

The Park Newsletter

June
2016

Park News

Birth of an Eagle at the Park

A female eaglet was born at Bay City State Park this spring and later banded in late May by the USFW.

Bay City State Recreation Area Manager George Lauinger took part in the banding and reported that "The good news is that we have a healthy 9.5 lb girl, 48 days old. And no addled eggs."

2016 is the fourth year in a row our state park residents have produced offspring.

New Dock

At the end of May a new dock, which was bought with money raised during the Beach Wellness event, was installed at the old sand path. In the future the dock will be moved to accommodate the new boardwalk location. Special thanks to Kim, Ernie, and Bob for their efforts.

Invasive Garlic Mustard Threatening Park's Woodlands

Groups of volunteers are needed to conduct an invasive species removal project at the park. An area behind the maintenance garage has been invaded by garlic mustard, one of the most invasive weeds in the country. If the plant is not eradicated, it could potentially cover the forest woodland at the park.

Garlic mustard can be identified by their leaves, which have a wrinkled appearance and jagged edges. If you crush the leaves, they smell like garlic. Garlic mustard blooms with four small white petals from April to June. Flowers appear at the top of the stalk. For more information on the plant, see

<http://na.fs.fed.us/spfo/invasiveplants/factsheets/pdf/garlic-mustard.pdf>

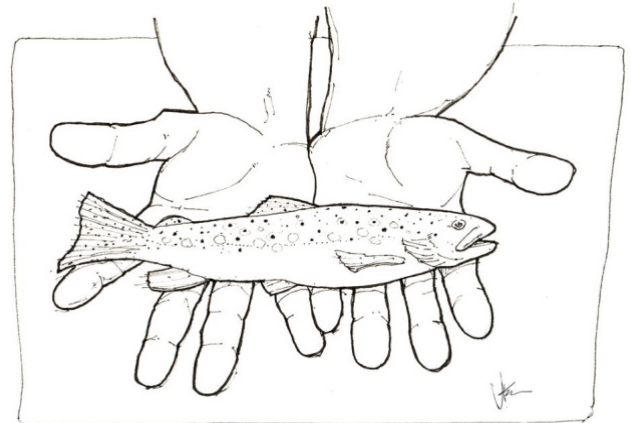
If you know of a group interested in this important community service project, please contact Valerie Blaschka (989) 667-0717 We also encourage hikers to pull the weed when they see it along the trail.

Special Events

Free Fishing Festival

June 11

It's Michigan's free fishing weekend! Family fishing derby, youth fishing clinic, kid's casting contest, special how-to programs, Michigan fisheries exhibits and presentations, fishing crafts and water safety presentations. Activities designed to get your family hooked on fishing.



Drawing by artist Jeff Kennedy
www.jeffkennedystudio.com/

Music from the Marsh

Saturdays at 7 PM from June 18 to Sept 3

Free concerts will be performed on an outdoor stage adjacent to the Visitor Center parking area. Please bring your own lawn chairs. In the case of inclement weather, concerts will take place inside the Visitor Center.

Beach Wellness Day

June 25

5K, 10K walk/run along the shores of the Saginaw Bay with kid's fun run. Volleyball team competition, concerts, car show, music, concessions and more. Proceeds to benefit the park.

Christmas in July

July 23

Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival

August 6-7

Our most popular special event, featuring Michigan's state championship duck and goose calling tournament, *MDHA 2017 Michigan Waterfowl Stamp Competition*, wildlife arts and craft show, hunting and outdoor recreation expo, waterfowl calling clinic, waterfowl carving contest, parent/youth canoe race, live animal programs, dog retrieving fun trial, DNR information booths, wildlife chainsaw, carving contest, wildlife photo contest, and quack-athon.

Trunk or Treat

September 24, October 1 and 8

Starts at 5:30 PM. Set up your vehicle in the day use area of the park to hand out candy to kids who will be trick-or-treating both in the campground and day use parking lot. This is your family's opportunity to take part in "treating" all the kids who participate!

Michigan Outdoors in Non-fiction

A number of books have been written about Michigan's environment. Below is a selective list on a range of topics.

Lake Effect: Tales of Large Lakes, Arctic Winds, and Recurrent Snows (2012) A book about Great Lakes weather by a meteorologist living in Buffalo. If you check the weather report every hour, this is the book for you.

The Once and Future Great Lakes Country: An Ecological History (2013) Everything you want to know about the ecology of the Great Lakes with a focus on the Canadian side of the lakes.

The Great Lakes: The Natural History of a Changing Region (2011) Another book on the ecology of the lakes with an American focus.

The Women's Great Lakes Reader (2000) A variety of stories written by Michigan women in history who lived through unusual circumstances, such as lighthouse keeping and living among native Americans.

Ruin and Recovery (2001) An eye opening history of the destruction of Michigan's environment, including two massive forest fires that burned the entire northern lower peninsula twice and a biographical sketch of state park advocate Genevieve Gillette.

Michigan's Columbus: The Life of Douglass Houghton (2009) Short biography of a boy wonder geologist who explored the state's natural resources.

Pandora's Locks: The Opening of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway (2011) The building of the locks and its impact on the Great Lakes.

The Kirtland's Warbler: The Story of a Bird's Fight against Extinction and the People Who Saved It (2013) Fascinating story about a bird impacted by exploitation and neglect of the environment, then revived through policy initiatives.

Deckhand: Life on Freighters of the Great Lakes (2009) Who hasn't wondered what it would be like to work on the big boats?

The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas by Jerry Dennis. 2004. A personal account of sailing a schooner through the Great Lakes. Dennis explains the ecology of the lakes along with his personal experiences in sailing. Awarded 2003 "Book of the Year" by the Outdoor Writers' Association of America.

A Michigan Quote

The forest encountered by LaSalle, Brule, Joliet, Cadillac, and other seventeenth century explorers was not the same as that which covered the land two hundred years later when settlement by Europeans began in earnest. Tree rings in the old-growth pine at Hartwick Pines State Park have placed the origin of that stand somewhere in the seventeenth century. The pine forests that brought fame to Michigan in 1880 were nothing but brush when LaSalle saw them in 1680.

—William Botti and Michael D. Moore in *Michigan's State Forests: A Century of Stewardship* (2006)

Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently searching for 50 volunteers for the June 11 Free Fishing Festival from 9AM-3PM. People are need for set up Friday, June 10 and clean up on Sunday morning, June 12.

The park is also in need for someone to come once a week and repair and rig our fishing rods. It can be done any day of the week whenever the visitor center is open.

Other opportunities

Volunteer kayak guides for our Thursday evening summer kayak tour of Tobico Marsh. We will be conducting an 8 hour training for 10 volunteer guides on Tuesday, June 14. Trained guides are asked to lead three Thursday evening tours during the summer months. Guide training will be conducted by Central Michigan University Outdoor Recreation Professor, Dr. Lynn Dominguez.

Volunteer host/hostess for this summer's Saturday evening, "Music From the Marsh." Volunteer hours are 6-8:30PM. The host/hostess greets the performing artist and helps them set up the stage, introduces the artist to the audience, and assists in taking donations during the performance.

Volunteer gardeners We have three Visitor Center front walk way gardens that need someone to "adopt" them and take care of them for the summer. They are looking rough and could use some tender loving care to bloom into a welcoming walkway for visitors.

Volunteers Greeters Sundays 12-4PM. We are looking for four volunteers who will commit to coming once a month (1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday, 3rd Sunday, 4th Sunday) to volunteer at the information desk to greet visitors and orientate them to the park.

Volunteer Wildlife Attraction Area Caretaker once a week to give the visitor center's most loved display (wild bird feeding area) some much needed TLC. Duties would include cleaning the feeders, mixing up the weekly hummingbird syrup, and filling the pond.

Anyone interested in helping out can call the Visitor Center (989) 667-0717 or contact Valerie via email at blaschkav@michigan.gov

Thanks to Our Previous Volunteers

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who assisted in April's *Wetland Wake-Up Day* over 889 participants had a very special Earth Day in the park thanks to the 40+ volunteers who put time and effort into the event!

Music from the Marsh Schedule

Concerts take place on Saturdays at 7 PM

June 18	Zig Zeitler: Train Songs
June 25	Aaron Wayne Otto: Song Of The Wind
July 2	Bob Hausler: Patriotic Songs On the 4th of July Weekend!"
July 9	Mike Deren: The Past In Person, History, and You!
July 16	La Compagnie celebrating the Tall Ships Festival
July 23	Lee Murdock: Windjammers, Tin Stackers: Great Lakes Sailors Sail to Steam
July 30	George Heritier: Drunk Bugs and Bay City Ballads
August 6	Waterfowl Festival & Motown In The Round
August 13	Michigan Songwriters: Music Made In The Mitten!
August 20	Sawmill Sally: The Bluegrass Opera" with The Waynewood Boys
August 27	Lee Anne Whitman & Jeff Lange: Birds of a Feather
September 3	Sonas: Celtic Music Of Michigan

Who are Friends of the Park?

The *Friends of the Bay City State Recreation Area* is a group of volunteers created to provide educational and recreational opportunities at the park. Please consider joining the Friends group, especially if you love the park.

For information on how to join, see the brochure at the Visitor Center. We depend on your support through donations, memberships (\$12 a year), and volunteer help. See www.friendsofpark.org and [friendsofbaycitystatererecreationarea](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbaycitystatererecreationarea) Facebook page

For latest park schedule of activities see www.michigan.gov/saginawbayvc

EXPLORING NATURE PROGRAMS

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

SAGINAW BAY VISITOR CENTER BAY CITY STATE REC. AREA MAY 28-JUNE 11, 2016



Visitor Center Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 12pm-5pm, Memorial Day, 10am-5pm, Mon-Fri 10M-4PM

*Universally Accessible Program



Sat, May 28

Sat., May 28

Sun., May 29

Mon., May 30

Sat., June 4

Sat., June 11

11AM Butterflies & Saving the Monarchs*

Begins at Visitor Center
Investigate the world of the Beaver! Colorful photo story of the amazing life cycle and conservation story of the Monarch butterfly. Tips on raising caterpillars, gardening for Monarchs & other butterflies! Concludes with butterfly hike.

12-2PM Herp Hunt!*

Begins at Visitor Center
Discover the reptiles and amphibians who depend upon wetland habitat! Concludes with a Herp Hunt in nearby vernal ponds.



2PM-4PM Eagles by the Bay* *Playscape*

Discover the bald eagle's conservation success story! Eagle study skins & replicas, will be shared to demonstrate special adaptations of bald eagles. Make a colorful Bald Eagle Windsock! Includes hike to shoreline vantage point for viewing bald eagle nest thru spotting scope.

Looking for a Rainy day Alternative?

2-4pm Wetland Wildlife Discovery

Visitor Center Auditorium



5-8PM Fishing in the Park* *Lagoon Dock*

We'll supply the poles & bait! Prize for the Longest Fish caught!



1PM Sweet Beaks & Unique Feet -Wetland Birds*

Visitor Center
Join us for an interactive program covering Wetland Birding techniques and focusing on the unique feet and beaks of the bird world. Where do we look for them? How can we classify them using their beaks & feet? What do they need from our coastal wetland habitat? Learn these answers and build a feeder for your backyard.



3PM

Wetland Neighbors*

Visitor Center
Get to know the mammals who make up the wetland "neighborhood". Discover where to watch for them in the park. Find out what their special adaptations are and what signs they leave behind for you to discover!



1PM - 4:30PM Visitor Center Wetland Tree Digital Camera Safari*

A fun way for families to explore the state park and discover why it is a National Registered Natural Landmark. With your digital camera, take photos of the special trees that are on the scavenger hunt list as you hike the park. First Prize—Kid's Outdoor Explorer Kit! Free DNR Fun Folder for each participant!



2:30PM

Feathered Friends* *Visitor Center*

Discover the woodland wetland birds at the visitor center's feeders. Learn what makes them special and find out how you can enjoy these special wetland animals. Make a bird simple bird treat for you own backyard birds.



1PM Park Pathfinder* *Begins at Visitor Center*

Its National Trail's Week! Get ready to celebrate by hiking & biking all 7 miles of the park's shore line and wetland trails with naturalist guide! Discover the coastal wetland habitat and its unique plants & animals. Learn tips on hiking safety and wildlife watching. A 3 hour adventure which will open your eyes to this park's unique resources. Bring your bicycle and a digital camera!

Register by calling or stopping by the visitor center: 989-667-0717



Free Fishing Festival*

9am-3pm

June 11th & 12th is Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend! Adults can fish Michigan's waters, license free, So why not take your kids fishing or better yet, come on out and enjoy the 21st annual Free Fishing Festival?

Events include:

- Family Fishing Derby
- Youth Fishing Clinic
- Kid's Kasting Kontest
- Puppet Shows
- Fishy Craft Corner
- Make a Lucky Fishing Lure
- Fish Print T-shirts
- Fish ID Contest
- Minnnow Races
- And special how-to programs related to water safety and the sport of fishing!

Also enjoy a Free Hotdog Lunch! All youth participating will be given a free raffle ticket for great prizes!



For more information, contact: Saginaw Bay Visitor Center, Bay City State Recreation Area, 989-667-0717

\$11 State Park Passport Permit required for entry to park. Add us to your online favorites: www.michigan.gov/saginawvc



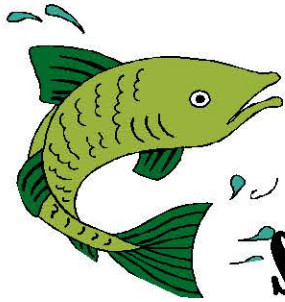
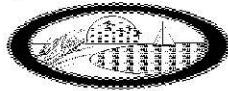
FREE FISHING FESTIVAL

June 11 & 12 is Free Fishing Weekend 2016!

No Fishing License Required!

FRIENDS OF

BAY CITY STATE RECREATION AREA



Bay City State Recreation Area SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016 9AM-3PM

**FREE
Loan of
DNR Poles
& Bait!**

Tentative EVENT SCHEDULE

9AM, 9:30 & 10AM Youth Fishing Clinic
Fish ID, Equipment & Knots, Safety, Landing a Fish

9AM-2PM FISH FAIR!

Fun, interactive, booth activities focused on Exploring Michigan's Freshwater Fisheries & Fishing!

Fly Tying, Minnow Races, Fish ID, Puppet Shows, Fish Hats, Invasive Species, Fish Tails, Fly Casting, Soap Carving, Water Safety & More!

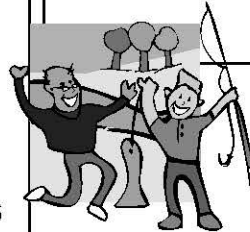
2:30PM Free Fishing Raffle & Awards



Saginaw Bay Walleye Club

Fishing Derby

9AM-2PM An open fishing contest for the entire family. Poles & Bait provided. Prizes Awarded: For longest fish of each species. Must be present to win.



Free Fishing Raffle

Fishing Poles & Gear to start your summer!
Free Jr. RANGER PATCH or T-shirt!
Participate in 6 activities!

Eagle One Fishing Club



Free Pop & Hot Dogs!



Frank's Great Outdoors

Kids Casting Contest

9:00AM-2:00PM

Kids ages 6-15, 3 Levels of Competition
Prizes & Trophies for the most points scored by flip, pitch & casting at a target.

Other Fun Activities (tentative):

Plus these ongoing activities: Tie a fly, Fish Stamp Drawing Contest, make a Walleye Crawler Harness, create a Fish Puppet & Fishy Kid's Kraft Korner!

**10:30AM-2PM
THE GREAT TOBICO MINNOW RACE**
Choose your fish & join in the fun!

For More Information Call or Stop By the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center (989) 667-0717 or check out www.michigan.gov/saginawbayvc
State Park Recreation Passport (\$11 annual state park permit) required on vehicles entering the park.



Music From the Marsh



*...a Summer Cultural Performing Arts Series
focusing on what makes Michigan Unique!*

2016 Concert Series

Bay City State Recreation Area

Saginaw Bay Visitor Center



Saturday, June 18, 7 pm Zig Zeitler – “Train Songs”

Zig has an entire CD of train songs! Zig will play guitar and harmonica and sing about one of the oldest modes of modern transportation used in Michigan.

Saturday, June 25, 7 pm Aaron Wayne Otto – “Song Of The Wind”

The story of the Native American flute and its modern uses. Aaron is a councilor for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Aaron is a classically trained musician who began playing native American flute after rediscovering his roots.

Saturday, July 2, 7 pm Bob Hausler “Patriotic Songs On The 4th of July Weekend!”

Please welcome back Saginaw area musician and songwriter Bob Hausler for a 4th of July celebration of patriotic songs!

Saturday, July 9, 7 pm Mike Deren “The Past In Person, History and You!”

Mike Deren has been an historical interpreter since 1985 presenting seven different historical characters. He integrates history, music, education and audience participation to bring America’s past to life for audiences of all ages.

Saturday, July 16, 7 pm La Compagnie celebrating the Tall Ships Festival

La Compagnie presents a energetic program of early Michigan music, from the French influenced tunes and Voyageur paddle chants, to the songs and tunes alive in our folk music today.

Saturday, July 23, 7 pm Lee Murdock - “Windjammers, Tin Stackers: Great Lakes Sailors Sail to Steam”

Great Lakes songs are made of hard word, hard living, ships that go down and ships that come in. Lee Murdock’s work is a documentary and also an anthem to the people who live, work, learn and play along the freshwater highways of North America.

Saturday, July 30, 7 pm George Heritier – “Drunk Bugs and Bay City Ballads”

Bay City native and troubadour George Heritier returns to Music From The Marsh with songs about forgotten landmarks and legends in Bay City and the surrounding areas!

Saturday, August 6, 7 pm Waterfowl Festival & Motown In The Round

The Annual Waterfowl Festival will be happening all day long and will conclude with music celebrating the music of Motown!

Saturday, August 13, 7 pm Michigan Songwriters - Music Made In The Mitten!

Music by Michigan performers and songwriters made right here in our Great State!

Saturday, August 20, 7 pm “Sawmill Sally – The Bluegrass Opera” with The Waynewood Boys

“Sawmill Sally” is a bluegrass opera that takes place in the 19th Century Michigan logging country. Corn belt meets rust belt with bluegrass quartet, The Waynewood Boys!

Saturday, August 27, 7 pm Lee Anne Whitman & Jeff Lange - "Birds of a Feather"

Jeff Lange, founder of Looncorps Northern Michigan* (www.looncorps.org) together with singing partner, Lee Anne Whitman, and special guest, Johnny Hunt, will share a unique musical program focused on Michigan birds and other inhabitants of Michigan marshlands.

Saturday, September 3, 7 pm Sonas - "Celtic Music Of Michigan"

Sonas will perform traditional music from the 1800's when Michigan was a new frontier for Scottish and Irish immigrants. Take a musical voyage into the Celtic influence on Michigan Folk music.

All concerts will be performed on an outdoor stage adjacent to the Visitor Center parking area. Please bring your own lawn chairs. In the case of inclement weather concerts will take place inside the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center. Performances are sponsored by the Friends of BCSRA, the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs, and the Saginaw Arts & Enrichment Commission. Donations will be taken the evening of each performance. There is no cost for this event; however, a \$11 Recreation Passport is required for all vehicles entering the park. For more information on this program call: Saginaw Bay Visitor Center, (989) 667-0717 or visit: www.michigan.gov/saginawbayvc.

SPRAY BY THE BAY

Buy Your Brick!

Phase 1 is complete but it's not too late to order your brick for Phase 2! Your brick will continue along the walkway where engraved bricks from Phase 1 are located. Your message will be there for all to see. It will be a source of pride to you and your family for years to come!

This project is a joint venture of the Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area and the Department of Natural Resources, with the support of the Bay Area Community Foundation and, of course, you!

There are two sizes of bricks available: 4" X 8" and 8" X 8". Three lines of lettering can be put on the 4 by 8 brick and five lines of lettering can be put on the 8 by 8. Here are examples:

1 THIS SPRAY
2 PARK ROCKS!!
3 THE SMITHS

\$ 25

1 SPRAY BY
2 THE BAY
3 & ENJOY
4 THIS DAY!
5 *2012*

\$ 50

Use the form below to lay out your message. Each letter, space, number, or punctuation takes up a single square. **Please write check to: BACF – Spray Park Project Fund.**

Your Name (if questions about your wording): _____ Phone # or Email: _____

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Get yours today!

Questions?
Call Cathy at:
989.686.2463

or: e-mail
SprayPark@aol.com

Mail check to:
BACF – Spray Park Fund
1000 Adams St
Bay City, MI 48708



Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival



Hunting & Outdoor Recreation Expo

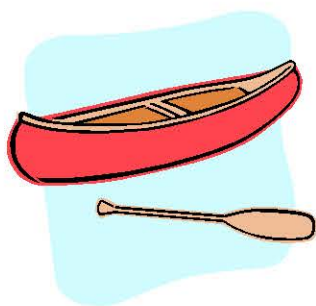
Bay City State Recreation Area

August 6 & 7, 2016

Saturday 10AM-6PM

Sunday 9AM-5PM

This Event Features



- ◆ **Knowledgeable Outdoorsmen & Women**
willing to share valuable information and tips!
- ◆ **Waterfowl Hunting Gear**
- ◆ **Waterfowl Call Makers from all over the Great Lakes Region**
- ◆ **Outdoor Clothing**
- ◆ **Camping, Hiking & Outdoor Exploration Equipment**
- ◆ **Fishing Gear**
- ◆ **Boats, Canoes, Kayaks, Blinds, ORV's & ATV's**
- ◆ **Hunting Supplies**
- ◆ **Outdoor Books & DVD's**
- ◆ **Wildlife Prints & Photos**
- ◆ **Binoculars & Scopes**
- ◆ **Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Supplies**
- ◆ **Wildlife Watching Equipment**
- ◆ **Wildlife Home Décor**
- ◆ **Campers, Trailers & RV's**

This year's Hunting and Outdoor Recreation Expo will be spectacular! Featuring exhibitors from all over the Great Lakes Region. The expo will have the best of hunting, boating and duck calling supplies that there is to offer in one place. Come on out and see for yourself the equipment & supplies needed for your unique outdoor recreational use. We will also have entertaining and educational programs, demonstrations and competitions for you and your family which will spark your interest and rekindle the fire of past recreational pursuits! Don't miss out! Have some fun with us!



Last year nearly 15,000 people attended this great two day event! The Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival, specifically the "Hunting and Outdoor Recreation Expo" was a bustling place of activity where over 100 exhibitors displayed their hunting, archery, camping, boating, wildlife watching, and habitat enhancement products and wares.

For exhibitor application visit www.friendsofpark.org

 **Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival**

 **@saginawbaywaterfowlfestival**

For more information, please contact the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center at 989-667-0717 or email saginawbaywaterfowl@gmail.com, or visit friendsofpark.org



Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival



Bay City State Recreation Area



Wildlife Art & Craft

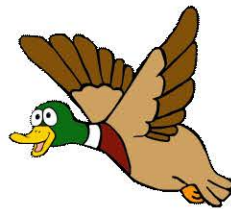
Show

August 6 & 7, 2016

Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area



Now Seeking Exhibitors!



Saturday, August 6, 10AM-6PM

Sunday, August 7, 9AM-4PM

Reserve your Exhibition Space for \$20
Free overnight camping on-site.

Past exhibition exhibitors have included:

- Candles
- Paintings and Carvings of wildlife and natural habitat
- Birdhouses and feeders, Garden structures
- Hand made flies and lures
- Products made from natural materials like weavings and sand paintings
- Prints & Prints
- Cross-stich & Needle art
- Metal sculpture & wood carvings
- Stained glass & Ceramics
- Wreaths & floral arrangements

The Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area are seeking Artists and Craft's people whose work is inspired by or reflects the beauty of our natural world!



To register and for more information:
Call or stop by the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center, 3582 State Park Dr., Bay City, MI 48706, 989-667-0717
saginawbaywaterfowl@gmail.com

Exhibitor applications available at www.friendsofpark.org



@saginawbaywaterfowlfestival



Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival



Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival



Michigan Waterfowl Calling Championship

August 6&7, 2016

Bay City State Recreation Area



This year's Duck Calling Competition is a sanctioned event with the winner reporting to Stuttgart, AR to represent Michigan in the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP competition later this fall. More information will be available the day of the event.

Team Duck Calling event is a great opportunity for hunting buddies or Parent and Child to team up together!

Youths under 16 are eligible to compete for points towards the krugerfarms.com Cup. Both Hunter divisions of the Youth Goose and Youth Duck competitions are qualifier competitions for krugerfarms.com where top five winners in each division are awarded points towards the cup.

All competitions are OPEN competitions to all callers. Register the day of the calling event at the festival information booth. For more information call: (989)667-0717 or e-mail: saginawbaywaterfowl@gmail.com, or check out www.friendsofpark.org

The goal of this event is to inspire an awareness and appreciation for Michigan's world class waterfowl resources and the wetlands upon

Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area



Cabela's

SATURDAY

Team Duck Calling

Master: \$200.00 Cash Prize, 1st Place 2016 Duck Stamp & Print

Novice Divisions: 1st Place Duck Stamp & Print

Youth Duck Calling Contest

Fledglings (for those who have just started) Prizes TBA

Tenderfoot (Juniors - 12 & Under): Prizes TBA

Hunters (16 & Under): 1st Place Duck Stamp & Print

SUNDAY

State Duck Calling Championship

Master: 1st Place \$300.00 Cash Prize, 2016 Duck Stamp & Print

Winner to Advance to World Championship

Novice Division: 1st Place Duck Stamp & Print

State Goose Calling Championship

Master: 1st Place: \$300.00 Cash Prize 2016 Duck Stamp & Print

Opportunity to Advance to Nationals

Novice Divisions: 1st Place Duck Stamp & Print

Youth Goose Calling Contest

Fledglings (for those who have just started) Prizes TBA

Tenderfoot (12 & Under): Prizes TBA

Hunters (16 & Under): 1st Place Duck Stamp & Print

Trophies & Medals Awarded

A Lay-out Blind will be raffled off amongst the Novice & Hunter contestants!

Other Contests for Outdoor Families Include:

Quack-Athlon:

3 person team (1 adult/2 youth), skill events:

canoeing, air rifle marksmanship, decoy toss & duck ID

Youth Adult Canoe Race

Dog Fun Hunt Trial

Waterfowl ID Trail

Levels of Competition & fees:

SATURDAY

Youth Duck Calling Contest

- (16 & under) Free

Team Duck Calling Contest

- Master \$20 (\$10 each)

- Novice \$10 (\$5 each)

SUNDAY

Goose Calling Contest

- Master \$25.00

- Novice \$10.00

Youth Goose Calling Contest

- (16 & under) Free

Duck Calling Championship

- Master \$25.00

- Novice \$10.00



Saginaw Bay
Waterfowl Festival



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Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival



Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area



Wildlife Carving Contest



Judging:

The judging will be done by park visitors. Each visitor will be allowed to vote for one carving in each category which best awakes in them the beauty and value of wetland wildlife. Voting will close on Sunday at 12noon. Awards will be given out on Sunday, August 7.

Only first time entries to this show will be accepted.

All carvings must be delivered to the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center, Friday the 5th, 2-6pm. However, special arrangements may be made for early Saturday entry. Please call ahead to arrange if needed.

All carvings may be picked up and taken home from the Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival, after 4PM Sunday, August 7.

To enter or for more information e-mail: saginawbaywaterfowl@gmail.com
Check us out at www.friendsofspark.org

August 6 & 7, 2016

Bay City State Recreation Area

Saturday 10AM-6PM

Sunday 9AM-4PM



Entries may be of any MICHIGAN WILDLIFE SPECIES.

There will be **TWO** levels of competition:

MASTER'S and AMATEUR

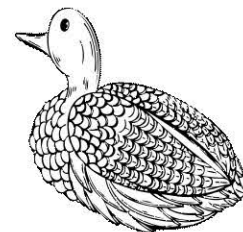
There will be **FOUR** categories of entry:

Decorative Waterfowl

Michigan Wildlife

Michigan Birds

Great Lakes Fish



Goal of Event:

1. To inspire awareness and appreciation for the beauty and variety of Michigan's waterfowl & wildlife that depend upon wetlands for their habitat.
2. To introduce visitors to a new form of recreation that gives value to the wildlife of the wetlands:
3. To give local artists an opportunity to display and share their artistic creations with others.

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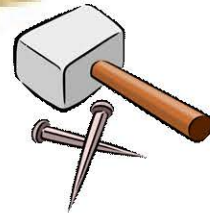
Working Decoy Carving Competition

Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area



August 6, 2016

Bay City State Recreation Area Saturday ONLY



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Judging:
This is a judged event. Judging will take place on the water Saturday at 11:30am.

All carvings must be delivered to the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center, Saturday, August 6, between 8am-10am.

All decoys may be picked up and taken home on Saturday after 4pm.

ENTRY FEE: \$5 1st Decoy
\$2 each additional

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WORKING DECOY COMPETITION RULES:

- 1) This is a judged competition. This will NOT be a people's choice award.
- 2) The competition will be open to all levels of carvers.
- 3) Decoys should be simple in construction and durable. Detailed carving and undercut primaries are not allowed.
- 4) Decoys should have a simple paint scheme.
- 5) Decoys need to have a keel and self-right. Decoys will be judged on the water.
- 6) Decoys must be made of wood, cork, or stretched canvas.

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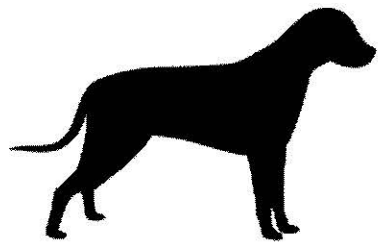


Detailed prize information listed on website friendsofpark.org and Facebook or via above listed contact info.





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Dog Fun Hunt

Retrieving Dog Breeds



Bay City State Recreation Area August 6 & 7th



Saturday 10AM-6PM
Sunday 9AM-4PM

Other Festival Events Include:

- ◆ MDHA Michigan Duck Stamp Contest
- ◆ Michigan Waterfowl Calling Contest
- ◆ Hunting & Outdoor Recreation Expo
- ◆ Wildlife Art & Craft Show
- ◆ Quack-Atholon
- ◆ Wildlife Photography Contest and much, much more!

Retriever Owners:

Don't miss this fun opportunity to show off your retriever's skills and receive training tips for improved performance in the field. Conducted by the Central Michigan Hunting Retriever Club. Ribbon Awards presented to dogs who love the water, retrieve and pass this fun event!

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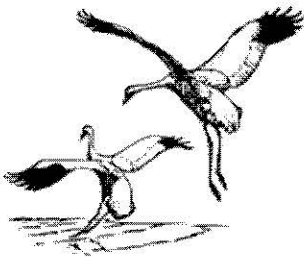
Free of event admissions. \$11 State Park Passport required for vehicle entry. For More Information on this event call or stop by the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center located inside Bay City State Recreation Area, 3582 State Park Drive, Bay City, MI 48706 (989) 667-0717. or email: saginawbaywaterfowl@gmail.com



Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival



Wildlife Photography Contest



August 6 & 7, 2016
Saturday 10AM-7PM
Sunday 9AM-5PM



Judging:
The judging will be done by park visitors. Each visitor will be allowed to vote for one photograph in each category which best awakes in them the beauty and value of wetland wildlife. Voting will close at 1pm on Sunday.

Awards will be announced on Sunday after 2PM.

All photographs, must remain on display through Labor Day, and may be picked up after that date. The center is open daily Noon -5PM. Special arrangements for alternate pick up time may be made by calling the visitor center.

All photographs must be delivered to the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center by 7PM Friday, August 5. Late entries by special arrangement only. All entries should be labeled appropriately for identification and security purposes on the back of the photo. Please call ahead for other drop off times.

There is no entry fee for this contest. To enter or for more information call: (989)667-0717 or e-mail: saginawbaywaterfowl@gmail.com

Original photo entries may be of any type of Michigan Wildlife Species and Landscapes with Wildlife.

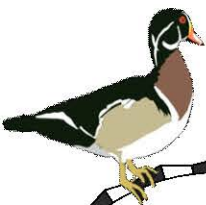
There will be **THREE** levels of competition:

- MASTER'S**
- AMATEUR**
- JUNIOR (17 & Under)**

All photos should be matted, but not framed, for display. No specific size has been designated; however the maximum size of matted print will be limited to 11"x17".

Goals of Event:

1. To inspire awareness and appreciation for the beauty and variety of Michigan wildlife species that depend upon wetlands for their habitat.
2. To introduce visitors to a new form of recreation that gives value to the wildlife of the wetlands: "wildlife photography".
3. To give photographers an opportunity to display and share their work with others.



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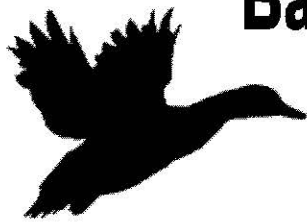
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Quack-Athalon

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August 6&7

Saturday 10am-7pm
& Sunday 9am-5pm

*A Fun Challenge for
Teams of 3 in a
Unique Competition*

**Each team will
compete in 4 events:**

- ◆ **Waterfowl Identification**
- ◆ **Canoeing**
- ◆ **Air Rifle Accuracy**
- ◆ **Decoy Toss**



Also take part in the annual **Parent Youth Canoe Race**
Teams of one adult & two youth
Compete for 1 dozen decoys & the champion title!

- ◆ Competition is open to entries of all ages
- ◆ Teams must be comprised of one adult and 2 youths (17 & under)
- ◆ All team members must compete in all three categories for a qualifying time
- ◆ Competition will be held on Saturday & Sunday
- ◆ Pre-registration can be done at the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center
- ◆ Regular registration will be done the day of the event

For additional information, please contact the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center, located in the Bay City State Recreation Area. Contact us at (989) 667-0717 or at saginawbaywaterfowl@gmail.com or check out the website: www.friendsofspark.org

