

*Spend some of our cold winter afternoons
learning about local nature and history in your
Wayne County Parks!!*



Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland is highlighting the nature and history of Wayne County Parks with four upcoming indoor presentations in January and February. Programs will feature the lives of White-tail deer, the development of Hines Park and the first Nature Center in Wayne County, the Underground Railroad connections in Southern Michigan and the hardships faced by our first Pioneer families in Nankin Township.

All programs are \$3.00 per person and recommended for ages 12 – Adult. Please pre-register at least 72 hours prior to the program by calling the Park Office at 734-261-1990.



WHITE-TAILED DEER THROUGH THE SEASONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Discover the different behaviors and physical changes that White-tailed deer go through as they adapt to the four seasons in Michigan. Find out how to look for and understand signs of their activities, such as tracks, signs of feeding and courtship. If time and weather permit, a short hike will be included to look for signs of deer activity around Nankin Mills.

HISTORY OF HINES PARK & NANKIN MILLS NATURE CENTER NEW!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

The development of Wayne County's Hines Parkway began in the 1920s. Join us to learn more about the history of Hines Park and Wayne County's first Nature Center at Nankin Mills during the 1960s and 1970s. Many people today have fond memories of seeing the wildlife that was cared for at the Nature Center and spending time in Hines Park!

SECRETS OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN SOUTHERN MICHIGAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Southern Michigan played a central role in the "Flight to Freedom", as people escaped slavery in the south and traveled through Michigan to reach the Detroit River and cross safely into Canada. Learn about the many people across Michigan that were involved in helping the freedom-seekers on their dangerous journey, and the secret codes and stories from this important era in our history.



FIRST PIONEER FAMILIES OF NANKIN TOWNSHIP IN THE 1820s

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

The first two Pioneer families to brave the wilds of Nankin Township, the Swifts and Osbands, came along the Erie Canal when it first opened in 1825. They were very involved in the formation of Nankin Township's first schools, churches, anti-slavery societies and much more. Learn about the struggles and hardships faced by these early Pioneers!