

Berrien County Parks SPRING Newsletter 2018



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Spring DISC GOLF at MADELINE BERTRAND COUNTY PARK

The Madeline Bertrand Disc Golf course features 18 holes and is open during regular park hours. The Disc Golf pro shop in the Visitor Center features a full line of discs and other accessories for sale. (New disc styles available.) Plus you can rent discs for play!

DISC GOLF FEES

Daily Disc Golf Pass: Adult \$4, Youth (15 & under) \$3

Annual Disc Golf Permit: Adult \$30, Youth \$20

Daily Disc Rental: Adult \$1, Youth \$.50

33RD ANNUAL SPRING DISC GOLF DERBY SAT. APRIL 28TH

- 42 hole event - 2 rounds of 21 holes - Singles format
- Space is limited - 84 player maximum
- Door prizes - Trophies to top 3 teams each division
- Pre registration (Before April 28) - \$25/Person
- Day of registration - \$30/Person
- Lunch is included in the fee

Check www.berriencounty.org/355/parks for details



PAW PAW RIVER County Park Construction to Begin!



Good news! Construction is set to begin in March on our Paw Paw River County Park project.

Paw Paw River County Park is located in Watervliet. The project will include a parking area, barrier-free kayak launch, pedestrian foot bridge to an island in the river with over 1/2 mile of hard surface walking trails. There will be overlooks decks for wildlife viewing, photography and fishing opportunities. It is anticipated the park will open by Labor Day, 2018.

These improvements are being funded in part by a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant of \$296,000.

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Spring on the Trails at LOVE CREEK!



SPRING WOODLAND WILDFLOWER WATCHER'S WALKS

The same wooded trails that provide great skiing in winter and fall color in October host one of the best wildflower displays in our area.

Join a park naturalist on one or more of the following days for a guided walk to the best current locations!

All hikes will start from the nature center at 3 pm.
Sat. Apr. 21 ■ Sat. Apr. 28 ■ Sat. May 5 ■ Sat. May 12

FROG POND JOURNEY. APRIL 14, 3:00 P.M.

A spring tradition! On this hike for young explorers we'll head to the edge of our favorite pond to search for amphibians and other aquatic creatures. (Bring your own boots. We intend to get our feet wet...) We'll supply nets and other equipment!



WOODCOCK WATCH & OWL PROWL. APRIL 14, 8:00 P.M.



We'll meet at the nature center this evening to walk to an old field where we hope to see an American Woodcock perform its comical evening courtship display. (If you haven't seen this, you need to!) To wrap things up, we'll do our best to bring a Barred Owl in for a view. Bring warm, dark colored clothing and a small flashlight for the walk back.

SPRING BIRDING IN BERRIEN COUNTY

Berrien County is one of Michigan's most popular birding locations and Love Creek sponsors the Berrien Birding Club. The club offers a regular schedule of group outings open to all - and birders of all levels are welcome. For information on upcoming outings, visit <http://www.berriencounty.org/434/Birding>



HISTORY CENTER at Courthouse Square



THE MIDWEST'S OLDEST SURVIVING COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

- 1839 Courthouse
- 1870 Sheriff's House
- 1830 Log House
- 1860/1873 County Records and Office Building

Open All Year - Free Admission

March - April: Mon - Sat 10 am - 5 pm

May - Sept: Tues - Sat 10 am - 6 pm

Sun 12pm - 4 pm

313 N. Cass Street, Berrien Springs, MI



Visit www.berriehistory.org for program details
or call 269-471-1202



GALIEN RIVER County Park, New Buffalo, MI

EXPLORE GALIEN RIVER COUNTY PARK!



Plan a visit to explore and enjoy Galien River County Park in New Buffalo Township this spring!

The park features a 300' Canopy Walkway through the treetops leading to a 60' high Marsh Overlook Tower (pictured) with a spectacular view of the Galien River and marsh. Down below the 600' Marsh Boardwalk leads from the forest edge to the River Deck on the banks of the Galien. Trails along the wooded ridge above are available as well. It's a great location for a casual walk with lots of stops to enjoy the overlooks and views!



2018 ANNUAL ENTRANCE PERMITS

Looking for a great gift for yourself or someone else that can be used for **ALL of 2018?**

Consider a **2018 Berrien County Parks Annual Entrance Permit!**

It provides unlimited entry to Madeline Bertrand, Love Creek and Silver Beach County Parks all year through December 31.

The permit covers **all** people in your vehicle—whatever vehicle you happen to be in. (It's not a sticker restricted to a specific vehicle.)

Cost is \$35. Purchase with an Annual Ski Trail Permit or Disc Golf Permit and save \$5!



- Madeline Bertrand County Park
- Love Creek Nature Center & County Park
- Silver Beach County Park
- Rocky Gap County Park

Spring RECYCLING EVENTS by Berrien County



- **Wed, April 11, 3 - 7 pm: Lake Michigan College—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Day.** Household chemicals, electronics (fees apply for computer monitors & televisions), magazines, catalogs & books, personal document shredding and more. See website for additional accepted items
- **Sat, May 19, 8 am - 12 pm: Southeast Berrien County Landfill Recycle Center - Household Chemicals, Electronics & Document Shredding**
- **Sat, June 16, 9 am - 1 pm: New Buffalo Twp. Fire Station - Household Chemicals & Electronics**

For more details on accepted items, locations and future recycling dates visit <http://www.berriencounty.org/462/Recycling-Services> or call (269) 983-7111 x8234 or x8232. Materials accepted from Berrien County households only. Waste from businesses is not accepted.

PARKS FACILITY RENTALS

- Looking for a location for a group or family gathering in 2018?
- Berrien County Parks offer a mix of indoor and outdoor rental facilities at **Madeline Bertrand, Love Creek and Silver Beach and Rocky Gap** County Parks.

Visit the **"Facility Rentals"** page at:
www.berriencounty.org/355/parks
for more information.

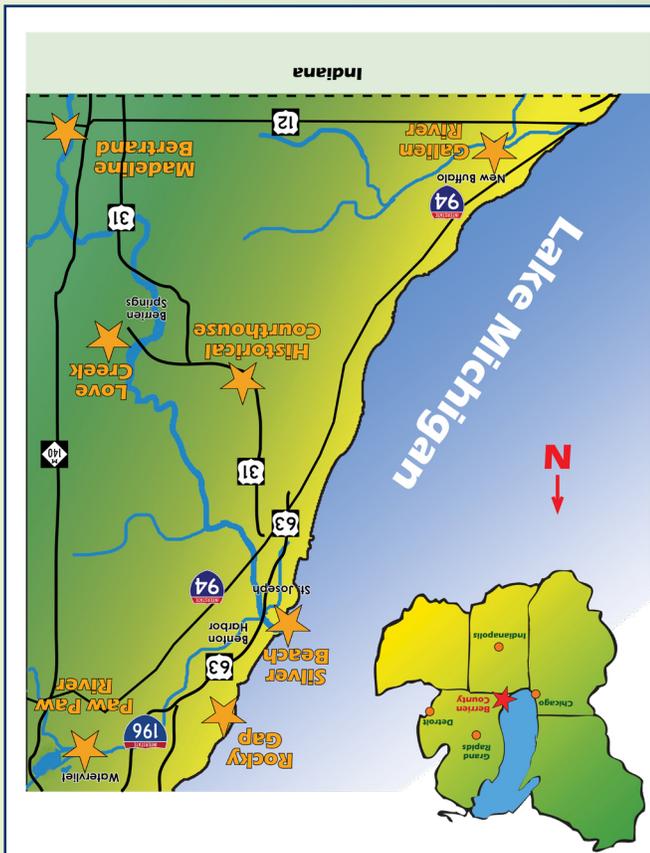


The Pavilion at Silver Beach





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