

Royal Oak Nature Society (March 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, 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.



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 our public speaker programs*

“What Can We Do to Save the Bees?”

speaker program is being held on **March 4th**. Rich Wieske, partner in Green Toe Gardens and A Royal Oak resident, shares two decades experience as a local beekeeper, mentor and advocate of natural biodiversity. His presentations are informative, fun and accompanied by breathtaking images. Bring your questions about bees, trees and the



queen’s knees. Can I have a beehive in my backyard? What kind of trees and weeds to plant for bees? Do honeybees and native pollinators compete? If you’ve ever wanted to learn more about honey bees this evening is the place to bee.

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.*

"Owl Hoot" is being held at **Tenhave Woods** on Tuesday, **March 10th**, beginning at **7:30 pm**. We will walk into Tenhave and attempt to lure in or have screech & great horned owls answer tape recordings of their calls

"Friends of Fungi Mycology Club" will meet on the Wednesday, **March 11th**, at the **Royal Oak Senior Center** (3500 Marais) beginning at **7:00 pm**.

"Owl Hoot" is being held at **Cummington Park** on Thursday, **March 12th**, beginning at **7:30 pm**. We will walk into Cummington and attempt to lure in or have screech & great horned owls answer tape recordings of their calls.



"Early Spring" nature walk is being held at **Tenhave Woods** on Saturday, **March 21st** , beginning at **2:00 pm**.

"Grayling Back to Michigan" speaker program will be held on **Saturday, March 28th** at the **Royal Oak Senior Center** beginning at **7:30 pm**. This program is being sponsored by the Nature Society & the Royal Oak Historical Society. Nicole Watson, Ph. D student at Michigan State University' Department of Fisheries & Wildlife, will focus on the history of the Grayling fish in Michigan, why we lost it & the research being done to bring it back to our state. There is no cost or preregistration. For more information, click on following link: <https://www.romi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/25943/Grayling-Flyer-1>