

Royal Oak Nature Society (May 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.*

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 on Sunday, **May 3rd** 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 (photo on your right), Jack-in-the-Pulpit, & Wood Anemone and more.



“Spring Wildflower Walk” is being held on Saturday, **May 9th**, 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.



“Pond Life” program is being held on Sunday, **May 17th**, beginning at **2:00 pm** at **Tenhave Woods**. Park at Lexington/Marais lot, go to the Lexington entrance & follow the Pond Life signs. We will be sampling the vernal pond for what is living in it. We will have viewing trays to examine what we find. For those interested small aquarium nets will be available for you to catch your own pond life and have us identify. Come and learn about the interesting aquatic wildlife of Dragonfly Pond.

“Mushroom Walk” is scheduled for Saturday, **May 23rd**, at **Cummington Park** 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.