Nankin Mills Interpretive Center
March 2017 Press Releases

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, located in the Wayne County Parks Office building at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail off of Hines Drive in Westland, is pleased to offer public programs for families or individuals to learn about our local nature and history. We have two fun events coming up in March that we hope you will enjoy!

MEET THE NANKIN MILLS CRITTERS
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

The land along the Rouge River in Hines Park is home to many of Michigan's native turtles, snakes, frogs, toads and salamanders! You will have an opportunity to meet some live Michigan reptiles and amphibians up close and learn all about their unique characteristics that help them survive in their wetland habitats during this fun program! The program will be held indoors at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

All ages are welcome.

$6 per child, $2 per adult (no charge for ages 3 and under)

MAPLE SUGARING AT CASS BENTON
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017
Register for one start time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM or 12:30 – 2:00 PM

March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan! It is the only time of year when sap moves up the tree fast enough to be collected. Bundle up and join our Naturalists at Cass Benton Park in Northville, where a historic "Sugarbush" (a place with a lot of maple trees) still exists. Cass Benton Park was a farm owned by the Benton family in the 1800s and they collected sap from maple trees to make syrup at this site too. Learn the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the woods for a tree-tapping demonstration. See how sap is boiled to make syrup and enjoy pancakes with the "real thing" afterwards! Cass Benton Park is located on the west side of Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road. Meet at the Picnic Shelter. The program is outdoors and trails can be muddy, so dress accordingly. All ages are welcome, but the wooded area is not stroller friendly.

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