

Royal Oak Nature Society (April, 2019)

Protecting Our Nature Parks and Educating the Community

The Royal Oak Nature Society is a volunteer group working with the city to maintain & improve Royal Oak's two nature preserves, Cummington Park & Tenhave Woods. They are also developing the Royal Oak Arboretum behind the Senior Center. If you are interested in joining the conservation effort or just need more information, please phone us at 248-246-3380 & leave a message, e-mail us at naturesociety@romi.gov, postal address is: Royal Oak Nature Society, 1600 N. Campbell Rd, Royal Oak, 48067 or check out our website at www.romi.gov/nature. You can also find us on Facebook & Instagram. There is no preregistration or cost for our speaker programs and public nature walks.



Monthly Meeting/Speaker Program Schedule

Meetings/programs are held on **Wednesdays** from October thru April at the **Royal Oak Middle School** located at 709 N. Washington, unless otherwise noted. Enter at the school's southeast entrance and follow the "Nature Society" signage. Starting time is always at **7:30 pm**. Usually, the programs are slide shows focusing on various natural history topics. If you watch nature programs on PBS or the Discovery channel, this is better, as you can meet afterwards and ask the speakers questions.

"**The Philippines – Islands of Endemics**" speaker program is being held on Wednesday, April 10th, 2019, beginning at **7:30 pm** at the **Royal Oak Middle School**. The Philippines are a birders paradise. This country is made up of isolated islands in the Pacific Ocean near Asia, providing a perfect spot for isolated bird species to evolve. Boasting 7107 islands, the Philippines can also boast of having 657 species, of which 214 are endemic. Join Don Burlett as we visit seven of these islands in a quest to see many of the islands birds. We'll also enjoy the landscape, history and culture of these islands.



Nature Walk Schedule

(Meet at the park)

There is at least one naturalist lead walk per month with additional ones added during the spring wildflower and fall color seasons. An emphasis is put on understanding the different forest types found in our parks. Further information is given on individual plant and animal species, geology and human history of the area. Dogs are not allowed inside either Tenhave Woods or Cummington Park. Wearing

boots while in the parks is recommended during the winter and spring months. To learn more about the parks, please come to our naturalist led nature walks listed below.

For Cummingston, park & meet at Torquay & Leafdale (just east of Meijer).

For Tenhave Woods (just east of RO High School), park at the Marais/Lexington lot and walk about 300' east to the entrance. For Tenhave Owl Hoots, park & meet at Marais/Lexington lot.



“Spring Wildflower Walks”

Sunday, **April 7th, 2019** beginning **2:00 pm** at **Tenhave Woods**

Saturday, **April 13th, 2019** beginning **2:00 pm** at **Tenhave Woods**

Saturday, **April 27th, 2019** beginning **2:00 pm** at **Tenhave Woods**

We will be looking for Red & White Trillium, blue & yellow violets, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Bloodroot, Trout Lily, Wild Geranium, Spice Bush, Spring Beauty, Wood Poppy, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, & Wood Anemone and more. Park at Lexington/Marais lot & meet at Lexington entrance.

“Mushroom Walk” is scheduled for Saturday, **April 27th, 2019** at **Cummingston Park** beginning at **10:00 am**. Park & meet at Leafdale & Torquay. Mary Fredricks, a member and botanist/mycologist of the Royal Oak Nature Society, will lead the walk. Anyone with an interest in learning more about mushrooms and other fungi of the urban woods is welcome. There is no preregistration or cost for this walk.

