



Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department Fall 2018

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Our Mission: "To provide all community members with diverse recreational opportunities including access to premier natural, historical and cultural areas that enhance our quality of life and inspire the preservation of nature."

Ada Township Parks & Preserves:

Ada Park & Locke Arboretum 1180 Buttrick Ave., 57 acres,

Softball & soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball court, playground, volleyball court, fishing pond, trails, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, gazebos, Park office, Learning Center and Locke Arboretum.

Leonard Field & Ada Covered Bridge 2 acres 7490 Thornapple River Drive.

Softball field, bike path, Thornapple River overlook deck, Ada Covered Bridge.

Roselle Park 1010 Grand River Dr. NE, 247 acres

Restrooms, meeting room, bike path, trails, picnic area, observation decks, natural areas, wetlands, prairie, woods, Grand River shoreline.

Grand River Natural Area Grand River Drive SE, 110 acres Enter via Ada Park or McGraw Park. Nature area, trails, bike path, woodlands, wetlands, Grand River shoreline.

Carl Creek Crossings Preserve 6230 Grand River Drive 8 acres

Hiking/walking trails, parking, creek access.



For Your Information:

Park Hours: Park grounds are open to the public seven days a week, closed at dark.

Dog Policy: Township ordinances require dogs to be on a leash and cleaned up after in all parks and preserves.

Motorized Recreation vehicles or flying items are not allowed in parks or on the trails.

Walking and Bike Paths: Located throughout the Township and the Parks. Maps available.

Facility Reservations: Ada Park Shelter & Gazebo available April -October. The meeting room at Roselle Park is available for educational programs, non-profits and Ada Township community groups. The Ada Covered Bridge is not rented out. For rates, availability, policies or reservations, contact the Park office or check our website.

Athletic Fields: Softball & soccer fields at Ada Park and Leonard Field are used for area leagues and instructional programs. Contact the park office for information, schedules or reservations.

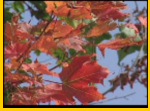
Basketball & Volleyball Courts at Ada Park are open to the public except during scheduled lessons and programs.

Tennis & Pickleball Courts at Ada Park are open to the public except during scheduled lessons and programs. Court reservations are available. Check with the Park office for details.



A new Riverside Park in the Village of Ada

This will be a new community greenspace between the new River Street and the Thornapple River. The section along the street is finishing up in August with a restroom, playground and sitting area and the old Carl Schoolhouse set up as a "General Store." Later this fall, work to stabilize the river bank river will occur along with installation of a walking path and amphitheater area. A fundraising campaign is currently underway with information available at: <http://ournextchapterada.org/>



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Fall Program Highlights

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Family Friendly Programs:

Monarch Mania

Saturday, September 22

10:00 am-11:30 am

Roselle Park

\$5/adults \$3/youth



Join us as we journey with the Monarch Butterflies by learning about their life cycle, ecological status, and migration! Find out what you can do to aid their rapidly declining populations. This program includes an indoor presentation, learning stations and an outdoor hike. Pre-registration requested.

Reading the Night Sky

Thursday, Oct. 4

7:00 p.m.

Roselle Park

\$5/adults \$3/youth



Join the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association as we discover the mysteries of reading the night sky. Learn about seasonal patterns of stars, constellations, planets & meteors along with tools, apps and maps to assist you. Indoor presentation followed by an outdoor sky watch with telescopes.

Creatures of the Night

Tuesday, Oct. 16

7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Roselle Park

\$5/adults \$3/youth



Special presentation by the Outdoor Discovery Center featuring live reptiles, amphibians, and birds with nature artifacts such as feathers, wings, skulls, and talons. Get an up-close view of animals that are active at night and learn about the amazing adaptations these nocturnal animals have to help them survive. **Reservations are required since space is limited.**

Batty about Bats

Saturday, October 20

7:00 p.m.

Roselle Park

\$5/adults \$3/youth



Uncover the myths vs. facts of bats through this indoor presentation about detailing local types of bats, ecological importance & impacts. Hands-on learning stations will also be set up with an optional outdoor hike to follow in search of bats and other nocturnal animals!

Youth Programs:

Discovery Days Ages 3-5

10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Ada or Roselle Park

\$5/youth

Parents, join your preschoolers for a fun morning of nature study, hands-on activities, and games. Programs will have inside and outdoor activities. Come dressed to be outside.

Camouflage - Tues. Sept. 11, Roselle Park; Tree Treasure—Tues. Oct. 9, Ada Park ; MI Migrators - Tues. Nov. 13, Ada Park



School Field Trip Opportunities

Outdoor and environmental education experiences are available at Roselle Park, Ada Township and Leonard Field Parks. Themes include watersheds, rivers and wetlands, trees, habitats and others. Outreach programs at your school site as also available. Programs are aligned with curriculums. Contact the Park office for details.



Boy Scout and Girl Scouts Opportunities

Achievement and badge theme programs are available for Scout groups by scheduling field trips to the parks and through service projects. Contact Park office for details.

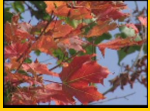


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Adult Programs

Softball Update

Fall Adult Softball Leagues are currently underway. We are playing Coed games on Wednesday evenings and Men's Slow Pitch games on Tuesday evenings. For more information contact: rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com



Step It Up!

Roselle Park \$3/person
Tuesdays, September 18 and 25 6:00 p.m.
Fridays, September 21 and 28 8:00 a.m.

Focus on fit this fall and join us for group walks around Roselle Park. These walks will provide assistance in exploring the park as well as adding accountability to your normal workout routine. Different pace groups will be offered for all ages and levels of fitness.

Please register with the park office prior to the event.



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available to assist with grounds, gardens, trails, habitat stewardship, office work, special projects and youth education programs. Contact the Park office for an application, interview or schedule of events.

Boards and Committees

The Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Advisory Board is looking for people to join the Board or committees. Three new committees include: Trails; Preservation/Stewardship; and Recreation Programs and Facilities. Contact the Park office for details.

Stewardship Work Days

Work days are scheduled in the Parks and Preserves regularly. These are group workdays to help maintain habitats, landscapes, trails and reduce invasive plants. Tools, gloves and snacks are provided.



River Clean-Up Day

Saturday, Sept. 15 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Help clean up the Thornapple and Grand Rivers as part of a national river initiative.

Be a part of a canoe/kayak or walking crew. Join the Ada Parks team at Leonard Field or sign up with the Thornapple River Watershed Council on Facebook. Minimum age 16.

Pre-registration required.



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