



## WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS NATURE PROGRAMS APRIL, 2012

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. to Noon**

### **Garlic Mustard Pull**

#### **Miller/Smith Preserve**

Folks of all ages welcome to come join our effort to control garlic mustard in this lovely woods. Stay for just a short while or stay for the full two hours - all help is much appreciated! Bring gloves if you can. Water and snacks provided.

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 1 to 3 p.m.**

### **From Forest Pond to Forest Floor – An Animal Exploration**

#### **Miller/Smith Preserve**

First we will use nets and containers to see what types of creatures live in the preserve's ponds this time of year. Wear boots in case of muddy pond edges. After some time for pond study, we'll explore leaf litter, fallen logs and other parts of the forest floor to learn about some of the creatures who live here. All creatures will be set free at the end of the program. Faye Stoner will lead this program.



**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - 2 to 4 p.m.**

### **Spring Wildflowers along the Saline River**

#### **Draper-Houston Meadows Preserve**

Faye Stoner leads this walk as we search the forest floodplain and nearby drier woods for Blue Cohosh, Solomon's Seal, various kinds of Trilliums, Dutchman's Britches and many more spring flowers. Note: Since spring is coming early this year, some typical late April flowers may be done blooming! Some ground may be wet; wear shoes/boots that can get muddy.

## WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS NATURE PROGRAMS May, 2012

**Garlic Mustard Pull** - 10 a.m. to Noon for each date

**Sat May 5 - Scio Woods, Scio Twp.**

**Sat May 12 - County Farm Park/Britton Woods, Ann Arbor, meet at Medford Rd. entrance**

**Sat May 26 - Burns-Stokes, Scio Twp.**

Folks of all ages welcome to come join our effort to control garlic mustard in these lovely wooded areas. Stay for just a short while or stay for the full two hours - all help is much appreciated! Bring gloves if you can. Snacks and water provided.



### **Sunday Morning Bird Walk!**

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – 8 to 10 a.m.**

**West Lake Preserve, Dexter Twp.**

Beginning birders welcome, bring binoculars if you can. Great habitat diversity should make for good birding!

### **Wildflowers of Embury Woods**

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Park Lyndon, North parking lot**

This small woodlot is rich with a variety of wildflowers and ferns. We will meet at Lyndon North to carpool to these woods. It will be interesting to see what will be blooming now, since spring came so early this year!



### **Tours of Sharon Mills**

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – 1 to 4 p.m.**

#### **Sharon Mills**

The mill is open all afternoon for visitors, with a docent present to share info and answer questions. The tour will cover the mill's varied uses over time, with a focus on Henry Ford's influence. The hydroelectric generator is now working again and will be operating for folks to see!

### **\*\*\*Grand Opening! Rolling Hills Improvements\*\*\***

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 1 to 4 p.m.**

#### **Rolling Hills**

Join the events, which include a ribbon cutting ceremony, hiking and biking on the new trails, nature walk (see below) and more! Call 734-484-9676. FREE park entry today.



### **Exploring Sassafras Woods**

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 2 to 3 p.m.**

#### **Rolling Hills**

Part of the activities to celebrate the Grand Opening of Rolling Hills Improvement! On this hike for all ages, we'll look for birds, wildflowers, spring insects, mushrooms and more! Meet near the playground.

**Programs are free, as is park admittance, unless noted otherwise. Call 971- 6337 or visit [parks.ewashtenaw.org](http://parks.ewashtenaw.org) for basic info; for program info email Faye at [stonerf@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:stonerf@ewashtenaw.org) or call 971-6337 X334; for garlic mustard pull info, email Shawn at [severances@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:severances@ewashtenaw.org)**

**Spring Azure Butterfly**

