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Access to Recreation Initiative

Access to Recreation is made possible through a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant of \$15 million to Midwest Community Foundations' Ventures.

Launched in 2006, this initiative has supported community foundations, parks and recreation providers, advocacy groups, and individuals as they work to provide greater access to a wide variety of recreation opportunities.

The Department of Natural Resources received funding to support several projects to improve accessibility at state parks and recreation areas in Michigan. Projects are already under way at the following state parks (SP) and recreation areas (RA): Brighton RA, Muskegon SP, Dodge #4 SP, Port Crescent SP, Rifle River RA, Otsego SP and Wells SP.

To learn more about specific projects and to see an updated list of accessible opportunities, go to www.michigan.gov/dnraccessibility and scroll to the bottom to the Access to Recreation Project Locations Announced link.

To find out more about Access to Recreation, visit www.accesstorecreation.org.

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Accessible Recreation Opportunities in the Outdoors



Great Lakes, Great Times, Great Outdoors
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The state of Michigan is blessed with an abundance of natural resources and recreational opportunities for Michigan's citizens and visitors. There are beaches to enjoy, forests to experience, and an abundance of fish and wildlife to hunt, fish or just view. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is committed to making outdoor recreation opportunities and the facilities to support these activities accessible for everyone. Each year, more campgrounds, trails and other facilities are built or improved to continue to provide outdoor access.

This brochure has been developed to help you find information on accessible opportunities provided by the DNR.

Camping, Swimming, Picnicking

Many of the state parks and state forest campgrounds offer accessible campsites and other amenities that provide barrier-free access. Rental cabins, tents, tepees and yurts are available for enjoying an alternative overnight opportunity at many state parks. Most day use and picnic areas have tables that have been modified to accommodate wheelchairs. New facilities, like the beach deck at Otsego Lake State Park, are being created to continue to increase access to beach areas and other waterfronts.

To learn more about accessibility and site-specific information for state parks, use our online database at www.michigan.gov/dnrrecreationcamping.



Hunting, Fishing, Wildlife Viewing

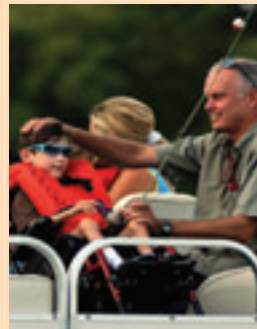
The DNR has enacted several programs to assist persons with disabilities in enjoying our state's fish and wildlife resources. Regulations provide for permits to hunt from vehicles, use of specialized equipment for persons with disabilities, and use of constructed ground blinds on state lands. There are even specialized hunts for disabled veterans.

In order to increase fishing opportunities for state park visitors, many parks have developed accessible fishing piers or improved bank fishing opportunities that include accessible fishing access. These sites are developed to allow shore anglers to reach better fishing areas.

For more information on accessible fishing piers and hunting opportunities, go to www.michigan.gov/dnraccessibility and click on the Hunting and Angling link on the left.

Several of the watchable wildlife sites have developed viewing platforms. Viewing platforms like those at Houghton Lake Flats and Pte. Mouillee have accessible ramps to provide access to persons with physical disabilities. These sites are excellent opportunities to view osprey, waterfowl, shorebirds and other wetland critters.

For information on additional wildlife viewing sites, go to www.michigan.gov/miwildlifeviewing.



Trails, Visitor Centers

Enjoying the outdoors is one of the best ways to relax. To reduce the limitations to people who enjoy a quiet natural experience, the DNR has many trails that will accommodate individuals of all abilities.

All of the DNR Visitor Centers are accessible. Most of the centers also provide accessible segments on surrounding nature trails. For example, the Old-Growth Forest Trail at Hartwick Pines State Park in Roscommon is fully paved and provides an opportunity to experience Michigan as it was before the logging era.

For information on the state's visitor centers and programs visit: www.michigan.gov/dnrvisitorcenters.

For more information on accessible trails, go to www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails and click on the Trail Search link on the left.

DNR Mission:

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, accessible use and enjoyment of the State's natural resources for current and future generations.

