



ANNUAL RIVER DAY EVENT GUIDE



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COVID-19 DISCLAIMER: DUE TO THE IMPACT THE CORONAVIRUS HAS HAD ON THE COMMUNITY, SOME EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED. PLEASE CHECK THE EVENT WEBSITE OR CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR LISTED FOR CONFIRMATION.

ADVANCING MACOMB CLEANUP: *June 4th, 1:00pm-3:00pm*
Shadyside Park: 155 Shadyside Dr., Mt. Clemens

Join Advancing Macomb, the Clinton River Watershed Council, and local volunteers as we work to pick up litter in Shadyside Park and the Clinton River. All safety and cleanup equipment will be provided. Volunteers will meet at the park at 1:00pm and should be comfortable walking and bending on uneven terrain. A limited amount of kayaks may be available for in stream cleanup. Free T-shirts and snacks will be provided for volunteers. This event is sponsored in part by Consumers Energy.

PADDLEPALOOZA: *June 5th, 7:00am-12:30pm*
Riverside Park: 3311 Squirrel Ct., Auburn Hills 48326

Co-sponsored by the City of Auburn Hills and the City of Rochester Hills. The event will take place on an 8-mile stretch of the Clinton River, beginning at Riverside Park in downtown Auburn Hills and ending at the Rivercrest Banquet Center at Avon & Livernois. Event includes a race for seasoned paddlers (canoe and kayak) or a shorter, adventure paddle for individuals to paddle the river... both options include fun on the water, great scenery, wildlife and lots of fresh air! Please note this event is not recommended for the beginner paddler - At certain times of the year this river can be considered difficult (Class III rating). Pre-registration is required. Find event information here: <http://auburnhills.org/community/downtown/paddlepalooza/index.php>. Check in begins at 7:00am. Rain date June 19th, 2021. Event sponsors and partners include: Genysis Credit Union, Yates Cider Mill, Rochester University, River Crest Banquet Facility, Fresh Thyme Market, Summit Sports, Bass Pro Shops, Moosejaw, Clinton River Canoe and Kayak, Rivercrest Orthodontics, CRWC, High Tech Mold and Engineering and Simple Adventures Watersports.

TRASH RUN: *June 11th, 9:00am-1:00pm*
Location To Be Determined

Join CRWC and Clinton River Canoe & Kayak for a paddle down the Clinton while we pick up trash! Trash runs are intended for individuals 14 years of age and older, and registration is required. <https://forms.gle/a4YwYTVZekNnoNqq5>

CRWC & PLANTS FOR ECOLOGY ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE:
June 12th 9:00am - 1:00pm

CRWC Office, Rochester Hills: 1115 W. Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, 48309
Why Native Plants? Native plants improve water and air quality, reduce soil and wind erosion, provide habitat and food sources for pollinators and wildlife, and not to mention, they are beautiful! Pre-order sale only, June 6-10. June 12 is pick up day with no plants available for sale on the day of pick up. Order online at <https://www.plantsforecology.com/>

VIRTUAL ART FISH FUN FESTIVAL: *June 12th 10:00am-1:00pm*
Beaudette Park: 786 Orchard Lake Rd., Pontiac, 48341

Join the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, The Art Experience, and the City of Pontiac for the first ever VIRTUAL ART FISH FUN FESTIVAL. This year's event will take place on River Day, Saturday, June 12, and will kick off with a park cleanup at 10am at Beaudette Park in Pontiac. Volunteers are needed for the cleanup, supplies and light breakfast snacks will be provided. Following the cleanup, at 1pm, there will be an online Arts and Crafts demonstration for kids and young adults to learn how to "create a fish" using supplies provided earlier in the week in a FREE environmental crafts kit. Craft kits will include supplies to follow along with the online demonstration to create a fish + coloring books, crayons, paint, and much more. **100 free kits are available for pickup at the following times and locations:**

*Saturday, June 5, 11am-3pm at the Beaudette Park Pavilion,
786 Orchard Lake Rd., Pontiac*

*Tuesday, June 8, 12:30-4:30pm at The Art Experience,
175 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac*

*Thursday, June 10, 11am-5pm at the Pontiac Public Library,
60 E Pike St., Pontiac*

For more information or to request a kit pickup for another time visit www.artfishfunfestival.com or email taubea@oakgov.com

RIVER DAY CELEBRATION: *June 12th, 11:00am -2:00pm*
Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center, 4101 River Bends Dr, Shelby Twp, MI 48317.
Come join us as we celebrate the Clinton River and what makes the river so important to us as a member of the Clinton River Watershed! We will walk along the river to see what kinds of plants and animals we can observe and learn about how everyone can make a difference to the health of the Clinton River. Registration required. Event will take place rain or shine. Register online or call 586-323-2478 <https://www.shelbytwp.org/government/departments/parks-and-recreation/burgess-shadbush-nature-center/-curm-6/-cury-2021>

BIRDS AND BAGELS ALONG THE CLINTON RIVER:

June 12th, 9:00am-10:30am

Sterling Heights Nature Center: 42700 Utica Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

The Clinton River Corridor is one of those birding hotspots you may want to check out. Beginner and experienced birders please join us on this morning's walk. As we welcome back our colorful warblers and see other migrant songbirds on their move through Sterling Heights before ending up on their nesting grounds. The walk will start at the Sterling Heights Nature Center. Please bring binoculars and be prepared to walk just over one mile on unpaved and paved trail along the Clinton River. Event is in partnership with Wild Birds Unlimited. Preregistration is required by June 9. The fee is \$3 Resident and \$4.50 Non-resident. Register on our website www.myshpr.net Reference # 7002.030 Check emails for event updates if cancelled due to CDC guidelines or bad weather.

18TH ANNUAL FISHING DERBY: *June 12th, 7:30am-10:30am*

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

Join the City of Auburn Hills, Bass Pro Shops, Trout Unlimited & Detroit Area Steelheaders for the 18th Annual Fishing Derby. Kids 16 and under fish for rainbow trout. All anglers must bring their own equipment - NO fly rods, NO treble hooks or multi hooks. Catch and release only. For more information, contact Shawn Keenan at 248-364-6926 or skeenan@auburnhills.org or check the City of Auburn Hills website at www.auburnhills.org. Pre-registration required online at www.auburnhills.org. Event sponsors and partners include: Bass Pro Shop, Trout Unlimited, Detroit Area Steelheaders.

FISHING DERBY: *June 12th, 6:00pm-7:30pm*

Civic Center Pond: 40700 Romeo Plank Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48038

If your child loves to fish, they cannot miss this event! We invite 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 River Day 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 with everyone eligible for door prizes. Pre-registration required. www.clintontownship.com/recreation

SLOW ROW LO ANNUAL LAKE SIXTEEN CLEAN UP:

June 13th, 12:00pm-2:00pm

Lake Sixteen Boat Launch 1502-2102 Joslyn Rd, Orion Charter Township, MI 48360

Join Slow Row LO and the Freshwater Forum for our annual shoreline clean up. This cleanup is done via kayak or canoe. We paddle the perimeter of the lake and retrieve lost dog toys and other debris. Please meet at the public boat launch on Joslyn south of Clarkston Rd. <https://goo.gl/maps/7ngCw9DznwB3QETq9> Each Participant is required to pay Oakland County Parks user fee. Participants must also provide own craft and PFD. If you have questions, please email marquette-palermo@cranbrook.edu or look up Slow Row LO on Facebook. We will paddle in most weather conditions. Event will be cancelled due to high winds or lightning. Check SLOW ROW LO on Facebook for cancellation due to extreme weather. No registration required.

NEW HAVEN RIVER DAYS 2021: *June 12th, 10:00am-1:00pm*

Village of New Haven Municipal Offices: 57775 Main Street, New Haven, 48048

New Haven Parks and Rec along with New Haven Little League and Haven Place will be doing a general clean-up of the Village Offices, North East corner of New Haven Rd. and Gratiot (Village sign area), Clark St. (New Haven Admin Bldg.) and the Little League Fields (behind Clark St.) We also anticipate potential waterway clean-up near the Shook Drain area. Snacks as well as refreshments will be provided at Community Park (on Havenridge Rd) for all volunteers afterwards. Registration required. A link will be posted on the Village of New Haven's Facebook page as well as a sign-up sheet available at the Village Hall. Check the website, or Facebook for event updates postponements, or cancellations.



FLY CASTING BASICS: June 13th, 9:00am-12:00pm
Riverside Park, 3311 Squirrel Ct, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

CRWC is excited to offer a Fly-Casting Workshop through the Clinton River Coldwater Conservation Project and (CRCCP) and in partnership with the City of Auburn Hills, where you can learn from the pros on how to cast a fly rod and then test your new skills right there on the Clinton River. All are welcome, whether you are just starting out or need to fine tune your rusty fly-casting abilities. There will also be tables set up for families to learn more about native fish, macroinvertebrates, and mussels that inhabit our river systems. This coincides with the DNR free fishing weekend. Registration is required to choose your time slot and rods are limited. Feel free to bring your own equipment but CRWC will have extra rods for those just beginning. Registration required check <https://www.crowc.org/events>

OTHER EVENTS DURING JUNE //////////////////////////////////////

STURGEON FESTIVAL: June 5th
Fort Gratiot Light Station Park, 2800 Omar Street, Port Huron, 48060

Since its inception in 2012, Sturgeon Festival has been highlighting the fascinating story of this symbol for the Great Lakes recovery. Lake Sturgeon are phenomenal to see up close because they reach enormous size - weighing up to 150 pounds, growing over 7 feet, and living over 100 years. The St. Clair River supports the largest remaining population of threatened lake sturgeon.

Lake sturgeon populations have declined since the early 1900's, and as a result were added to the Threatened Species list in Michigan. In recent years, the lake sturgeon has made something of a comeback due to completion of numerous spawning reefs in the St. Clair River. Sturgeon can be used as a spotlight species to gauge the health of the river, and with sturgeon numbers slowly on the rise we are assured that the health of the St. Clair River is also improving. A sustainable fish population and healthy river is not only important for our health, but for increased recreation and tourism for Michigan's Thumb Coast. For more info: <https://www.facebook.com/Blue-Water-Sturgeon-Festival-435516863198730/> <https://www.scriber.org/our-programs/sturgeon-festival/>

POND DIPPING: June 5th, 11:00am-12:00pm
Indian Springs Metropark, Park Office Picnic Shelter, 5200 Indian Trail, White Lake, 48386

What lives beneath the surface of the pond? We'll use dip nets and some tubs to carefully catch and release some of the smallest pond creatures and see what they can tell us about how healthy the pond is. Expect to walk approximately 1/2 mile on gravel and dirt trails. The program will take place on a boardwalk. Dress for the weather, rain or shine, as this program will be all outdoors. Social distancing and face coverings are required. Ages 5 and up. Cost: \$3 per child, \$5 per adult. Pre-registration is required. Pre-register online <https://www.metroparks.com/event/pond-dipping/2021-06-05/> or by calling (248) 625-7280.

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS:
June 10th, 10:30am-12:00pm

Red Oaks Nature Center, 30300 Hales Street Madison Heights, MI 48071
See snakes, salamanders, and sliders up close. Meet our resident reptiles and at-home amphibians before searching for their wild relatives. Each homeschool program is adapted for ages 5-9 and ages 10-17. Pre-registration is required; call 248-858-0916 on weekdays during regular business hours; no on-site registration will be available. Sessions are designed as drop-off programs for youth. Sessions run 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All students are welcome, whether from a traditional homeschool, pod or virtual learning setting. A release form must be completed with registration. Cost: \$10/session. Programs may take place outdoors - under a tent or on a trail. A water bottle and outdoor dress are recommended. Masks are encouraged for all trail programs and required for programs conducted under the tent. Masks are available on site if participants do not have their own. Staff will wear masks. Screening questions and touchless temperature checks are required upon arrival. Check in at the white tent near the nature center. In case of inclement weather, programs will be cancelled. Please be patient as COVID-19 guidelines and protocols are subject to change. <https://www.oakgov.com/parks/Pages/events.aspx>

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS:
June 15th, 10:30am-12:00pm

Wint Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI 48348
See snakes, salamanders, and sliders up close. Meet our resident reptiles and at-home amphibians before searching for their wild relatives. Each homeschool program is adapted for ages 5-9 and ages 10-17. Pre-registration is required; call 248-858-0916 on weekdays during regular

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BELLOWING BULLFROGS: June 19th, 1:00pm-2:30pm
Lake St. Clair Metropark, Nature Center, 31300 Metro Parkway, Harrison Twp., 40845

During the month of June our ponds and canals are filled with the sounds of bellowing bullfrogs. Join us as we explore the nature trails in search of our largest Michigan frog singing in the marsh. We'll also be on the lookout for other frog species that call our park home. Afterwards take home a kit to make your very own frog caller! Fun for all ages! Cost: \$3 per child, \$5 per adult, children under 2 Free! Pre-registration is required by June 19 at 10 a.m. Pre-register by calling 586-463-4332 ext.2.

OSPREY HIKE: June 19th
Stony Creek Metropark, Inwood Trail Parking Lot, Inwood Rd. Washington, 48095

Did you know that Ospreys suffered the same fate of Eagles and other birds of prey because of DDT use in the 1960's and early 1970's? Learn about the re-introduction of Ospreys to Stony Creek and other Metroparks beginning in 1999. From Kensington to Stony Creek Metroparks these birds have made a tremendous comeback as impressive as the Eagles. Learn why they are called fish-hawks, who are well adapted to living with people. We will take a hike to see if we can view these amazing birds. Ages 7 and up. Cost: \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required by June 18 by 4 p.m. Pre-register by calling (586) 781-9113.

56TH ANNUAL BAY-RAMA FISHFLY FESTIVAL: June 23rd-27th
Walter and Mary Burke Park, 36300 Front St, New Baltimore, MI 48047

Activities or events may be modified depending on COVID-19 health and safety restrictions in place at the time. Bay-Rama Fishfly Festival In downtown New Baltimore, admission is FREE and it's the world's one and only FISHFLY FESTIVAL! Carnival midway opens at 3:00PM daily and Noon on Sat. and Sun. The Fishfly Festival features daily games for the whole family (i.e. Pie eating, Watermelon eating, Ping pong ball drop). Live music on stage nightly in the Festival Beverage tent, Daily talent shows on stage in the headquarters tent and much more fun. Wednesday, Miss Bay-Rama Queen's Pageant; Thursday, FIREWORKS over Lake St. Clair; Saturday, KIDS DAY (NOON - 2PM), Family Cardboard Boat Regatta on Lake St. Clair; Sunday FISHFLY FESTIVAL PARADE DAY <https://www.bay-rama.com/>

FISH PASSAGE 2021: June 21st, 6:00pm-8:30pm // Webinar

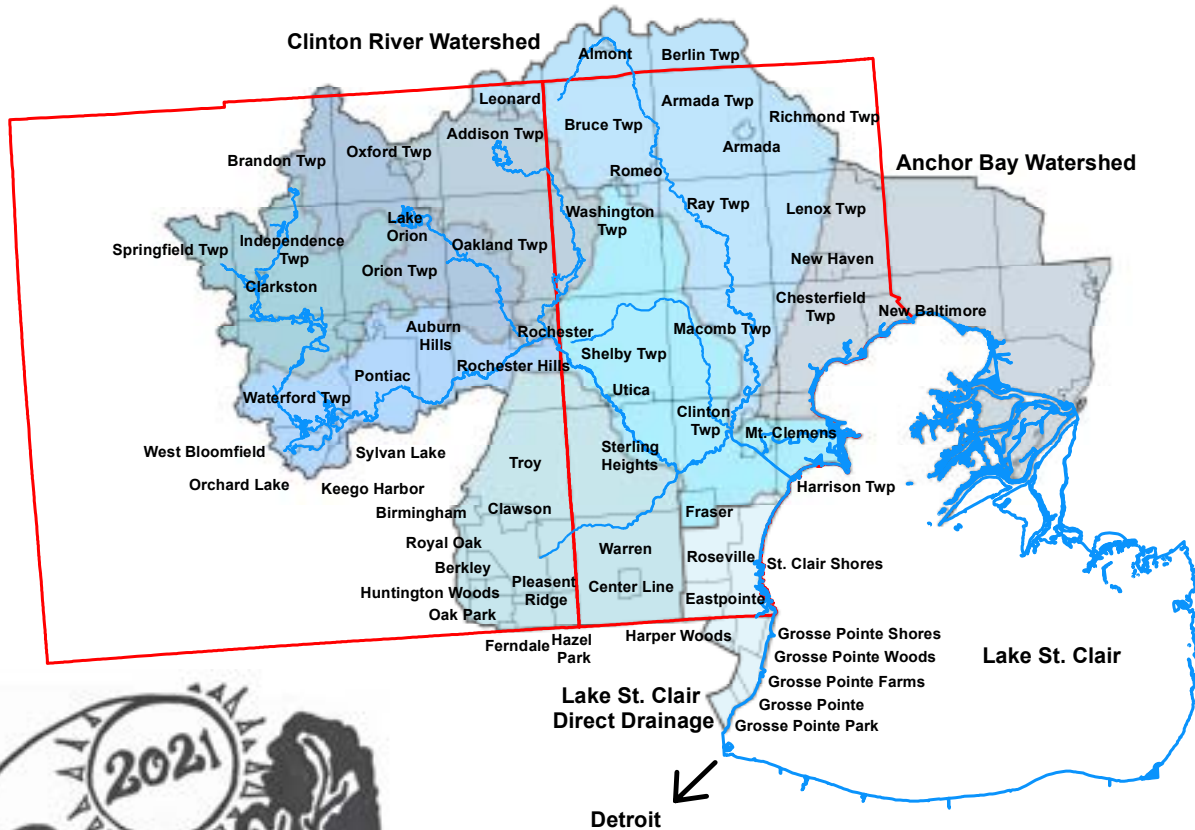
Join us for the Annual Fish Passage Conference from June 21-24! The theme of this year's four-day international webinar is Global Solutions for River Connectivity Issues. Learn from and connect with leading experts in the field, managers, stakehold-ers and companies from around the world to discuss fish passage engineering and research, dam removal, mapping migratory routes of fish, legislation and much more. This webinar aims to showcase cutting edge research, celebrate successful projects, discuss challenges and promote networking and knowledge exchange between various sectors. Now is the time to come together as a community to focus on the future of river connectivity. We hope to leave you with a renewed sense of what's possible for the world's freshwater ecosystems! Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fish-passage-2021-tickets-148714040699?aff=ebdssbnonline&search&keep_tld=1

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Celebrate the catching of a child's first fish or a big fish with these printable certificates: My First Fish: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/First_fish_certificate_687400_7.pdf
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My Big Fish: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/BIG_fish_certificate_701838_7.pdf
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THE CLINTON RIVER WATERSHED



2021 River Day Logo Contest Winner!

CRWC Would Like to Congratulate Linda VanFleteren!

Here is what Linda had to say about her design:

"I have been a resident of Macomb and Oakland Counties for a combined total of 57 years and have enjoyed all the beauty and activities the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair have to offer. Our family has participated in several of the Rochester Recreation Center Outdoor Programs including night hikes, we kayak the river to Yates Cider Mill, and walk the Clinton River Trail almost daily. My first grandchild was born this March and by supporting the watershed projects it will ensure she will be able to enjoy the river, lake and wildlife they sustain for many years!"

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The Mission of the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) is to protect, enhance and celebrate the Clinton River, its watershed and Lake St. Clair.

