



ABOUT RIVER DAY

River Day is designed to encourage appreciation and recreational use of the waterways of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair. We celebrate the leadership of local citizens, organizations, and communities whose efforts are critical to protecting and enhancing the overall quality of the Clinton River watershed.

River “Day” began as a single program day that aligned with Michigan’s Free Fishing Weekend. Due to high interest and participation it quickly expanded to include a few additional events.

Individuals, businesses, community groups, and local governments across the watershed are joining forces to enhance and celebrate the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair. Activities range from nature hikes, fishing derbies, and outdoor education to river clean-ups, invasive species pulls, and native landscaping.

Events and programs from a variety of sources within the watershed are compiled by the Clinton River Watershed Council. Through this guide, popular opportunities that protect, enhance, and celebrate the Clinton River watershed are brought together in one place to help people access opportunities in their region.

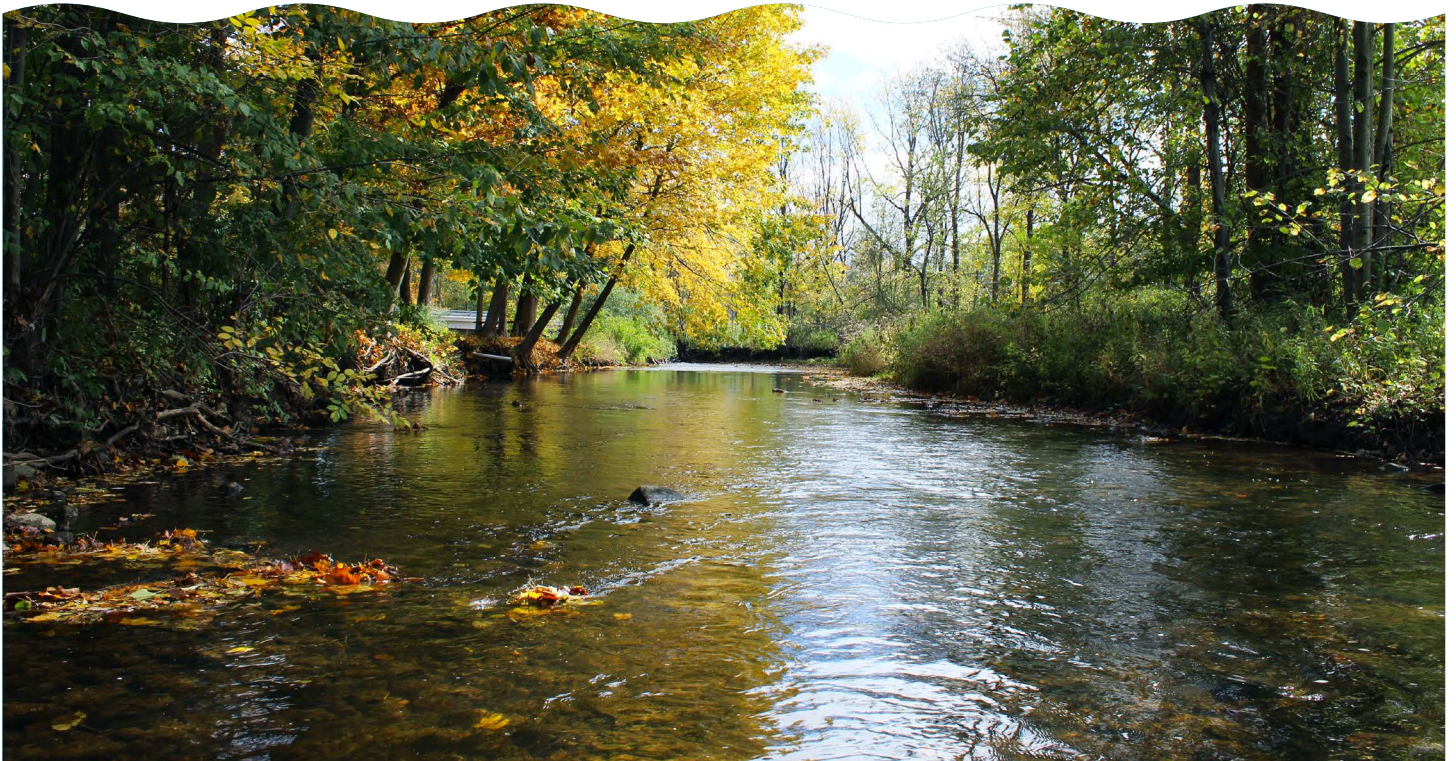
DESIGN CONTEST

The cover art on this guide was created by Amanda Sgarlata as part of the River Day Design Contest. The contest encouraged local artists to get involved in the promotion of River Day and celebrating the natural world through art.

Contestants at various skill levels throughout the watershed make submissions in a variety of formats. Submissions ranged from sketched line work to charcoal etchings to professionally designed vector art.

As the official state reptile of Michigan, Amanda thought the painted turtle would be a great symbol of the wildlife found within the Clinton River watershed. Amanda asked, “Who doesn’t love to spot a turtle sunning itself on a log, or catch a glimpse as they slide gracefully into the water?” She is excited to have her design chosen and thankful to be able to play a part in an important event that helps to protect wildlife habitats and preserve the region’s vital natural resources.

Designs were voted on at CRWC’s Annual Meeting on March 21, 2024 and Amanda’s design received more votes than any other entry.



SPONSORS

River Day would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We offer them thanks for their contributions toward River Day and protecting, enhancing and celebrating the Clinton River watershed and Lake St. Clair.



EVENTS

Learn more about River Day at:

CRWC.ORG/RIVER-DAY

PADDLEPALOOZA

6/1/2024 • 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

It's time for the annual 8-mile Auburn Hills to Rochester Hills Paddlepalooza! Three events to choose from: the Kayakers race (1 person), the Canoeists race (2 people), or the Adventure Paddle (no race - no inflatables). A limited number of canoes and kayaks are available for rent, so don't delay.

By Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills.

3311 Parkways Boulevard Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/16th-annual-paddlepalooza-tickets-866807373187?aff=oddtcreator>

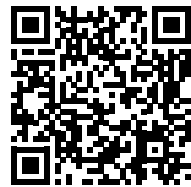


CLINTON TOWNSHIP FISHING DERBY

6/8/2024 • 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

If your child loves to fish, they cannot miss this event! Clinton Township Recreation invites them to try to catch that big old elusive catfish or pile up the inches with a variety of pan fish! This event is celebrating the Clinton River watershed and is a catch-and-release format. The contest is based on total inches caught and children do not need a fishing license to participate. Parents are welcome to assist, but children must reel in the fish. Prizes will be awarded, and everybody is eligible for door prizes. 16 and under welcome! No makeup date. Refunded if canceled.

By Clinton Township Recreation. For questions, contact George Cardaris at g.cardaris@clintontownship-mi.gov or 586.286.9336.



Clinton Twp Civic Center - 40700 Romeo Plank Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038

Register here. <https://register.clintontownship.com/Login.aspx>



WEEKLY CLEAN AT CLINTON RIVER HERITAGE PARK

6/5/2024 • 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Weekly Clean is an ongoing clean up program that focuses on removing trash and debris from different parks throughout the Clinton River watershed. Weekly Clean engages residents of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels with activities ranging from on-land garbage collecting to paddling and water trail cleanups.

By the Clinton River Watershed Council. For more information, contact Pronoye Kapali at 248.601.0606 ext 27 or pronoye@crwc.org.

Clinton River Heritage Park - 44505 Van Dyke Ave, Utica, MI 48317

No registration Required. Trash bags, grabbers, and gloves provided.

CRWC WATERCRESS PULL

6/8/2024 • 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Interested in removing non-native species from a local river? CRWC needs your help to clean up non-native watercress behind the Clinton River Watershed Office in Avon Creek! Waders will be provided. Walk-ins are welcome!

By the Clinton River Watershed Council. For questions, contact Pronoye Kapali at pronoye@crwc.org or 248-601-0606 ext 27. No registration is required.

CRWC Office - 1115 West Avon Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48309

VILLAGE OF NEW HAVEN RIVER DAY

6/8/2024 • 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Volunteers will help with community park beautification and/or a river cleanup. Please bring any equipment that you feel might be helpful. Light refreshments and lunch will be provided to volunteers.

By the Villiage of New Haven. For questions, contact Dawn Razz at 586.354.5170 or Drazz@newhavenmi.org.

57775 Main Street, New Haven, MI 48048

Contact the Village of New Haven at 586-749-5301 or join our event on Facebook: Village of New Haven - River Day 2024 (Pre-registration is helpful but not required.) Be sure to check our website or Facebook event page for updates or cancellations due to weather.

Register here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/947261976862947>



ART FISH FUN FESTIVAL

6/8/2024 • 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Hosted by The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, Pure Oakland Water, The Art Experience, and the City of Pontiac. A family-friendly and FREE event that makes learning about water fun through interactive art and education stations. The day kicks off with a park cleanup from 11:00 AM to noon. Afterward, attendees will enjoy arts and crafts, games, face painting, live animals, bounce houses and so much more! BBQ lunch will be made available free of charge, guests can fish or learn to fish with Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash.

Beaudette Park, 786 Orchard Lake Rd, Pontiac, MI

Registration is not required. Volunteers are needed! Contact Alyssa Taube for more information at taubea@oakgov.com.



CLINTON RIVER CLEANUP

6/8/2024 • 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

We need your help cleaning around the Clinton River! Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center is seeking volunteers to help remove trash and invasive plants around this beautiful waterway. Afterward, we will celebrate our hard work with ice cream! Weather dependent - pre-register to receive event updates. Meet at the River Bends Park - Fishing Site (49354 Ryan Rd) at 2:00 PM. All ages. FREE.

Event by Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center. For questions, contact Elizabeth Shultz at 586.323.2478 or eschultz@shelbytwp.org. Event updates will be e-mailed to registrants.

49354 Ryan Rd, Shelby Township, 48317

Sign up at register.shelbytwp.org (#RIVER.01).



AUBURN HILLS ANNUAL FISHING DERBY

6/8/2024 • 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

The annual fishing derby offers youth 16 and under a chance to fish and participate in this free annual event on the banks of the Clinton River at Riverside Park in Auburn Hills. Free River Day t-shirts for the participants! Registration begins on-site at 7:30 AM.

By the City of Auburn Hills. For questions, contact Pauline Beckett at 248.370.9353 or pbeckett@auburnhills.org. Follow us on Facebook for any cancellations due to weather @AuburnHillsRecreation&SeniorServices

Riverside Park - 3311 Squirrel Ct, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Follow us on Facebook for any cancellations due to weather @AuburnHillsRecreation&SeniorServices

SCIENCE ON THE RIVER

6/8/2024 • 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us at the Wolcott Mill Historic Site along the river's edge for a storytime for the littles and science for all ages! We will be doing some chemical test monitoring to check the levels of Nitrates, Phosphates, and Coliform Bacteria as well as the pH, Turbidity, and Dissolved Oxygen of this site on the river and our mitigation efforts and responsibilities as a working farm and public park on the river. Bring your own picnic and stay to enjoy the scenic views. Fun for all Ages!

What to Expect: This program is a walk event that is entirely outdoors. The planned path is grass with hilly slopes. The planned program site has limited seating available, but accommodations can be made upon request. No prior experience is necessary.

By Wolcott Mill Metropark. For questions, contact Mary Barnes at 586.752.5932 or mary.barnes@metroparks.com.

Wolcott Mill Metropark - 64162 Kunstman Road, Ray, MI 48096

WETLAND WANDER AT LAKE ST. CLAIR METROPARK

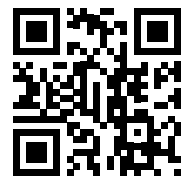
6/8/2024 • 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Volunteers will help with community park beautification and/or river cleanup. Please bring any equipment that you feel might be helpful. Light refreshments and lunch will be provided to volunteers.

By Huron-Clinton Metroparks. For questions, contact Erin Parker at 608.217.0818 or erin.parker@metroparks.com. We will contact registered participants in the event of a cancellation.

Lake St Clair Metropark Nature Center - 31300 Metro Pkwy, Harrison Twp, MI 48045

Visit www.metroparks.com or call the nature center to register: 586-463-4332



RAY TOWNSHIP RIVER DAY

6/8/2024 • 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a hike, trash pickup, fishing, and lunch in the park to celebrate River Day! We will also be making walking sticks! Patrons will be notified via email if there are any changes to the date or times of the event.

By Ray Township Public Library. For questions, please contact Christy DeMeuelnaere at 586.749.7130 or director@raylibrary.org.

64255 Wolcott Rd, Ray, MI 48096

Register online here: <https://raylibrary.events.mylibrary.digital/>



LOST LAKE OPEN HOUSE - FISHING

6/8/2024 • 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Drop in between 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM for a FREE Open House! We'll have fishing at the dock for Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend. Inside you can make a swimming fish craft and learn about different types of fishing and fishing gear.

By Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve. For questions, contact Amanda Felk at 248.656.0999 or Amanda@dinosaurhill.org. Check the Lost Lake Nature Center Facebook page for event updates.

Lost Lake Nature Center, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland Twp, MI 48363

No registration is required.

CREEK WADING

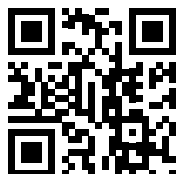
6/8/2024 • 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join the staff at Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center and get up close and personal with the park's namesake: Stony Creek! This tributary of the Clinton River is shallow and provides a great opportunity to wade in the water and search for the organisms that thrive under rocks, in the riffles, and along the shore. Participants should wear water shoes with closed toes (or old sneakers) and plan to get wet to their mid-shins. For those who want to join without getting wet, there will be opportunities to stay on shore (though still plan to experience mud!). In the event of a cancellation or severe weather, we will contact each registered participant via email or phone.

By Huron-Clinton Metroparks. For questions, contact Erin Parker at 608.217.0818 or erin.parker@metroparks.com.

Lake St Clair Metropark Nature Center - 31300 Metro Pkwy, Harrison Twp, MI 48045

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CLINTON RIVER CLEAN-UP

6/8/2024 • 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a day of fun and environmental stewardship as we work together to clean up the beautiful Clinton River. Bring your friends and family for a rewarding experience helping to keep our community clean and green. Let's make a positive impact on our local environment together!

By Clinton Township. For questions, contact Kim Meltzer at 586-201-1616 or k.meltzer@clintontownship-mi.gov.

Budd Park - 19000 Clinton River Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48038

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clinton-river-clean-up-tickets-894640833817?aff=oddttdtcreator>.



RIVER DAY AT DINO HILL

6/9/2024 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Meander along our trails and stop at our River Day stations to discover what our waterways do for us, and how we can help them. Bring water shoes (or borrow ours) to get in the water and dip the net for macroinvertebrates, try your hand at water quality testing, practice underhand casting, and create a water-based painting. FREE all-age event!

By Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve. For questions, contact Amanda Felk at 248.656.0999 or Amanda@dinosaurhill.org.

Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve - 333 N Hill Circle, Rochester, MI 48307

Registration is encouraged but not required. Register at

<https://www.dinosaurhill.org/Events>



CLEAN UP & COLLABORATION ON THE CLINTON WITH REPRESENTATIVE MENTZER

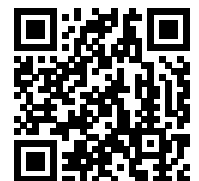
6/15/2024 • 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join CRWC and Representative Mentzer for a bi-partisan effort to improve local parks, community trails, and the Clinton River. This clean-up is open to individuals of all skill levels and encourages everyone, from residents to community leaders, to get involved directly in improving the health and natural beauty of the watershed.

By CRWC and Representative Denise Mentzer. For questions, contact CRWC at 248.601.0606 or contact@crwc.org.

Beginning at George George Park - 40500 Moravian Dr, Clinton Twp, MI 48036

Register at: <https://www.crwc.org/events/>



GO FISH!

6/9/2024 • 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Join us on our fishing pier located on Cass Lake to share in this great outdoor pastime! Never been fishing before? No problem! We will have staff on hand with a limited number of fishing poles provided for hands-on instruction to get you and your child started. Win a fishing themed prize if you catch the smallest or the largest fish! A simple craft and game will be available in case the fish aren't biting.

We suggest wearing comfortable closed toe shoes, pants, long sleeved shirt, hat, sunglasses.

By West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation. For more information, contact Kaitlyn Stocker at 248.451.1908 or kstocker@wbparks.org. Simple Adventures will provide canoe, kayaks, life vests.

Marshbank Park - 2805 Hiller Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48324"

Registration Required. Learn more and register for the 9:00 AM or 10:15 AM slots for \$9-\$11 at: <https://www.wbparks.org/event/go-fish/>.



SLOW RO LO - LAKE ORION TACO TUESDAY

6/11/2024 • 6:00 PM

Join Slow Row LO for an evening of paddling and tacos. Meet at the DNR launch off of Indianwood Lake Road, and be ready to launch at 6 PM. We will paddle the lake and make a stop at Rick's Party Store where they will provide us dock service (please bring cash to speed up service). You must provide your own kayak/sup, paddle, and PFD.

By Slow Row LO. For questions, contact Suzanne Alesso at 248.210.9650 or suzannealesso@comcast.net.

Lake Orion DNR Launch - 421 Indianwood Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48362

No registration required.

WATER WONDERLAND

6/15/2024 • 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Water is all around us, literally! Learn about animals that call our local waterways home, conduct water experiments and make an aqua-themed craft. Cost is \$5/person. Pre-registration with payment required. CRWC will provide trash bags, grabbers, gloves, t-shirt.

By Oakland County Parks & Rec. For questions, contact Sarah Endres at 248.585.0100 or endres@oakgov.com.

Red Oaks Nature Center - 30300 Hales St, Madison Heights, MI 48071

Registration Required. Registration can be completed online at oaklandcountyparks.com or by calling (248) 585-0100.

