



Park Passport

2024



How to Start Your Adventure

This passport will guide you to 16 local parks and natural areas where you can find forests, beaches, dunes, lakes, trails, and more. Use your curiosity to explore these wonderful West Michigan parks.



1 Visit some parks!

2



Answer the "Challenge Question" about each park. Hint: You may have to read signs.

3



Collect your reward! Present your passport by **November 22, 2024** to the Outdoor Discovery Center Visitors Center 4214 56th St • Holland, MI • 49423

Passports with ten or more parks completed will qualify for one of four prize drawings!

Be sure to read the "Park Passport Prize System" for more details.



Park Passport Prize System

**5
Parks
Completed**

Tote Bag
Sticker
An ODC Network Family Membership

**10+
Parks
Completed**

Tote Bag
Sticker
An ODC Network Family Membership
Entry in Passport Challenge Drawing

Passport Challenge Drawing

Complete 10 or more parks and turn in your tear-out form to be entered into a Passport Challenge Drawing.

Turn your completed form into the Visitor Center no later than 3 pm by one of the following dates to be entered into that quarter's drawing:

- May 17
- July 19
- September 20
- November 22

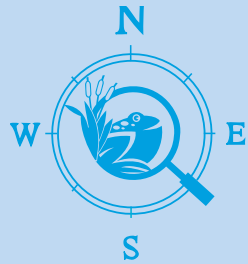
- Participation in one drawing excludes you from entry into subsequent drawings
- Prizes are available while supplies last
- Limit 1 prize per family

Share your adventures with us!

Post pictures, stories, and comments and see how others are enjoying their Park Passport using **#naturerichwestmi** on Facebook and Instagram!



Parks Map



Key to Park Symbols:

-  Bikes Allowed
-  Playground
-  Stairs
-  Wheelchair Accessible
-  Restroom
-  Dogs on Leash Welcome

1. Outdoor Discovery Center
2. River Junction Preserve
3. Upper Macatawa Natural Area
4. Stearns Creek Park
5. Crockery Creek Natural Area
6. John Woollam Trail
7. Huizenga Park
8. Stu Visser Park
9. Shore Acres Township Park
10. River Bluff Park
11. Helder Park
12. Van Raalte Farm Park
13. Aman Park
14. Grand River County Park
15. William Erby Smith Preserve
16. Ottawa Sands County Park

ODC Network educates and recreates on the traditional homelands of the Odawa, Bodwewadmi, and Peoria territories. As learners, conservationists, and educators, our network respects both the land on which we live and teach, and the Indigenous communities whose traditions and identities are grounded in these lands and waters. We offer this acknowledgement to honor our living relationships with the Anishinaabeg and their ways of knowing to better inform future generations.



Outdoor Discovery Center

4214 56th St • Holland, MI • 49423

Trails Open: Sunrise–Sunset, year-round

Visitor Center: Monday–Saturday, 10am–3pm (Subject to Change)



Date Visited:

Steps/
Distance:

1

Color Hunt

List some things on your hike that were the color YELLOW.

Challenge Question

Birds and mammals may be seen in the area ____ from feeders or foraging wild food such as ____, insects, blueberries, ____, and other fruits.
Hint: Find the missing words on a Sensory trail sign.

Word #1:

Word #2:

Word #3:



River Juntion Preserve

5403 132nd Ave • Hamilton, MI • 49419

Trails Open: Sunrise–Sunset, Closed Seasonally

Parking: Lot Not Plowed



Date Visited:

Steps/
Distance:

2

I wonder...

Find a natural object and write a wonder you have about it.

Challenge Question

The ____ acre preserve sits at the ____ of the Rabbit River and the ____ River.

#1:

#2:

#3:



Upper Macatawa Natural Area

1300 84th Ave • Zeeland, MI • 49464

Trails Open: March 1– Oct 15, 7am–10pm

Oct 16–Feb 28, 7am–8pm

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

Challenge Question

List any birds found on the “Bird Life at Upper Macatawa Natural Area” sign.

Wellness

Spend 15 minutes outside observing the world around you. What do you notice most?



3



Stearns Creek Park: South Entrance

13594 136th Ave • Grand Haven, MI • 49417

Open: March 1–Oct 15, 7am–10pm

Oct 16–Feb 28, 7am–8pm

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

Challenge Question

What animal did the Vollmer Family raise on the farm starting in 1923? At the peak of operation there were over 300 of these on the property.

Use Your Senses

List the surrounding sounds, sights, and scents.



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Crockery Creek Natural Area

11071 Wren Dr • Nunica, MI • 49448

Open: March 1-Oct 15, 7am-10pm

Oct 16-Feb 28, 7am-8pm



Date Visited:

Steps/
Distance:

5

Color Hunt

List some of the things on your hike that are the color RED.

Challenge Question

Which family came from England in 1882 to purchase this land and build a homestead?

Huizenga Park

350 Royal Park Dr • Zeeland, MI • 49464

Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round



Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

7

Challenge Question

List the different kinds of sport fields/courts you can find.

Nature Detective

Name a plant, animal, or fungus that you found.

John A. Woolam Trail Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area

Chain Ferry Trailhead: 528 Water St • Saugatuck, MI • 49453

Oval Beach Trailhead: 690 Perryman St • Saugatuck, MI • 49453

Trails Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round

Fee: Memorial Day to Labor Day at Oval Beach



Date Visited:

Steps/
Distance:

6

It reminds me of...

Find a natural object and write one thing that it reminds you

Challenge Question

Draw or write about the plants and wildlife you saw at this park.

Stu Visser Park

929 Ottawa Beach Rd • Holland, MI • 49424

Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round



Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

8

Challenge Question

How many bridges can you find?

Wellness

What part of nature are you most thankful for? Why?



Shore Acres Township Park

6602 138th Ave • Holland, MI • 4943

Open: 6am-11pm, year-round

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

9

Color Hunt

List some of the things on your hike that are the color BLUE.

Challenge Question

Which two recreational activities are depicted on the welcome sign?

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

10

I notice...

Find a natural object and write one thing you noticed about it.

Challenge Question

Draw or write about the plants and wildlife you saw at this park.



River Bluff Park

6500 Old Allegan Rd • Saugatuck, MI • 49453

Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

10

I notice...

Find a natural object and write one thing you noticed about it.

Challenge Question

Draw or write about the plants and wildlife you saw at this park.



Helder Park

3751 104th Ave • Zeeland, MI • 49464

Open: 6am-11pm, year-round

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

11

Challenge Question

What is the name of the creek that runs through this park?

Hint: Look for a park map.

Wellness

What activities, practices, or places make you feel alive?



Van Raalte Farm Park

1076 E 16th St • Holland, MI • 49423

Open: 6am-11pm, year-round

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

12

Challenge Question

_____ Christina considered it her _____ and often came for _____ visits.

Hint: Look for a historic marker near the house.

Word #1:

Word #2:

Word #3:

Use Your Senses

List the surrounding sounds, sights, and scents.



Aman Park

0 -1859 Lake Michigan Dr • Grand Rapids, MI • 49534
Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

13

Wellness

What things in life
make you feel at peace?

Challenge Question

List the wildflowers found on the trailhead sign.
(Hint: Look on the North side of the parking lot for the Trailhead.)



Grand River County Park

9473 28th Ave • Jenison, MI • 49428
Open: March 1-Oct 15, 7am-10pm
Oct 16-Feb 28, 7am-8pm

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

14

It reminds me of...

Find a natural object and write
one thing that it reminds you of.

Challenge Question

In the late 1800's, this park was the site of _____ different _____
sawmills, the Stephen Lowing Landing, and a small village.

Word #1:

Word #2:

Word #3:

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

Wau-ke-na, William Erby Smith Preserve

1599 Lakeshore Dr • Fennville, MI • 49408
Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

15

Challenge Question

Draw or write about the plants and wildlife you saw at this park.

Color Hunt

List some of the things on
your hike that were the color RED.



Ottawa Sands County Park

18153 N Shore Dr • Spring Lake, MI • 49456
Open: March 1-Oct 15, 7am-10pm
Oct 16-Feb 28, 7am-8pm

Steps/
Distance:

Date Visited:

16

Challenge Question

List an invasive plant found on the "Give Invasive Species the Brush
Off" sign. (Hint: Found near the parking lot)

Use Your Senses

List the surrounding sounds,
sights, and scents.



Bonus Challenge: ODC Network Events

Get a stamp at either of these events
and count it as a park visited!



Place
Stamp
Here



Macatawa Water Festival (*free*)
Saturday, July 13, 2024 • 9am–1pm
at Windmill Island Gardens • 1 Lincoln Ave, Holland • 49423

Place
Stamp
Here



Treats and Trails (*event entry fee applies*)
Saturday, October 19, 2024 • 2–7pm
at ODC • 4214 56th Street, Holland • 49423



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This Passport completed by:

First Name(s)

Last Name(s)

Participants were:

- ☐ Adult(s)
☐ Children (list ages):

Did you complete this challenge...

- ☐ ...by yourself
☐ ...as a family
☐ ...with a friend
☐ ...with your dog

Where did you get this passport?

- ☐ ODC
☐ DeGraaf
☐ In the mail
☐ Other:

I completed parks!

Number of parks

What was your favorite part of this challenge?

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The section below **must** be filled out to enter the
Passport Challenge Raffles

Name:

Street
Address:

City:

Email:

State:

ZIP:

Thanks for participating in the Park Passport Challenge!

We hope you had fun exploring West Michigan's nature-rich community.

Please fill out this form and tell us what you think! Bring it with your completed
passport to the ODC or DeGraaf by **November 22, 2024**
to claim your prize!



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