

Royal Oak Nature Society (February 2020)

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 public speaker programs.



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 Power Point presentations 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.*

"Isle Royale: Wolves, Moose, and More"

speaker program is being held on **February 5**.

Erin Parker, Nature Centers Manager of the Detroit Zoological Society, spent three seasons as a backcountry ranger and biological technician at Isle Royale National Park. She has returned there several times to explore, most recently in August of 2019 as part of the Moose Watch program. Come learn about this beautiful and wild island archipelago, including the ongoing wolf reintroduction project and start planning your own visit.



Nature Walk Schedule

(Meet at the park)

WALKS: 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. There is no preregistration or cost for our public nature walks.

FYI: Wearing boots while in the parks is recommended during the winter and spring months. Dressing appropriately for bugs and using insect repellent is advised from late spring through the end of summer. Dogs are not allowed inside either Tenhave Woods or Cummington Park.

PARKING/MEET LOCATION:

- For Cummington Walks, park & meet at Torquay & Leafdale (just east of Meijer)
- For Tenhave Woods Walks, park at the Marais/Lexington lot (just east of the High School) and walk about 300' east to the entrance.
- For Tenhave Owl Hoots, park & meet at Marais/Lexington lot.
- For Arboretum Walks, park & meet at the north end of the Senior/Community Center (3500 Marais) lot.

"Friends of Fungi Mycology Club" will meet on the Wednesday, **February 12**, at the **Royal Oak Senior Center** (3500 Marais) beginning at **7:00 pm**. Mary Fredricks will present "What am I Looking At?: How to Use Guidebooks, Keys and Other Tools to Identify Mushrooms in the Woods and Elsewhere."

"Owl Hoot" is being held at **Cummington Park** on Tuesday, **February 18**, beginning at **7:30 pm**. Park and meet at Leafdale & Torquay. We will walk into Cummington and attempt to lure in or have screech & great horned owls answer tape recordings of their calls.

"Finding the Largest Trees" is being held at **Tenhave Woods** on Saturday, **February 22, 2020** beginning at **2:00 pm**. Park at the Lexington & Marais lot & meet at the Lexington entrance.

