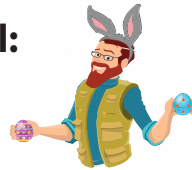




A message from Parks Director Brian Keenan-Lechel:



It is officially Spring in Saginaw County! Some folks might use a date on the calendar, or a ground hog and its shadow to predict the occasion, but in my opinion Spring in Saginaw is officially marked by the "Saginaw Bunnies" appearing on the Courthouse Lawn, this year that day was Tuesday March 24th. Saginaw County Parks is happy to play a small role in the delivery and placement of the beloved bunnies, and they will remain on the Courthouse lawn into April, shortly after the Old Town Saginaw Association Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4th.

It has been a busy offseason for Saginaw County Parks, as we are preparing to complete construction on two key projects prior to Memorial Day. At Imerman Memorial Park, paved pathways are being installed to every park amenity, along with restroom renovations and the addition of a family restroom. Along the Tittabawassee River you'll notice a renovated boat launch ready in time for walleye opener at the end of April and a new kayak launch. To the northeast in Zilwaukee Township, a trailhead is being constructed on the south end of the BayZil Trail, north of Kochville Road and just west of Melbourne Road. In addition to these two significant projects, we are also finalizing permitting documents for a \$500,000 renovation for the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail funded by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, with anticipated construction activities late summer/early fall.

It is an exciting time for Saginaw County Parks on the heels of our busiest parks season on record. We're preparing for another, including a full slate of programs and events to keep folks of all ages busy all summer long. We hope to see you at the 37th Annual (37, what!?) Catch Me If You Can Family Fishing Festival on June 6th, at our own playdates, or with our partners at the City of Saginaw on a unique and exciting playdate series of their own.

Whether you're hopping over this Spring to snap a selfie with your favorite bunny, or exploring parks and trails across the county, we can't wait to see you again in YOUR Saginaw County Parks.

Find your favorite bunny!!



Park Hours:

Imerman Memorial Park and Price Nature Center, 8:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 2- May 21) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 22-Sept 7)

Ringwood Forest 9:00 A.M. to dusk. (Sept 2- May 21) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 22-Sept 7)

William H. Haithco Recreation Area, 9:00 A.M. to Dusk. (Sept 2- May 21) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. (May 22-Sept 7)

The Saginaw Valley Rail Trail, Veterans Memorial Park and Headwaters Rec. Area are only open during daylight hours.

Park Office: 111 S. Michigan Ave, Saginaw, MI 48602. Contact us: 989-790-5280. On the web @ www.saginawcounty.com/parks

2026 Spring Programs

Walk with Ease (WWE)

Mon. Wed. & Fri. May 4 - June 12 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Pull out your walking shoes and join us for a FREE 6 week walking experience. This class offers 3 interactive sessions per week with a trained leader. Each session will begin with a brief discussion on a topic important to successful walking or arthritis management. Participants will be guided through a warm up and stretching followed by walking and a cool down. This class can help improve overall health, increase flexibility, balance, strength & stamina. Other benefits include reduced pain and discomfort for those suffering with arthritis. ALL ability levels are encouraged to participate and trained leaders will help you be successful. Open to all ages. To obtain the maximum benefit from this program we highly encourage participants to attend all sessions.

Location: Hoyt Park Pavilion on the upper drive, 1651 S. Washington Ave.

Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks. Cost: Free!

Soggy Doggy

Wed. May 13

5:30 PM-7:00 PM



Your pup can have a splish-splashing good time. Usually the lake is off limits to pets but for this one evening, bring them out and let them swim to their hearts content! Dog calendars will be available on site for \$15.

Cost: Free! Location: W. H. Haithco Rec. Area.

Saginaw Play Date

Sat. May 16

1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Welcome Summer Play date! Come soak up the sun and kick off summer with us! Free jump ropes, hulu hoops, outdoor games and more. Cost: Free!

Register at saginaw-mi.com/parks.

Registration Required. See flyer for more details.

Location: Fordney Park, 1118-1300 Chestnut St.

Saginaw Play Date

Sun. May 31

10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Get prepared for a fun summer of safe swimming with water safety tips for the whole family. Free life-jacket giveaway. Cost: Free!

Register at saginaw-mi.com/parks.

Registration Required. See flyer for more details.

Location: Saginaw YMCA, 1915 Fordney St.

Team ATP Open Water Swim

Every Tues. May 26th - Sept. 1st 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Join Team ATP every Tuesday this summer for an open water swim training program with a simulated open water race course. It is recommended that you arrive by 7 PM for check-in, orientation & safety announcements. Swimming begins promptly at 7:30 PM. Waivers are required and can be found at www.teamatp.org/join or filled out on site. Bright swim caps are required. Team ATP will have swim caps, goggles & personal buoys on site for purchase.

Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area (meet at the beach house)

Cost: \$40 for the season or \$5 per session.



First 150 children registered receive a free fishing pole!

Free Family Fishing Festival

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area
2121 Schust, Saginaw, MI

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Register at:

www.saginawcounty.com/parks

Proudly Sponsored by:



Event Schedule:

8:00 am - 9:00 am	On-site Registration
8:00 am - 10:45 am	Fishing
10:45 am	All fish to measuring station
11:00 am	Awards and Prizes



Awards & Prizes!
Must be present to win

Saginaw Play Date

Sun. June 7

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Learn how to reel in the big one along with fishing safety tips at this catch and release play date. Free fishing pole included. Cost: Free!

Register at saginaw-mi.com/parks.

Registration Required. See flyer for more details.

Location: Westside Riverfront Park, 222 N. Niagara St.

Senior Rail Trail Golf Cart Tours

Tues. June 9 10-2:00 PM

Wed. June 10 10-2:00 PM

Trail Head Address:

Thurs. June 11 10-2:00 PM

2998 VanWormer Rd.

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission believes that the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail is a treasure for all of our residents and that everyone should

be able to experience its beauty.

With that in mind we have designed Rail Trail golf cart tours to showcase the trail to people with limited mobility. Tours are 45 minutes in length and start and end at the Vanwormer Rd parking lot. Tours leave on the hour and hold 10 passengers. To register, call the parks office at 989-790-5280.



SUGAR (Saginaw Ukulele Guru and Rookies)

Tues. June 9 7-8:30 PM

Bring your lawn chairs and get ready for some entertaining music! Do you like old-timey, pop, polka or americana? Be prepared to hear a wide variety of tunes at this special event. This concert is free for your listening pleasure! Cost: Free! (The vehicle entry fee for out of county residents will remain in effect until 6:30 PM) Location: Imerman Memorial Park, Pavilion#2. Future summer dates: 7/21 & 8/11.

Saginaw Play Date

Sat. June 13 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Lets get dirty and learn gardening basics such as planting, watering & cultivation. Take home your own planter & seed packets. Cost: Free!

Register at saginaw-mi.com/parks. Registration Required. See flyer for more details. Location: Houghton Jones Community Center, 1708 Johnson St.

Try it: Kayak

Mon. June 15 3:00-4:00 PM

You will learn the differences between kayak styles and discover how stable and easily maneuverable kayaks can be. Ages: 10 to Adult (Children 10 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult) Cost: \$5.00 per person. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area.

Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks

Dog Days of Summer

Wed. June 17 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Join Great Lakes Bay Animal Society and Saginaw County Parks at the Steven A. Kirshenbaum Memorial Bark Park for a doggone good time. You can meet up with friends both human and canine to romp in the park and have a chance to win some cool doggie door prizes courtesy of Pets Supplies Plus! 2026 dog calendars will be available for purchase & pictures will be taken for the 2027 calendar. Cost: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park. Future summer dates are 7/15 & 8/19.

Jolly Hammers and Strings

Wed. June 24 7-8:30 PM

Bring your lawn chairs and get ready for great music! A Jolly Hammers and Strings concert presents an opportunity to listen to dulcimer, autoharp, banjo, bass fiddle, guitar, harmonica, mandolin, and many other acoustic instrument players. The vehicle entry fee for out of county residents will remain in effect until 6:30 PM) Cost: Free! Location: Imerman Memorial Park, Pavilion #2. Future summer dates: 7/29 & 8/19.

Ring Family History Hike

Thurs. June 25 4:00-5:30 PM

Join Tom Trombley from the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History as he delves into the rich history of the Ring Family. The walk will focus on their connection to Ringwood Forest and surrounding properties under their stewardship. Cost: Free! Location: Ringwood Forest, 13710 Ring Rd.

Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks

June Playdate Schedule:

Puppet Show

Wed. June 10 10:00-11:30 AM

Join SCPRC and Public Libraries of Saginaw for the first playdate of the season. Location: Imerman Memorial Park, 3495 Midland Rd.

Nature Explorers-Animal Olympics

Thurs. June 11 2:00-3:30 PM

Join SCPRC and Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge for a ranger-led one mile hike followed by kids' games and activities! Location: Green Point Nature Ctr, 3010 Maple St.

Art in the Park

Tues. June 16 10:00-11:30 AM

Bring out your crafty side at a new playdate stop in Zilwaukee! Location: Johnson Park, 419 Cornell St.

Foam Frenzy

Tues. June 16 2:00-3:30 PM

Prepare for a soft, fluffy foam experience to run, jump, and play. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area.

Nature Explorers-Tree Lifecycle

Wed. June 17 2:00-3:30 PM

Join SCPRC and Saginaw Conservation District for a fun, educational event. Location: Price Nature Center.

Art in the Park

Thurs. June 18 2:00-3:30 PM

Bring out your crafty side for a fun make & take afternoon. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area.

Supersize Fun

Tues. June 23 10:00-11:30 PM

Come enjoy oversized balls, games, blocks, and inflatables. Location: Otto Roeser Park, 1100 VanBuren

Gaga Ball/Archery

Tues. June 23 2:00-3:30 PM

Join SCPRC for some gaga ball competition & inflatable archery too. Location: Imerman Memorial Park

Build It

Wed. June 24 10:00-11:30 PM

Get creative with blocks, buckets, wood & more. Location: Showboat Park, 805 Front St. Chesaning.

Pond Life

Wed. June 24 2:00-3:30 PM

Come explore the shores of Haithco Lake and nearby ponds! Location: Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area.

Water Wars

Thurs. June 25 12:00-3:30 PM

Prepare to get WET with a huge waterslide and more. Location: Wm. H. Haithco Rec Area.

Art in the Park

Tues. June 30 10:00-11:30 PM

Bring out your crafty side for a fun make & take afternoon. Location: Hoyt Park, upper drive pavilion

Nature Explorers-Rock & Fossils

Tues. June 30 2:00-3:30 PM

Join SCPRC & Public Libraries of Saginaw for this educational event. Location: Imerman Memorial Park



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Free Family Fishing Festival

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area
2121 Schust, Saginaw, MI

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Register at:

www.saginawcounty.com/parks

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Event Schedule:

8:00 am- 9:00 am	On-site Registration
8:00 am -10:45 am	Fishing
10:45 am	All fish to measuring station
11:00 am	Awards and Prizes



Awards & Prizes!

Must be present to win

Rules

This Family Catch and Release Fishing Festival begins at 8:00 am and ends at 11:00 am on June 6, 2026. Registration deadline is 9:00 am on June 6, 2026. **FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE MEASURING STATION BY 10:45AM TO COUNT.**

Adults with a valid Michigan fishing license and children can fish and have fish counted in the festival. Trophies will be awarded for the family who catches the largest fish and the most legal sized fish. Additional giveaways will be given out to event participants.

All State of Michigan fishing rules and regulations will apply to this tournament. MAX 25 BLUEGILLS. ONLY LEGAL SIZE FISH WILL COUNT. Pike under 24 inches, Catfish under 12 inches, and Bass under 14 inches can not be counted in the tournament (DNR FISHING REGULATIONS). All fishing is to be done from shore or dock on the main lake. Boats are not allowed.

If you can't get the hook out without damaging the fish, cut the line and leave the hook in the fish.

Transport fish to measuring station in a bucket with water. **FISH MUST BE ALIVE WHEN BROUGHT TO THE MEASURING STATION.** The fish will be released back into the lake as soon as they are measured.



Join us for a **FREE 6 week OUTDOOR walking experience!**



Benefits to Participants Include:

- Interactive sessions with certified trained leader
- Increase confidence in your ability to be physical
- Improve flexibility, balance, strength and stamina
- Reduce pain and discomfort for those suffering with arthritis
- Improve overall health

Open to all adults!

Register at www.saginawcounty.com/parks

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays

May 4 - June 12, 2026

Time: 9:00-10:00 AM

Location: Hoyt Park Pavilion located on the upper drive
1651 S. Washington Ave. Saginaw



Hey Batter Batter!

WHO:

All Saginaw County
BOYS & GIRLS

Age 5-6 (T-ball)

Age 7-8 (Coach Pitch)

Division teams:
10U (hybrid) & 13U

WHEN:

10 Game Season
July 7th - Aug 6th, 2026
Tuesday & Thursday
Evenings

WHERE:

Hoyt Park
1574 S. Washington Ave
Saginaw, MI

REGISTRATION:

www.saginawcounty.com/parks



COST:

\$25 per player

Registration Deadline:

June 21, 2026

NEED A TEAM?

T-Ball & Coach Pitch teams will be formed by the League. Division Players needing a team may sign up and will be placed on the waitlist.

Want to Sponsor a Team?

Team sponsorships are available for Coach-Pitch & Division teams. If you want to sponsor a team, please use the registration link to find the sponsor & volunteer information or e-mail: jfiers@saginawcountymi.gov





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- EASTER EGGS
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Are you looking for a location for your special outing? We have the perfect place for any occasion! Pavilion reservations are ideal for company picnics, family or school reunions, graduation parties, birthday parties, church groups, clubs and any group that would appreciate having their outing in a beautiful Saginaw County Park. The William H. Haithco Recreation Area provides modern bathrooms, playgrounds, Ruth Averill Splash Pad, fishing docks, volleyball courts and five picnic pavilions. Imerman Memorial Park provides modern bathrooms, fishing dock, kayak launch, volleyball court, playground, horseshoe pits, basketball and tennis courts, an in-line hockey rink, Bark Park and four picnic pavilions.

Pavilion reservations for the 2026 season are now open for William H. Haithco Recreation Area, Imerman Memorial Park, and Price Nature Center.

Pavilion rental fees are \$75 per day for Saginaw County Residents. Park entry for Saginaw County Residents is free. Non Residents pay a \$2.00 per vehicle entry fee at Imerman Memorial Park and a \$5.00 per vehicle entry fee at the William H. Haithco Recreation Area (Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day).

Pavilion reservations, program registrations & payment may be completed online at www.saginawcounty.com/parks. Please call our office if you need assistance or need to pay by cash or check.












To get free entry to our parks, Saginaw County Residents can pick up a free Recreate Pass at Imerman Memorial Park, Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area or the Parks office.

Out of county patrons may purchase a \$30 yearly pass for a whole summer of fun!

PARK Locations



-  William H. Haithco Rec. Area
2121 Schust Road
-  Imerman Memorial Park
3495 Midland Road
-  Ringwood Forest
13710 Ring Rd, St. Charles
-  Veterans Memorial Park
1543 - 1701 M-13
North of Zilwaukee
-  Saginaw River Headwaters
Rec. Area
77 W. Center St, Saginaw
-  Price Nature Center
6685 Sheridan Road
-  Saginaw Valley Rail Trail
Water St Trail Head
401 E. Water St, St. Charles
-  Saginaw Valley Rail Trail
Van Wormer Rd. Trail Head
2998 VanWormer Rd, Saginaw
-  Saginaw Valley Rail Trail
Stroebe Rd. Trail Head
6225 Stroebe Rd, Saginaw



Just a friendly reminder that dogs are permitted on a 6 ft leash at all of our county parks except the Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area*. Imerman Memorial Park has a Dog Park where dogs are allowed off leash to romp and play with their friends. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Dogs are allowed at Haithco during our Saginaw County Parks sanctioned Soggy Doggy events in the spring and fall.

The Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. We will provide reasonable accommodations to assist people with disabilities to access and participate in our recreation programs, facilities, and services. For program registration information, please call the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission at (989) 790-5280.

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