



# Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department Winter 2018-2019



## 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.

### Riverside Park

Along River Street in Ada Village

Thornapple River view, restroom, playground. Under partial construction until spring 2019.



## 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:** Currently available for rent to schools, non-profits, local community groups and business on a limited basis.

**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:** XC ski trails are set up at Roselle Park and available 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, 2018 through Jan. 15, 2019 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.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 370, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, MI 49301

Phone: 616-676-0520 fax: 616-676-5870 e-mail: mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com web: www.adatownshipmi.com



## \*\* Family and Adult Programs \*\*

Please pre-register for all programs  
Call 616-676-0520 or email [mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:mfitzpatrick@adatownshipmi.com)

### “Winter Night Sky and Star Watch”

Wednesday, January 9 and Thursday, February 7  
Roselle Park Building

7:00 p.m.  
\$3/adult \$2/youth



Two evenings set to observe the winter night sky out at Roselle Park. Each event to have an indoor presentation and orientation to the winter sky followed by outside observation time. Star charts and other tools provided. Telescopes welcome, dress to be both inside and outdoors.

### “Winter Fun & Skills Day”

Saturday, January 26  
Roselle Park

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
\$3/adult \$2/youth \$10/Feeder kit



A morning of fun with introductions to winter activities. Learn about winter birds, snowshoeing and xc-skiing. Bill & Paul’s Sportheaus on site for questions, coaching and demonstration xc-skis and snowshoes (rentals available at their store). Presentations in identifying local winter birds and how to attract birds to your yard. Option of building a wooden bird feeder to take home for an additional fee—Pre-registration is required for birdfeeders. Come on out to hike, ski, snowshoe, birdwatch and enjoy a hot drink and snack.



## \*\* Youth Programs \*\*

### “Adventure Challenge —Winter Version”

Saturday February 9  
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. Meet up in the community room to set up teams and receive your “challenge”. Teams will then follow clues that take them through the park in a series of fun challenges. Each challenge is based on outdoor skills, winter ecology and fun! Prizes and refreshments at the end. Wear your snow boots!

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

Outdoor environmental education experiences are available year-round at Roselle Park, Ada Township Park and Leonard Field Park. Programs are thematic, place-based, hands-on and aligned with curriculums. Programs run one to three hours with a fee of \$3/student. 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. Girl Scout Day Camp to be at Ada Park in June.



**2019 Summer Day camps** — Contact us in February for program details.

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## \*\* Adult Programs \*\*

### Parks Update & Public Input Session

**Wednesday, January 16**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Roselle Park**

Our recent Recreation Needs Assessment reviewed the Township park facilities, recreation programs and potential for future opportunities. This event will highlight our findings, recommendations and provide an opportunity for your comments and questions. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with displays, presentation at 7:00 p.m., followed by time for comment and input. Held in the Community Resource room at Roselle Park, 1010 Grand River Dr., Ada.

### Ada Adult Softball Programs 2019

We will begin accepting 2019 softball team registrations in February 2019. Team registration forms and fees are due by March 18, 2019. The entry fee is \$735 per team which includes softballs, umpires fees, team awards, MASA sanction fees and league tournament. League play starts on April 30, 2019.

Below are the league nights and types offered:

- Mondays: HS Girls Fast Pitch, Ada Park & Leonard Field
- Tuesdays: Men's Slow-Pitch, Ada Park & Leonard Field
- Wednesdays: Coed Softball, Ada Park & Leonard Field
- Thursdays: Men's Slow-Pitch, Ada Park
- Thursdays: Men's Fast-Pitch, Leonard Field

For forms or more information contact the Park office at 616-676-0520 or email [rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com](mailto:rmccormick@adatownshipmi.com). Standings for the 2017 leagues are on our web site.



## \*\*\* 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](mailto: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!**



### Grand Rapids Audubon Club Christmas Bird Count

**Saturday, December 29, 2018**

**7:30 a.m. start time**

**Meet at the WWAE Center in Lowell**

**\$5/adult, free/youth**

Join the Grand Rapids Audubon Club and other bird enthusiasts for the annual Kent County Christmas Bird Count. Have fun enjoying birds and gathering data useful for tracking bird locations and species abundance. All skill levels are needed. You may participate for all or part of the day. The event begins at the Wittenbach-Wege Center, 11715 Vergennes Rd., Lowell, 616-987-2565. For more information or to pre-register, contact Tom Leggett at [tomleggett@hotmail.com](mailto:tomleggett@hotmail.com), 616-249-3382 or see [www.graud.org](http://www.graud.org)



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