

Royal Oak Nature Society (April 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.



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. There is no preregistration or cost for any of our public speaker programs.*

"Great Lakes Hummingbirds" speaker program is being held on **April 1st**. In the autumn of 2001, the Great Lakes HummerNet project was formed by Allen Chartier to primarily learn more about hummingbirds in the Great Lakes region by enlisting the help of volunteer observers throughout the region. The main focus is on Ruby-throated Hummingbirds found in Michigan. Data is gathered through observation as well as banding studies. This presentation will describe the research objectives of the project, tell you how you can participate, provide helpful hints on how to attract and feed hummingbirds, provide hummingbird gardening tips, and review what has been learned so far. The program will also review the status of other species of hummingbird confirmed to occur in the region.



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 any of 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.

"Spring Wildflower Walk" is being held at **Cummington Park** on Sunday, **April 19th**, beginning at **2:00 pm**.

"Mushroom Walk" is scheduled for Saturday, **April 25th**, at **Tenhave Woods** beginning at **10:00 am**. 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.



“Spring Wildflower Walk” is being held on Saturday, **April 25th**, beginning **2:00 pm** at **Tenhave Woods**. Park at Lexington/Marais lot & meet at Lexington entrance. 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.



NATURE SOCIETY ANNUAL EVENT:

“Royal Oak Nature Society 15th Annual Fundraiser” is being held on Friday, **April 24th**, at the **Royal Oak Elks Club** from **7 to 10 pm**. The cost is only \$10/person. The major goals of the Royal Oak Nature Society are to protect, promote, maintain and improve nearly 50 acres of nature preserves (Cunnington Park & Tenhave Woods) located in Royal Oak and to develop a special arboretum/wildflower garden located behind the Royal Oak Senior Center. In order to do all of this, the Nature Society is putting on a fundraiser. Please check the Nature Society’s website at romi.gov/nature for more information.

