriculum is designed to immerse students in nature while teaching various topics in ecology and history. This 90 minute program is offered to children ages 4-12 years of age. Upon arrival, students will be split into age-appropriate groups so that program content is effective and engaging. An adult is required to attend and supervise their child(ren). A large portion of every class will be conducted outdoors, so please dress accordingly. **\$4 resident child, \$6 nonresident child**

Pond Life

We will meet at Holland Ponds (50385 Ryan Rd) to explore the history and ecology of this restored superfund site. By dipping for macroinvertebrates, participants will use organisms found to gauge the health of the ecosystem. We will also discuss metamorphosis of frogs and other aquatic life.

1:30-3 PM	Wed	5/13
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SPROUTS FOREST ACADEMY

Thursdays, May 7-28 (Ages 4-6)

The forest is our classroom in this child-led, immersive early education program for children ages 4-6 years old. We focus on unstructured play and outdoor experiences to support your child's learning and development. This is an all weather, all season DROP-OFF program that fosters a year-round love of nature. Through play, children will develop a host of important skills such as creativity, confidence, cooperation, and critical thinking. Classes take place outdoors, rain or shine (with proper gear to stay warm and dry). While supporting holistic growth, we will explore topics such as science, math, reading, writing, creative arts, and how different cultures around the world celebrate nature.

Classes designed and taught by a Certified Forest School Teacher. Small class size of 12 students will be supervised by 2 adults. **This is a drop-off program.**

Registration is required. Children must be potty trained and able to use the restroom by themselves.

Nature Center to provide waterproof bibs and rain mittens. Families must dress their children appropriately for the weather as all classes are done outside (sun, rain, snow) unless severe/unsafe weather conditions.

\$25 resident child, \$35 nonresident child, per class

9 AM-12 PM	Thu	5/7
9 AM-12 PM	Thu	5/14
9 AM-12 PM	Thu	5/21
9 AM-12 PM	Thu	5/28

MIGRATORY BIRD DAY HIKE

May 9 (All Ages)

Holland Ponds is bursting with migratory birds, including great blue herons and bald eagles. Join naturalists at Holland Ponds (50385 Ryan Rd) for a guided hike to learn about the inspiring history, the amazing species that live here, and how you can help migratory birds! The guided hike will be on a rustic, uneven trail. We recommend wearing sturdy, waterproof boots. In the event of severe weather, alternative activities will take place at the nature center. **Free**

12 PM	Sat	5/9
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SHADBUSH GARDENS ANNUAL PLANT SALE

May 8-9 (All Ages)

Get a head start on your spring planting while supporting the Teaching Gardens! There will be many plants to choose from. Knowledgeable Master Gardeners will be onsite to help with plant selection and answer any questions you may have. All proceeds to benefit the gardens. **Free to attend. While supplies last.**

9:30 AM-12 PM

Fri & Sat

5/8-5/9

BAT HIKE

June 6 (Ages 5+)

Enjoy a summer evening outdoors while learning about this amazing creature of the night! After a presentation on bat biology, we will hit the trails and search for bats flying in the night sky. Using an electronic echolocation detecting device, we will be able to see a visual display of each bat call on an interactive, scientific-level spectrogram. Find out which bat species live in River Bends Park in this fun evening event! Registration required. **\$3 resident, \$5 nonresident**

8:30-10 PM

Sat

6/6

NEW - TRADITIONAL SKILLS SUMMER SERIES

June 10 & June 30-July 1 (Ages 13+)

Learn traditional skills from expert guest instructors. Designed for teens and older, these programs offer a space for people to slow down and disconnect from technology while learning a new skill.

Outdoor Cooking

The focus of this course is how to cook in the woods with little-to-no gear. Join bushcraft instructor George Hedgepeth in this hands-on class where we will learn about fire lays and pot hanging arrangements. There will be quite a variety of food produced in this class, so bring an appetite! **\$30 resident, \$35 nonresident**

6-8 PM

Wed

6/10

Fishing for Beginners - 2 Part Class

This is a course for people with little-to-no fishing experience. Join bushcraft instructor George Hedgepeth and learn how to catch your own food. Filling the freezer is the goal here and we will study a variety of target species as well as best techniques and gear. Part 1 will meet at the nature center for introductions and instructions. Part 2 will meet at the River Bends Park - Fishing Site (49354 Ryan Rd) for fishing.

\$60 resident, \$65 nonresident

6-8 PM

Wed

6/30

6-8 PM

Wed

7/1

CLINTON RIVER DAY HIKE & CLEAN-UP

June 7 (All Ages)

Learn about the Clinton River through a guided hike along the river's edge. Naturalists will identify native plants and wildlife that depend on this freshwater ecosystem. We will discuss easy ways for people to help keep the Clinton River healthy and clean-up trash as we hike. Meet at the River Bends Park Kayak Launch (49354 Ryan Rd) rain or shine. Rustic trail with uneven terrain—we recommend sturdy, closed-toe shoes. **Free**

2-4 PM

Sat

6/7

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