100 FUN THINGS TO DO IN WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

1. Rent a kayak at Elizabeth Park.
2. Play in the mud at the world famous Mud Day event!
3. Bring your favorite pup to the Wayne County Parks Dog Park.
4. Stroll along the boardwalks at Crosswinds Marsh.
5. Catch a fish at the Fishing Derby in June.
6. Have a picnic with your family at one of 22 picnic shelters in Wayne County Parks.
7. Drive through the beautiful Wayne County Lightfest.
8. Take a nature program at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.
9. Check out the butterfly gardens at Nankin Mills or Crosswinds Marsh.
10. Ride your bike traffic-free during Saturday in the Park.
11. Shoot hoops at the basketball courts at Perrin Park, Warrendale or Bell Creek Park.
12. Learn about Mother Earth at the Earth Day Extravaganza.
13. Check out the unusual playscape at Waterford Bend Park in Northville.
14. Play sand volleyball at Northville Recreation Area or Nankin Mills Park.
15. Go for a canoe ride at Newburgh Lake.
16. Go for a swim at the Wayne County Family Aquatic Center.
17. Play old fashioned games at the Somewhere in Time event.
18. Ride a pony at the Children’s Pony Ranch at Elizabeth Park.
19. Honor local police, fire and EMS personnel who have lost their lives by visiting the First Responders Memorial.
20. Learn a new hobby at Hobby Day at Crosswinds Marsh.
21. Listen to some smooth jazz during Jazz on the River.
22. Take a hayride during the Halloween Festival.
23. Learn about the history of Wayne County Parks on the second floor of the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.
24. Take a stroll along the Detroit River at Elizabeth Park.
25. Bike the mountain biking trails in Hines Park.
27. Learn about Michigan’s First People at Native American Heritage Day.
28. Enjoy a day of free fishing at Family Fishing Fun Day at Crosswinds Marsh.
29. Hit 18 holes at Inkster Valley Golf Course.
30. Watch 20,000 marshmallows fall from the sky at the Marshmallow Drop at Elizabeth Park or Nankin Mills.
31. Take a walk or jog along the 17 mile bike path along Hines Drive.
32. Sleep under the stars at the Great American Camp Out.
33. Kick a soccer ball at one of the many soccer fields in Wayne County Parks.
34. Bring your vintage car to the Cruisin’ Hines event.
35. Go ice skating at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.
36. Hear stories around a campfire at the Harvest Festival.
37. See the bald eagle nest at Crosswinds Marsh.
38. Work out with the exercise stations at Elizabeth Park.
39. View fireworks at the Lightfest Lights On Ceremony.
40. Play a game of softball at one of the baseball fields in Hines Park.
41. Check out the multi-generational swing at Günsolly Park.
42. Participate in a scout program at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center or Crosswinds Marsh.
43. Dock your boat at the Elizabeth Park Marina.
44. Go birdwatching at Crosswinds Marsh.
45. Play disc golf at Cass Benton Park or Lola Valley Park.
46. Volunteer at a special event like Heroes on Hines, the Lightfest Run or Marshmallow Drop.
47. Hold your wedding at one of the historic bridges at Elizabeth Park.
48. Decorate your bike to win a prize in Bike Through the Lights.
49. Take a fall color drive down Hines Drive.
50. Meet our “not-so-scary” Halloween characters at the Halloween Forest Fun Hike.
51. Go sledding down Middlebelt Hill in Westland.
52. Take a walk at Crosswinds Marsh led by a naturalist with the Trail Trekkers program.
53. Take a guided hike with a parks naturalist during the Adult Outdoor Hike series at Nankin Mills.
54. Bring your favorite pre-schooler to participate in Nursery School Olympics.
55. Hold a party at the Chateau on the River at Elizabeth Park.
56. Listen to your favorite Motown tunes during Motown on the River.
57. Take a homeschool class at Crosswinds Marsh or Nankin Mills.
58. Leave a letter for Santa in the giant mailbox at the end of the Lightfest.
59. Learn how to take amazing outdoor photos in the Nature Through a Lens program.
60. Work out on the new fitness station at Hawthorne Ridge Park.
61. Have your favorite teen join the Wayne County Parks Youth Advisory Council.


63. Participate in a marsh clean-up day at Crosswinds Marsh.

64. Play bingo at the Senior Fun Fest at Nankin Mills.

65. Win a medal at the Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5k.

66. Take a selfie in the butterfly chairs at Crosswinds Marsh.

67. Walk through the trees in Bennett Arboretum.

68. Enjoy some snacks at the Apple Cider and Popcorn program.

69. Bring your favorite Senior to the Time Out for Seniors program at Crosswinds Marsh.

70. Visit Snappy Sue the turtle at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

71. Get a medal detecting permit and find a treasure in the park!

72. Watch a cross country meet at Cass Benton or Nankin Mills Parks.

73. Listen to your favorite classic tunes at Motown on the River.

74. See a beaver dam in action at Crosswinds Marsh.

75. Make syrup at the Maple Sugaring program at Cass Benton Park.

76. Bring your favorite youngster to the Nature Tots program.

77. Enjoy a boat race at Roar on the River.

78. Ride your horse at Crosswinds Marsh.


80. Test your tree identification skills at Bennett Arboretum.

81. Volunteer with Friends of the Rouge to clean the Rouge River.

82. Play ice hockey at Newburgh Lake.

83. Take your graduation pictures in scenic Hines Park.

84. Have a picnic overlooking Lola Valley.

85. Hike the Lower Rouge Trail in Canton.

86. Attend a naturalist-led Winter Walk and Fireside Talk program.

87. Check out the display about the Underground Railroad on the third floor of the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

88. Visit Santa and have a snack at the end of the Lightfest at the Santa Shelter.

89. Relax in a hammock at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

90. Bring your kids to play on the new playscape at Merriman Hollow Park.

91. Take a hike to see the spring flowers emerging in the Holliday Nature Preserve.

92. Participate in a fun run or walk-a-thon.

93. Volunteer at the Merriman Hollow Native Garden.

94. Snowshoe on the trails at Crosswinds Marsh.

95. Enjoy a chorus of wood frogs, spring peepers and Western chorus frogs in the Spring Bird and Frog Hike.

96. Take swim lessons at the Wayne County Family Aquatic Center.

97. Participate in the Dog Park Ice Cream social or Howl-o-ween events at the Dog Park.

98. Run up and down Middlebelt Hill to challenge your endurance.

99. Cast a line at the Detroit River at Elizabeth Park

100. Toboggan down the sled hill at Cass Benton Park.