



# Park Passport

2025

# Celebrating 25 years of Impact

## Connecting People, Land, and Nature for a Quarter-Century

ODC Network has connected 1.3 million people to nature through hands-on, outdoor learning experiences.

ODC has experienced incredible growth, but our mission and values have remained steadfast. With 13 divisions dedicated to advancing outdoor education and conservation in West Michigan, we've grown into a community cornerstone.

During your Park Passport adventure, you'll be able to explore beautiful parks, discover nature, and create memories with friends and family.



The Outdoor Discovery Center in 2009



## Celebrate with us!

Throughout the year, we have a number of exciting programs, events, and community partnerships where you can join in the 25th anniversary celebration.

Follow us on social media to stay connected and learn more about what we have planned and ways you can get involved.



## Want to learn more?

ODC Network is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to advance outdoor education and conservation in West Michigan. Learn more at [outdoordiscovery.org](http://outdoordiscovery.org).

## How to Start Your Adventure

This passport will guide you to 15 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 21, 2025** to the Spoelhof Family Visitor Center  
4214 56th St • Holland, MI • 49423

## Park Passport Prize System

**5  
Parks  
Completed**

Sticker  
25th Anniversary Celebration Tote Bag  
An ODC Network Family Membership

**10+  
Parks  
Completed**

Sticker  
25th Anniversary Celebration Tote Bag  
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**Entry in Challenge Drawing**

### Challenge Drawing

Complete 10 or more parks and submit your tear-out form to enter the Passport Challenge Drawing for a chance to win a prize basket!

Turn your completed form into the Spoelhof Family Visitor Center no later than 4pm by one of the following dates to be entered into that month's drawing:

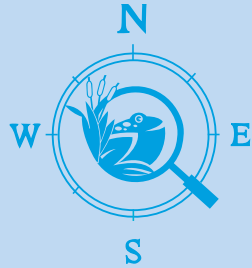
- May 16
- July 19
- September 20
- November 21

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

# Parks Map

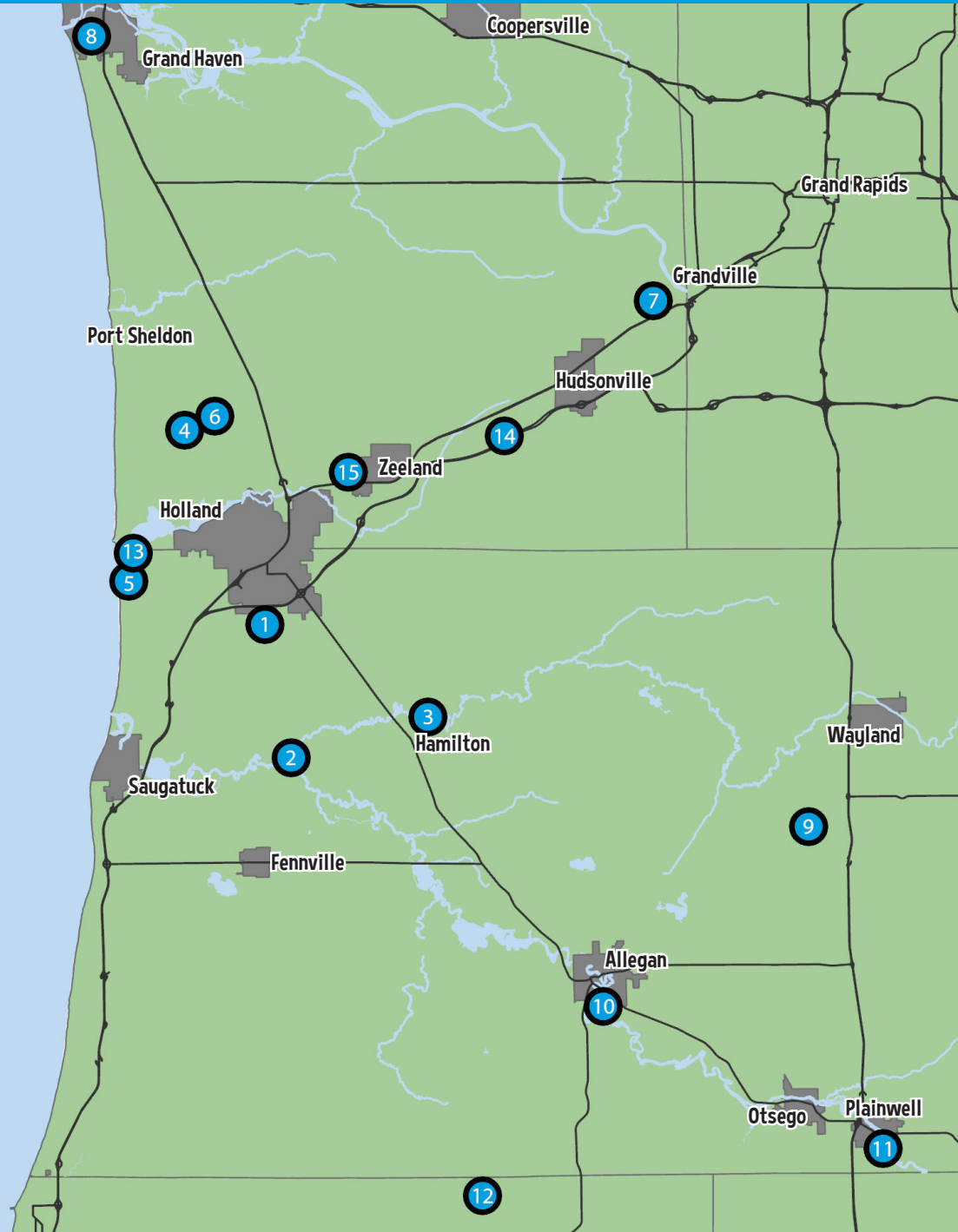
New events  
happening here!

1. Outdoor Discovery Center
2. River Junction Preserve
3. Rabbit River Preserve
4. Redlum Farm Preserve
5. Dune Pines Nature Preserve
6. Quincy Park
7. Maplewood Park
8. Duncan Woods
9. L.M. Wise Preserve
10. Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve
11. Gilkey Trails
12. Kal-Haven Trail State Park
13. Sanctuary Woods
14. Van Zoeren Woods
15. Paw Paw Bridge Park



## Key to Park Symbols:

-  Bikes Allowed
-  Bike to Park
-  Playground
-  Stairs
-  Wheelchair Accessible
-  Restroom
-  Dogs on Leash



ODC Network recognizes that we educate and recreate on the traditional homelands of the Three Fires Confederacy of Bodewadmi (Pottawatomi), Odawa (Ottawa), and Ojibwe (Chippewa) peoples, including relatives with fins, wings, legs, scales, and roots. As learners, conservationists, and educators, our network has a responsibility to recognize and respect 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 want to offer this acknowledgment with positive intent 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: M–F 9am–4pm, Sat 10am–3pm



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

1

## Color Hunt

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

## Challenge Question

What is this structure?  
*Hint: Search the signs on the Cultural History Center trail.*



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## I wonder...

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

## Challenge Question

Most of the trails are upland forest habitat containing large stands of native trees, including \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

#1:

#2:



# River Junction Preserve

5403 132nd Ave • Hamilton, MI • 49419  
Trails Open: Sunrise–Sunset, closed seasonally  
Parking: Lot Not Plowed



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:



# Rabbit River Preserve

4401 135th Ave • Hamilton, MI • 49419  
Trails Open: Sunrise–Sunset, year-round



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

3

## Challenge Question

What types of habitat can you find at this preserve?  
*Hint: Find a trail map.*

## Wellness

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



Opening  
June 2025!

Follow  
@OutdoorDiscoveryCenter  
for the announcement

# Redlum Farm Preserve

15301 Greenly St • Holland, MI • 49424  
Open: Sunrise–Sunset, year-round



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

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## Challenge Question

How many bike racks can you find at this park?

## Use Your Senses

List the surrounding sounds, sights, and scents.



# Dune Pines Nature Preserve

4574 S Audubon St • Holland, MI • 49423  
Trails Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

5

## Color Hunt

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

## Challenge Question

From the Nature Preserve Guidelines, list three of the "Do" requirements.



# Quincy Park

4260 144th Ave • Holland, MI • 49424  
Trails Open: 6am-11pm, year-round



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

6

## It reminds me of...

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

## Challenge Question

How many bridges can you find?

# Maplewood Park

8049 12th Ave • Jenison, MI • 49428  
Open: 6am-10pm, year-round  
Splash Pad: 10am-8pm, Memorial Day-Labor Day  
Splash Pad fee: non-residents \$5 adults, \$3 child



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

## Challenge Question

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

## Nature Detective

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



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# Duncan Woods

1113 Sheldon Rd • Grand Haven, MI • 49417  
Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

## Challenge Question

In what year did Duncan Woods host its first and only surfing contest?

## Wellness

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



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# L.M. Wise Preserve

2658 15th St • Hopkins, MI • 49428

Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round



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Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

## Color Hunt

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

## Challenge Question

"Legend says that the town of \_\_\_\_\_ was named after the child Ozeil \_\_\_\_\_."

#1:

#2:

#3:

# Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve

137 Thomas St • Allegan, MI • 49010

Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round



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Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

## I notice...

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

## Challenge Question

What quote can be found on the bench memorial for Logan Sweet?



# Gilkey Trails

Gilkey Elementary Learning Lab

707 S Woodhams St • Plainwell, MI • 49080

Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round



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Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

## Challenge Question

What year was the Mory Ismond Environmental Lab established?  
*Hint: Look for a yellow sign.*

## Wellness

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



# Jeffery Mitchell Mid-Point Park

Kal-Haven Trail

Bloomington Trailhead

207 W Kalamazoo St • Bloomington, MI • 49026

Open: 6am-11pm, year-round



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Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

## Challenge Question

What did Elizabeth Homan try to scrub off of her house in 1938?  
*Hint: Look for a historic Bloomington sign near the station and caboose.*

## Use Your Senses

List the surrounding sounds, sights, and scents.



# Sanctuary Woods

4750 66th St • Holland, MI • 49423

Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

13

## Wellness

What things in life make you feel at peace?

## Challenge Question

Where does all the water in the Great Lakes Basin eventually enter?  
*Hint: Look on the Project Clarity sign.*

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## It reminds me of...

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

## Challenge Question

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

# Van Zoeren Woods

3540 56th Ave • Hudsonville, MI • 49426

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

Oct 16-Feb 28, 7am-8pm



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:



# Paw Paw Bridge Park

10309 Paw Paw Dr. • Zeeland, MI • 49464

Open: Sunrise-Sunset, year-round



Date Visited:

Steps/  
Distance:

15

## Challenge Question

Which two buildings on the Hope College campus were built using Veneklasen Brick? *Hint: Look on the Historic Site sign.*

## Color Hunt

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

Stop by and say hi to Andrea!



New!

# Park Passport Open House

Get a stamp at either of these free events and count it as an additional park visited! Plus, you can receive swag and enjoy an opportunity to see an animal up close.

Place Stamp Here



Saturday, July 19, 2025  
**Location: River Junction Preserve**  
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## A note from Velo Kids:



We are excited to team up with ODC to encourage more families to get outdoors, embrace the joy of cycling and explore the beauty of our local parks. What better way to connect with nature than by biking to these amazing parks?



We challenge kids to explore as many of these local parks as possible by bike! Even if some parks don't allow bikes on their trails, you can still enjoy the ride by cycling to the park itself. The journey to these natural spaces is part of the adventure!



We are fortunate to live in a bike-friendly community with plenty of bike paths and exciting new bike parks to explore. So, grab your helmet, hop on your bike, and join us in discovering the great outdoors in the most fun and sustainable way possible. Let's make the most of our parks and the joy of cycling!



## This Park 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  
☐ Online  
☐ In the mail  
☐ Other:

I completed  Number of parks parks!

What was your favorite part of this challenge?

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RECEIVED ON:

STAFF INITIALS

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

Name:

Address:

City:

Email:

State:

ZIP:

## Thanks for participating in the Park Passport Challenge!

We hope that 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 park passport to the ODC by **November 21, 2025** to claim your prize!

## Share your adventures with us!

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

