

Wayne County Parks
Nankin Mills Interpretive Center
33175 Ann Arbor Trail • Westland, Michigan 48185
August 2017

Wayne County Parks Nankin Mills Interpretive Center will host three programs in August to highlight our local history. Join us at the beautiful, historic Nankin gristmill which now serves as a Wayne County Parks Interpretive Center, to enjoy learning about our fascinating Michigan history.

Michigan's Salt Mine History

NEW PROGRAM

Saturday, August 19, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Did you know that there is a hidden city under the city of Detroit? The Detroit Salt Mine has miles of roads and equipment operating below our largest city. A guest speaker from the Detroit Salt Mine Company and our Park Naturalist will share the history of the mine from the early days of table salt production to the current production of road salt. Come and enjoy the interesting story of salt mining below Detroit. Program content is for ages 12 and up. Program cost is \$3 per person; add an additional \$1 for non-county residents. Pre-registration is required by calling 734-261.1990.

1800s Mills and Villages of the Middle Rouge River

NEW PROGRAM

Saturday, August 26, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

The Rouge River was a magnet for settlement from the Native Americans to the earliest pioneers who harnessed its water power to operate many mills. We will explore the various sawmills, gristmills, cider mills and carding mills that operated along the river banks as well as the early villages that grew up around the mills. Some of these communities remain today, while others have become ghost towns. Program content is for ages 12 and up. Program cost is \$3 per person; add an additional \$1 for non-county residents. Pre-registration is required by calling 734-261.1990.



Mill Daze

Saturday, August 26, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Step back into the 1800s and try your hand at some pioneer skills such as hand-grinding grain into flour or grinding and mashing apples to make cider. We will also enjoy pioneer games and re-enactors demonstrating their trades. All supplies are provided. All ages are welcome so bring the whole family. Program cost is \$6 per child ages 4 – 17 and \$2 per adult; add an additional \$1 for non-county residents. Pre-registration is required by calling 734-261-1990.