

Recreation Station Newsletter

Message from the Director:

As we head into 2021, Saginaw County Parks continue to be a great option for a well-needed respite. We were grateful to provide this opportunity in 2020, with nearly 80,000 patrons visiting Imerman Memorial Park and Haithco Recreation Area last summer alone, among a noticeable increase in park activity across our additional facilities. Whether it was a brief hike, a bike ride along the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail, or a visit to the Steven A. Kirshenbaum Memorial Bark Park, I sincerely hope Saginaw County Parks provided positive benefit to your physical and mental health in such a challenging year.

In addition to the continued increase of park patrons, we look back on some bright points of 2020. In March 2020, Saginaw County Parks millage funding was renewed through 2026 with over seventy percent of county voters supporting the millage. Outdoor Recreation & Event Coordinator, Jeanette Fiers, found unique ways to connect with individuals and families in 2020 including a scavenger hunt, virtual fishing contest, and adding festive decorations to some of our favorite trails for Halloween and this holiday season.

In September, we held a virtual groundbreaking ceremony in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Saginaw County Parks' newest facility opening in 2021, Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area.

The Saginaw Community Foundation awarded Saginaw County Parks a \$125,000 grant for a splashpad and playground development at Haithco Recreation Area, paired with a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund award along with Saginaw County Parks funding.

Saginaw County Parks has much to be optimistic for in 2021, including the two capital development projects mentioned, along with a third, a trailhead on the south end of the BayZil trail in Zilwaukee. We continue to plan for spring/summer construction on each of these projects and can't wait to celebrate their opening with you. In the meantime, please continue to stay safe and support one another in this great community of Saginaw we call home. ~ Brian



Saginaw County Parks was excited to participate in the Positive Results Downtown PRIDE in Saginaw

Cookie House Competition in November. We are proud to announce that our entry won! Yah!

Just a friendly reminder:

We welcome your dogs at our parks with the exception of Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area. When visiting our parks, please abide by our 6 ft. leash rule at all times unless you are inside the dog park. Please see the Imerman Memorial Park page on our website for a complete list of the dog park rules.



Looking Ahead:

April 26-Walk with Ease 6-week walking class begins
 May 19-Soggy Doggy @ Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area
 May 28-Wm. H. Haithco Rec. Area beach opens for the summer

Park Hours:

Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center, 8:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 7 - May 28)

Ringwood Forest, 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 7 - May 28)

William H. Haithco Recreation Area, 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 7- May 28)

The Saginaw Valley Rail Trail and Veterans Memorial Park are only open during daylight hours.

Park Office: 111 S. Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602. Contact us: 989-790-5280. On the web @ www.saginawcounty.com/parks



Summer Employment Opportunities

All individuals selected for positions are subject to, and must successfully pass a post offer pre-employment physical, criminal background check and drug screening. All applicants will be required to attend training sessions before working, including American Red Cross First Aid and CPR courses.

Summer Work Season: May 17 through September 6
Applications accepted through February 28, 2021
at:



111 S. Michigan, Room LL012, Saginaw, MI 48602
Questions call: 989-790-5280 or email Parks@saginawcounty.com
Online applications available at: www.saginawcounty.com/parks

Booth Attendant (6) - \$9.87/hour. Greets public upon entering the parks, collects fees, answers questions and maintains financial data. Requires good mathematical skills and strong customer service skills. (20-40 hours per week).

Lifeguard (12) - \$10.47/hour (LGI - \$10.62/hour). Provides a safe and clean aquatic facility. Enforces rules, assists park patrons, operates boat rental and responds to emergency situations. Applicants must be a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. (20-40 hours per week).

Office Clerk (1) - \$9.87/hour. Performs general office duties including typing, making copies, answering telephones, filing, etc. Also interacts with customers and conducts cash transactions for reservations and programs. Must be familiar with computer word processing and be able to operate common office equipment. Requires high school diploma or its equivalent (40 hours per week).

Park Ranger (8) - \$10.87/hour. Provides safety, comfort, and convenience for park users. Enforces rules, cleans parks and performs light maintenance duties. Must be 18 or older and requires a valid Michigan driver's license with good driving record. (30-40 hours per week).

Park Supervisor (2) - \$15/hour (rate negotiable). Supervises staff and assists with the management of county parks. Interacts with the public on a daily basis, enforcing rules and policies. Requires valid Michigan driver's license with good driving record, high school diploma (or equivalent). College graduate preferred with supervisory and aquatics experience. Applicants must be a certified American Red Cross Lifeguard. (30-50 hours per week).

Program Coordinator (2) - \$12.50/hour (rate negotiable). Facilitate, promote and evaluate summer Playdate programs as well as leagues, tournaments, youth, and family events at Hoyt Park. Program experience and high school diploma (or equivalent) required. Flexible schedule (15-30 hours per week).

Grounds Maintenance Worker (3) - \$10.00/hour. Performs routine grounds maintenance - mowing grass, trimming shrubs, etc. Operates power equipment - tractors, riding mowers, lawn mowers, trimmers, blowers, etc. May perform minor construction tasks. Must be 18 or older and requires a valid Michigan driver's license with good driving record. Typical work week M-F, 7am - 3:30pm.

2021 Winter Programs

Snowman/Sculpture Building Contest

Friday, January 1 – Friday, March 19

Virtual/Facebook

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Why you ask? Because you need snow to compete in our Snowman/Sculpture Building Contest! Award categories are: Adult, Teen (13-17), Children (ages 12 and under) and the People's Choice Award which is determined by how many Facebook likes the picture receives. Simply wait for a good snow, build your creation, take a picture and post it in the contest thread on our Saginaw County Parks Facebook page. Be sure to include the name and age of the creator. Snowmen/sculptures must be built in Saginaw County during the contest time-frame, constructed of snow and posted on the Facebook page by March 19. If you don't have Facebook, send entries to jfiers@saginawcounty.com. Adult, teen and People's Choice winners will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card. The children's category will will a 69 Piece Crazy Forts Construction Kit. Come on Saginaw County--get outside and show us what you got! **Cost: Free**

Dog Days Winter Romps

Thursdays, January 14, February 18 & March 18

Imerman Memorial Park

5:30 pm -7:00 pm

Hey dog lovers! Bring your dog(s) out to our Dog Days Winter Romp and enjoy a 1.5 hours of pure dog-playing bliss in the Steven A. Kirshenbaum Memorial Dog Park. We are keeping the front of the park open to allow you and your dog(s) a chance to stretch your legs and get out of the house this winter. This event is as simple as it sounds....no prizes, no contests and no demos --just an extended play date for your dog(s). It's bound to be cold so dress for the weather. Patio heaters will be lit to help take off the chill. The Park will close for the night immediately following the event. **Cost: Free**

*Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety.

Friends of Hoyt Park – Sledding

Hoyt Park

Hoyt Park is the place to be in Saginaw for outdoor winter fun. The sledding hills will be available for your sledding pleasure. Bring your family for some outdoor fun, but please abide by the current social distancing guidelines when using the facility. Please check the Friends of Hoyt Park Facebook page or the link listed below to see if the ice will be prepared for skating this winter season.

More information about Friends of Hoyt Park can be found here: <http://friendsofhoytparksaginaw.weebly.com/>

Photography in Nature Hike

Thursday, February 25

Price Nature Center

4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Whether a beginner or pro, a photo walk can help you sharpen your observation skills. During this photo walk with SCPRC staff and Thor Rasmussen, a photographer based out of Saginaw Michigan, you will be given the opportunity to learn more about light and shadow, shape and texture to spark new ways of seeing the world through your viewfinder. Bring your camera, dress for the cold weather. **Pre-registration is required.** Call 989-790-5280 to register. Limit 15 participants. **Cost: \$5 per person**

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Moonlight Hike

Friday, February 26

Ringwood Forest

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us for a fun jaunt through the trails with the moon lighting our way. Bring your flashlight and dress warm for this event. **Pre-registration is required.** Call 989-790-5280 to register. Limit 15 participants.

Cost: Free *Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety.

Frosty-Frolics Winter Hike

Thursday, March 4

Ringwood Forest

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Join us in the great outdoors for an evening stroll or snowshoeing hike in the wintery forest. Snowshoes will be available for up to 12 participants if conditions permit. **Pre-registration is required.** Call 989-790-5280 to register. Limit 15 participants. **Cost: Free** *Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety.

Night Eyes Hike

Thursday, March 11

Price Nature Center

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us for an adventure looking for eyes in the forest. What will you see? What animals may be out lurking in the night? Bring your flashlight and dress warm for this event. **Pre-registration is required.** Call 989-790-5280 to register. Limit 15 participants. **Cost: Free** *Social distancing guidelines and face coverings will be in place for staff & patron safety.

Walk with Ease (WWE) Celebration Park

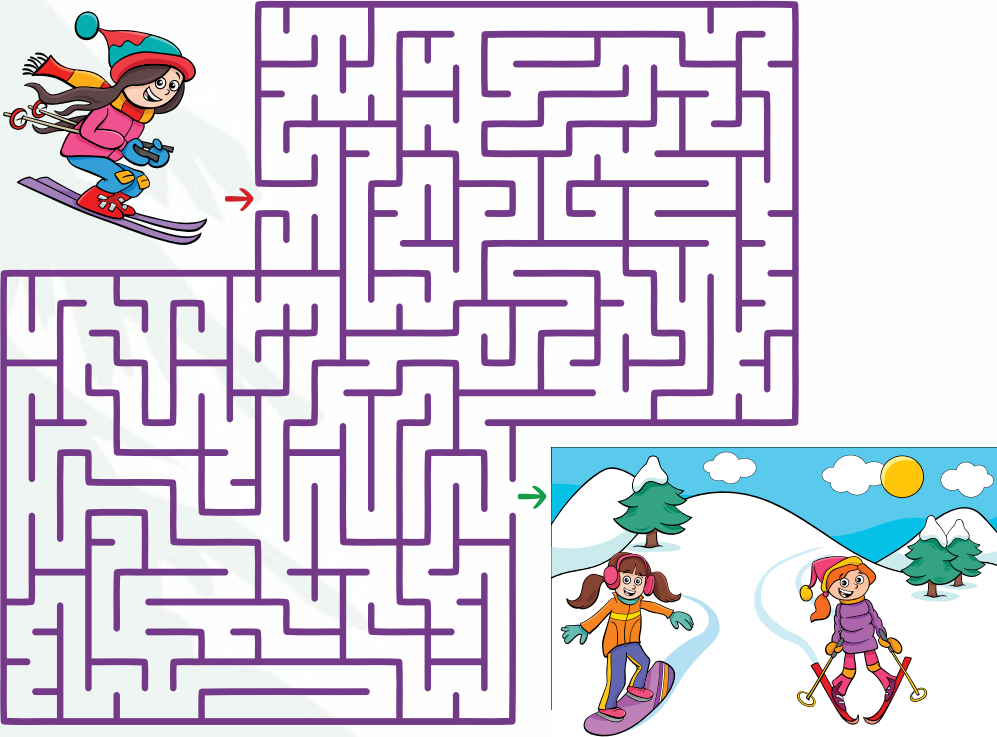
Mon. Wed. & Fri. April 26th - June 4th 9-10:00 am

*See our website at www.saginawcounty.com/parks for information & registration for this upcoming class!

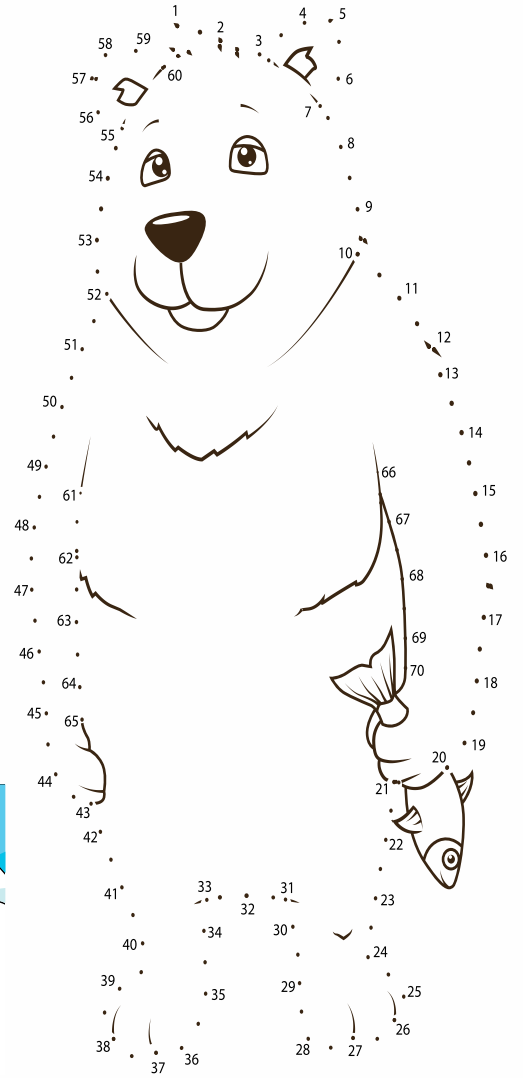
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Are you looking for a location for your special outing? We have the perfect place for any occasion! Pavilion reservations are ideal for company picnics, family or school reunions, graduation parties, birthday parties, church groups, clubs, and any group that would appreciate having their outing in a beautiful Saginaw County Park. The William H. Haithco Recreation Area provides modern bathrooms, playgrounds, fishing docks, volleyball courts, and five picnic pavilions. Imerman Memorial Park provides modern bathrooms, a fishing dock, a volleyball court, a playground, horse-shoe pits, basketball and tennis courts, an in-line

hockey rink, Bark Park and four picnic pavilions. Stop in and make your reservation today. We will begin accepting pavilion reservations for the 2021 season for the William H. Haithco Recreation Area, Imerman Memorial Park, and Price Nature Center on January 2, 2021.

Rental fees for the pavilions are \$60.00 per day. Entry for Saginaw County Residents is free. Non Residents Memorial Day thru Labor Day pay \$2.00 per vehicle entry fee to Imerman Memorial Park and a \$5.00 per vehicle entry fee to the William H. Haithco Recreation Area.

Rentals can be made in person at the Parks office in the Saginaw County Governmental Center. Methods of payment accepted include credit card, cash, check and money order.

PARK Locations

Imerman Memorial Park
3495 Midland Road



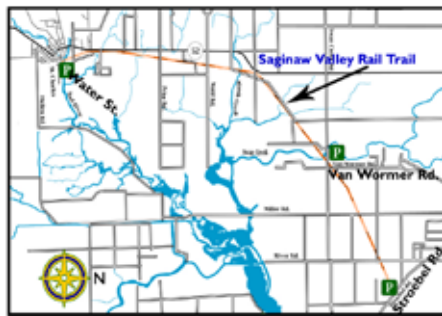
Price Nature Center
6685 Sheridan Road



Ringwood Forest
2 mi. S. of St. Charles
2 mi. W. of M-52 on Ring Road



Saginaw Valley Rail Trail
Parking at: E. Water Street, St. Charles
Van Wormer Road, Swan Creek Twp.
Stroebel Road, Saginaw



William H. Haithco Rec. Area
2121 Schust Road



Veterans Memorial Park
M-13 along the Saginaw River
North of Zilwaukee



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Certain areas of Imerman Memorial Park near the river have elevated levels of dioxins in the soil. Children may be especially sensitive to dioxins. Take precautions to avoid direct contact with soil, and wash skin that comes in contact with soil. Long-term exposure (ingestion of this soil) may lead to health problems. For more information, please read the brochure available at Imerman Memorial Park on this subject, and/or contact the Saginaw County Department of Public Health at (989) 758-3686.

The Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We will provide reasonable accommodations to assist people with disabilities to access and participate in our recreation programs, facilities, and services. For program registration information, please call the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission at (989) 790-5280.



Play in the Parks

January

Fri. 1/1	begins	Snowman/Sculpture Building Contest	Virtual/Facebook
Fri. 3/19	ends	Snowman/Sculpture Building Contest	Virtual/Facebook
Thurs. 1/14		Winter Romp	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Imerman Memorial Park

February

Thurs. 2/18		Winter Romp	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Imerman Memorial Park
Thurs. 2/25		Photography in Nature Hike	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Price Nature Center
Fri. 2/26		Moonlight Hike	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Ringwood Forest

March

Thurs. 3/4		Frosty Frolics-Hike	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Ringwood Forest
Thurs. 3/11		Night Eyes Hike	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Price Nature Center
Thurs. 3/19		Winter Romp	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Imerman Memorial Park

April

Walk with Ease (WWE)			
Mon. Wed. & Fri.	April 26th - June 4	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Celebration Park

Due to the global pandemic and changing guidelines, please call our office at 989-790-5280 or check our Saginaw County Parks Facebook page for potential cancellations.

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TAKE NOTE!

- All events are free unless noted with a "\$" symbol.
- Gate fees may be additional.
- Pre-registration is required for all events noted with the letter "R".

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