



July is Parks AND Recreation Month

Celebrate with Ottawa County Parks!



ON YOUR OWN
NO REGISTRATION

STORYWALK

StoryWalks are now available throughout the county! Pages from a featured book will be posted along a path for your family to read together. Stories available during park hours. Registration not required; for more information: miOttawa.org/ocpevents

Jun 28-Jul 12	<i>Pond Walk</i>	Hawthorn Pond
Jul 19-Jul 25	<i>Hiking Day</i>	Pigeon Creek Park
Jul 26-Aug 1	<i>The Hidden Rainbow</i>	Hager Park

#ottawacountyparks
@ottawacountyparks

GUIDED, QUICK VISIT

DISCOVER YOUR PARKS... IN 1 HOUR OR LESS!

Jul 2	10-11 am	1-2 pm	Making Nature	Stearns Creek
Jul 3	10-11 am	1-2 pm	Fire!	Pigeon Creek Park
Jul 9	10-11 am	1-2 pm	The River Runs Through	Crockery Creek Natural Area
Jul 10	10-11 am	-	Black Sand	Rosy Mound Natural Area
Jul 16	10-11 am	1-2 pm	Summer Gold	Upper Macatawa Natural Area
Jul 17	10-11 am	1-2 pm	Pump House to Park	Historic Ottawa Beach Parks
Jul 23	10-11 am	1-2 pm	Beeches... More than Just Sand	Stearns Creek
Jul 24	10-11 am	1-2 pm	What's in a Prairie	Grand River Park
Jul 30	10-11 am	1-2 pm	Five Needled and Fascinating	Pigeon Creek Park
Jul 31	10-11 am	-	Disturbance in the Dunes	Rosy Mound Natural Area

ASTRONOMY PROGRAMS & STARGAZING

Programs and stargazing hosted by the Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association. Stargazing is weather-dependant.

	Program	Stargazing
Jul 10	7-8 pm Lights Out!	9-11 pm Hemlock Crossing

PRAIRIE WILDFLOWER WALK

Jul 11	3-4 pm	Grand Ravines North
--------	--------	---------------------

DISCOVER THE DUNES

Motor vehicle permit is required

There is so much to discover while visiting Michigan's freshwater dunes. Be sure to stop by the naturalist station to discover some of the unique features of this park.

Jul 10	1-3 pm	Rosy Mound Natural Area
Jul 31	1-3 pm	Rosy Mound Natural Area

FERN HIKE

Ferns are unique in the plant world as they produce neither flower nor seed, yet these primitive plants continue from generation to generation.

Jul 10	10-11:30 am	Pigeon Creek Park
Jul 31	10-11:30 am	Grand River Park

KAYAKING TRIP

\$8/person (kayak rental additional \$12); ages 13+

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Pigeon River by kayak. A basic review is included; some experience is needed.

Jul 11	9:30 am-1:30 pm	Hemlock Crossing
Jul 24	9:30 am-1:30 pm	Hemlock Crossing

OTTAWA SANDS MASTER PLAN

Enjoy a guided hike at Ottawa Sands highlighting proposed improvements to the site as identified in the recently completed Ottawa Sands Master Plan.

Jul 14	7-8:30 pm	Ottawa Sands
--------	-----------	--------------

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER - FOR KIDS!

Ages 5-12, with a caregiver

Learn about wildlife found in your yards and parks.

Jul 18	3-4:30 pm	Grand River Park
--------	-----------	------------------

SUMMER NIGHT SOUNDS

\$5/person; ages 10+

As darkness falls on the forest, sounds can become creepy and unfamiliar. Join a naturalist to explore some of the sounds of nocturnal critters in the woods!

Jul 23	8:30-10 pm	Connor Bayou
--------	------------	--------------

OUT OF THE ASHES

Many park properties are being managed with fire. This hike will explore an oak savanna to discover flora and fauna dependent on fire. We will learn why fire is used and how it is used safely.

Jul 24	9-10:30 am	Robinson Forest Open Space
--------	------------	----------------------------

Registration is required for ALL activities

miOttawa.org/OCPEvents

Questions? Contact: (616) 786-4847

Programs recommended for ages 12+ unless otherwise noted