



Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department Winter 2019-2020



Our Mission

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

Ada Township Parks And Preserves

Ada Park & Locke Arboretum

1180 Buttrick Ave., 57 acres

Park office, maintenance facilities, picnic pavilion and gazebos, softball & soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball court, playground, fishing pond, trails, picnic tables, grills, Les Craig Learning Center and Locke Arboretum.

Roselle Park

1010 Grand River Dr. NE, 247 acres

Building with restroom and meeting room. Paved walking/bike path, hiking trails, XC ski trails, observation decks, playground, prairie, wetland, woods, Grand River shoreline.

Leonard Field Park & Ada Covered Bridge

7490 Thornapple River Drive, 2 acres

Softball field, bike path, Thornapple River overlooks, picnic tables, Ada Covered Bridge.

Grand River Natural Area

Grand River Drive SE, 110 acres

Enter via Ada Moorings, Ada Park or McGraw Park. Nature area, walking/hiking trails, paved bike path, woodlands, wetlands, Grand River shoreline.

Carl Creek Crossings Preserve

6230 Grand River Drive, 8 acres

Natural area, Carl Creek, small parking area, walking trails.

Carl Creek Wetlands Preserve

Alta Dale Dr. south of Fulton, 34 acres

Natural area, Carl Creek, wooded area and wetlands. Limited access and trails.

Legacy Park

7450 River Street in Ada Village

Thornapple River view, restroom, playground. Under partial construction until spring 2020.



Facility Use

Ada Township Park Pavilion & Gazebo Rentals and Reservations: Available April through October. For rates, availability, use policies, or reservations contact the Park Office. The Ada Covered Bridge is not rented out for private use.

Roselle Park meeting room: Available on a limited basis for rent to schools, non-profits, community groups, businesses and private events.

Park Hours: Parks and Preserves are open every day dawn to dusk. Park office during regular business hours.

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

Motorized vehicles: Snowmobiles or other motorized vehicles are not allowed on trails or in Parks.

Walking & Bike Paths: Our best attempts will be made to clear the snow off the trails after each major snowfall. Note that conditions may remain wet, icy and/or slippery throughout the winter.

Cross-Country Trails: Non-groomed XC ski trails are available at Roselle Park as weather allows. Please do not walk on or allow dogs on the XC ski tracks.

Christmas Tree and Wreath Recycling



Ada Township residents may bring Christmas trees and wreaths for recycling to the back parking lot of Ada Park from Dec. 26, 2019 through Jan. 13, 2020 between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Trees will be recycled into wood chips and wreath wire will be reclaimed. Please remove decorations, wires, strings or other items that interfere with a chipper.

Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department

Office located in Ada Park, 1180 Buttrick Ave, Ada, MI 49301. Office open daily 9-5.

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****Adult Programs****

Please pre-register for all programs

Call 616-676-0520 or email mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com

Nature Ornament Workshop

December 14 10:00am– 12 noon
Roselle Park \$10/person

Make hand crafted ornaments just in time for the holidays using natural supplies gathered from the parks. Materials guaranteed to make two beautiful ornaments with additional ideas and tips to bring home. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.



Introduction to Winter Sports

January 11 10:00 am– 12 noon
Roselle Park \$5/ person

Come learn about cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Bill and Paul's Sporthaus will supply demo snowshoes and cross-country skis, answer questions, and provide tips on technique. Demo sizes will be limited based on what they have available. This event is for adults and youth 12+. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.



Hiking Yoga, and Cacao Workshop

February 15 9:00 am – 12 noon
Roselle Park \$45 payable to Feral Yogi

Join Jenn Dodgson, Founder of Feral Yogi, for a three-hour winter wellness journey! Together we will embark on a one-hour winter hike followed by an indoor yoga and relaxation session and hot raw cacao ceremony. Pre-registration required at theferalyogi@gmail.com



Ada Adult Softball Programs 2020

Team registrations begin in February

Leagues for men's slow pitch, fast pitch and coed slow pitch are offered for spring and summer. We begin accepting 2020 softball team registrations in February 2020, with forms and fees due by March 18, 2020. The entry fee is \$735 per team which includes softballs, umpire fees, awards, MASA fees and tournament. Contact rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com for information



****Family Programs****

Tinsel, Treats and Trolleys

Friday, December 6 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in Ada Village
Check www.adabusinessassociation.com for details.

Santa Parade

Saturday, December 7 11:00 a.m. in Ada Village
Check www.adatownshipmi.com/events for details.



Amazing Owls

February 27 6:30 pm– 8:00 pm
Roselle Park \$3/ Adult \$2/ Youth or \$10/ Family

Blandford Nature Center will be presenting LIVE owls and artifacts to teach about local owls and their unique adaptations. Hands-on activities and learning stations will also be available. Pre-registration is required since space is limited.



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**** Youth Programs ****

Winter Skills Day Saturday February 8 Roselle Park

**Youth 9-12
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
\$5.00**

A drop off program for youth ready for an adventure outside in the park. This program will be an introduction to winter survival and snowshoeing. Bill and Paul's Sporthaus will be providing snowshoes. Come prepared to be outside. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.



Field Trips for Pre-K, Elementary, and Middle Schools

Outdoor environmental education experiences are available year-round at the township parks. Programs are thematic, place-based, hands-on and aligned with curriculums. Outreach programs to schools are also available. Contact the Park office for details, curriculum, fees, and scheduling.



Boy Scout and Girl Scout Programs

Achievement and badge theme programs and service projects are available for Scout groups through field trips and facility rentals in the parks and through service projects. Contact the Park office for details.



2020 Summer Youth Programs & Day Camps

For Ages 6-13 (teens may volunteer to help)

We will offer a range of summer youth programs in 2020 including 3-day long Day Camps and half-day themed activities. Activities will be held at both Ada and Roselle Parks. Our 2020 program information and registration packet should be available in February. Contact the Park office for details or to be added to a mailing list.



***** Volunteer Opportunities *****

Ada Parks & Recreation Department is recruiting volunteers to assist with grounds, gardens, trails, habitat stewardship, office work, program instruction and youth programs.

Volunteer service credits are available for high school students. Internships are available for college students and recent graduates.

Residents are welcome to join in on planning and project committees or on the Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Advisory Board.

For details or to apply, contact the Park office at 616-676-0520 or email mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com



**Area businesses and service groups are always welcome to lend a hand in the parks.
Contact the Park office to schedule a work day!**



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