



Programs & Events Spring 2025

Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center

Due to construction, the center will be closed to the public until late summer 2025. All programs are outside, with pit toilets available. A Recreation Passport is required for entry.

Wonders of Waterloo Guided Hikes: Every first Friday and third Saturday each month, from 8 – 9 a.m. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Mindfulness Guided Hikes: Every second and fourth Sunday of each month, from 2 – 3 p.m. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Wonders of Waterloo Guided Hike

March 7 from 8 – 9 a.m.

Join a park interpreter on an hour-long hike as you explore the wildlife and ecosystems surrounding the Discovery Center. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Mindfulness Hike

March 9 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Join a park interpreter and explore Waterloo's trails while learning to observe nature and calm your mind.

Wonders of Waterloo Guided Hike

March 15 from 8 – 9 a.m.

Join a park interpreter on an hour-long hike as you explore the wildlife and ecosystems surrounding the Discovery Center. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Wildlife Walk

March 16 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Join a park interpreter on a guided hike to look for Waterloo's wildlife. Learn how to look for the tracks and scat of local critters. Meet in the lower lot of the Discovery Center.

Mindfulness Hike

March 23 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Join a park interpreter and explore Waterloo's trails while learning how to observe nature and calm your mind. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

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All programs are free unless otherwise noted; however, a Recreation Passport is required for entry to the park.



Arrows Away

March 29 from 2 -3 p.m.

Learn archery and try your hand at getting the perfect bullseye! For ages nine and older. Follow the signs to meet at the Portage Lake Day Use Area archery range.

Hook, Line and Sinker

March 30 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Wonders of Waterloo Guided Hike

April 4 from 8 – 9 a.m.

Join a park interpreter on an hour-long hike as you explore the wildlife and ecosystems surrounding the Discovery Center. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Bog Exploration Guided Hike

April 5 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Spring is awakening in Waterloo! Join a park interpreter on a guided hike through the bog trail and stop along the way to investigate the sights and sounds of spring. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Vernal Pool Dipping

April 5 from 3 – 4 p.m.

Spring is the time vernal pools awaken. Join the park interpreter in catching and identifying some spring pond wildlife. It is best to wear shoes that can get wet or are waterproof. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Vernal Pool Dipping

April 6 from 4-5 p.m.

Spring is the time vernal pools awaken. Join the park interpreter in catching and identifying some spring pond wildlife. It is best to wear shoes that can get wet or are waterproof. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Spring Frog Choir Hike

April 6 from 8 – 9 p.m.

Enjoy a 0.6-mile guided hike with a park interpreter while being serenaded by hundreds of frogs. Meet at the lower Parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Hook, Line and Sinker

April 12 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Arrows Away

April 12 from 2 -3 p.m.

Learn archery and try your hand at getting the perfect bullseye! For ages nine and older. Follow the signs to meet at the Portage Lake Day Use Area archery range.

Hook, Line and Sinker

April 13 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Mindfulness Hike

April 13 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Join a park interpreter and explore Waterloo's trails while learning how to observe nature and calm your mind. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Wonders of Waterloo Guided Hike

April 19 from 8 – 9 a.m.

Join a park interpreter on an hour-long hike as you explore the wildlife and ecosystems surrounding the Discovery Center. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Bog Exploration Guided Hike

April 19 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Spring is awakening in Waterloo! Join a park interpreter on a guided hike through the bog trail and stop along the way to investigate the sights and sounds of spring. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Vernal Pool Dipping

April 19 from 3-4 p.m.

Spring is the time vernal pools awaken. Join the park interpreter in catching and identifying some spring pond wildlife. It is best to wear shoes that can get wet or are waterproof! Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Hook, Line and Sinker

April 20 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Arrows Away

April 20 from 2 -3 p.m.

Learn archery and try your hand at getting the perfect bullseye! For ages nine and older. Follow the signs to meet at the Portage Lake Day Use Area archery range.

Hook, Line and Sinker

April 26 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Arrows Away

April 26 from 2 -3 p.m.

Learn archery and try your hand at getting the perfect bullseye! For ages nine and older. Follow the signs to meet at the Portage Lake Day Use Area archery range.

Hook, Line and Sinker

April 27 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Mindfulness Hike

April 27 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Join a park interpreter and explore Waterloo's trails while learning how to observe nature and calm your mind. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Mindfulness Hike with Chelsea District Library and Wellspring Writing Collective

April 30 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join a park interpreter on a 1.5-mile guided hike through five unique ecosystems. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Wonders of Waterloo Guided Hike

May 2 from 8 – 9 a.m.

Join a park interpreter on an hour-long hike as you explore the wildlife and ecosystems surrounding the Discovery Center. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Hook, Line and Sinker

May 3 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Bog Exploration Guided Hike

May 3 from 2 – 3 p.m.

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Vernal Pool Dipping

May 3 from 3-4 p.m.

Spring is the time vernal pools awaken. Join a park interpreter in catching and identifying some spring pond wildlife. It is best to wear shoes that can get wet or are waterproof! Meet at the Lower Parking lot of the DC.

Hook, Line and Sinker

May 4 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Arrows Away

May 4 from 2 -3 p.m.

Learn archery and try your hand at getting the perfect bullseye! For ages nine and older. Follow the signs to meet at the Portage Lake Day Use Area archery range.

Hook, Line and Sinker

May 10 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Arrows Away

May 10 from 2 -3 p.m.

Learn archery and try your hand at getting the perfect bullseye! For ages nine and older. Follow the signs to meet at the Portage Lake Day Use Area archery range.

Hook, Line and Sinker

May 11 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Mindfulness Hike

May 11 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Join a park interpreter and explore Waterloo's trails while learning how to observe nature and slow your mind. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Mindfulness Hike with Chelsea District Library and Wellspring Writing Collective

May 14 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join a park interpreter on a creative experience that will introduce participants to historical and contemporary art forms while challenging participants to see the natural world through a different lens. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Wonders of Waterloo Guided Hike

May 17 from 8 – 9 a.m.

Join a park interpreter on an hour-long hike, as you explore the wildlife and ecosystems surrounding the Discovery Center. Meet at the lower parking lot of the Discovery Center.

Hook, Line and Sinker

May 17 from 12 – 1 p.m.

Learn the skill of fishing and try to catch your first fish or personal best! Meet at the Crooked Lake Boat Launch dock. A fishing license is required for ages 17 or older.

Bog Exploration Guided Hike

May 17 from 2 – 3 p.m.

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Vernal Pool Dipping

May 17 from 3-4 p.m.

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