

Royal Oak Nature Society (October, 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, Cummingston 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 Senior/Community Center** located at 3500 Marais, unless otherwise noted. 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.

"Bob and Don's Most Excellent Adventure"

speaker program is being held on Wednesday, **October 2**, beginning **7:30 pm** at the **Royal Oak Senior/Community Center** (3500 Marais). Join Bob Muller and Don Drife as they travel through America's Southwest visiting Petrified Forest, The Painted Desert, Grand Canyon, Winslow Arizona, Meteor Crater, Bridges National Monument, Gooseneck State Park, and Mesa Verde National Park. See the Southwest through the eyes of two interpretive naturalists exploring unfamiliar territory.



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.

"Fall Color" is being held at **Cummington** on Sunday, **October 13**, beginning at **2:00 pm**. Park and meet at Leafdale & Torquay. This is the most beautiful time of the year to take a look at our two nature parks.



"Fall Color" is being held at **Tenhave Woods** on Saturday, **October 19**, beginning at **2:00 pm**. Park at the Lexington & Marais lot & meet at the Lexington entrance. This is the most beautiful time of the year to take a look at our two nature parks.

"Mushroom Walk" is scheduled for Saturday, **October 26**, at **Cummington 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.

"Owl Hoot" is being held at **Tenhave Woods** on Saturday, **October 26**, beginning at **7:30 pm**. Park & meet at the Lexington & Marais lot.. We will walk into Tenhave and attempt to lure in or have screech & great horned owls answer tape recordings of their calls.

"Fall Color" is being held at **Cummington** on Sunday, **October 27**, beginning at **2:00 pm**. Park and meet at Leafdale & Torquay. This is the most beautiful time of the year to take a look at our two nature parks.

TRICK OR TREAT AT TENHAVE WOODS

The Nature Society would like to invite everyone to our new activity, "Trick or Treat at Tenhave Woods," on Saturday, **October 26**. From **1 to 3 pm**, we will be hosting families at Tenhave Woods for a fun Halloween event. Guests will be invited to follow a trail map through the park for Trick or Treating with our volunteer hosts. Everyone is welcome. Bring your families, neighbors, nieces and nephews – kids in costume if they wish. In addition to candy that is nut free, we will provide non-edible treats. Children should bring their own treat bags. Come join us on October 26th for a wonderful time in the woods. There is no preregistration or cost for this activity.