Rochester Hills Announces Fantastic Lineup for Fall Fun!

Rochester Hills, MI - As residents look to find new ways to social distance, they have rediscovered the city's parks and recreational offerings. Since the start of the pandemic, park usage has skyrocketed throughout the city.

“People are looking for safe ways to engage outside of their home and enjoy the sunshine,” states Natural Resources Manager Matt Einheuser. “We’re excited to take advantage of that enthusiasm with some new events along with some classic family favorites.”

One of the reasons Rochester Hills is such a desirable place to live is the abundance of green spaces, trails, and parks. The City’s Parks and Natural Resources Department manages almost 1,000 acres of spaces where people run, walk, bike or more. Many of which are just a short drive away no matter where you are in the city. To compliment this interest in the community’s outdoor spaces, a number of fun fall programs for neighbors of all ages will be offered.

**Fly Tying** – September 12th, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Where: Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm  
Age: Adults and Children 14+     Cost: $15/person  
Learn how to tie your own flies in this informative, hands on two-hour session. Make your two of your own flies to take home and enjoy coffee, juice and donuts.

**Nature on Wheels** – September 12th, 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Where: Boogie Babies Parking Lot (1928 Star-Batt Dr. B, Rochester Hills, MI 48309)  
Age: Families     Cost: $25-35 (fee includes bike rental)  
Rent a bike through Boogie Babies Entertainment Facility and join our Naturalists for a guided biking tour along the Clinton River Trail. Toddler trailers available.

**Animal Archaeology** – September 13th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
Where: Bloomer Park, Meet at the Mountain Ash Shelter  
Age: Children ages 10-14     Cost: $10/child  
Tap into your inner Indiana Jones and join us for this first ever hands on adventure. Guests will visit a number of sites to excavate and identify animal bones.

**Painting in the Park** – September 24th, 4:30 – 7:00 pm  
Where: Bloomer Park, meet at the Stone Shelter  
Age: all ages     Cost: $35/person  
During this workshop, a Paint Creek Center for the Arts instructor will demonstrate how to watercolor paint the surrounding environment and transform the ordinary canvas in front of you into a piece of the park that you get to take home.

**Parent & Child Hike in the Woods** - September 17th, 10:00 – 11:00 am  
Where: Bloomer Park     Ages: 3-6 years     Cost: $6/person
Join us for a light hike in the woods while learning about the nature, plants, and animals that we have in our community! Parents are expected to join in on the hike with their child.

**Adaptive Nature Hike with Naturalist**- September 17th, 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
Where: Bloomer Park       Ages: 14+ Years       Cost: $6/person  
In partnership with the Rochester Area Recreation Authority, the Adaptive Nature Hike is designed for participants with special needs and their parents.

To register for these programs or to learn about our other upcoming Outdoor Engagement Opportunities coming up in the near future, continue to visit our website rochesterhills.org/outdoors or call the Parks & Natural Resources Department at 248-656-4673. Programs will continue to follow up-to-date social distancing and gathering guidelines. Please bring a mask to wear when within 6 feet of others.

**Special Interest/Scout Group Programming**  
To set up programs, hikes, etc. specific for special Interest or Scout Groups please contact our Natural Resources division directly at 248.656.4775 or by emailing outdoors@rochesterhills.org.

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills is a prosperous community offering residents and businesses superior services. Voted one of the top places to live by several sources including CNNMoney magazine, Rochester Hills is committed to sustaining its position among the nation’s preeminent places to live, work and raise a family. Through the city’s focus on health, education, and technology; the community continues to attract forward-thinking leaders and businesses.

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