Adult Botany Hike Series 2016

Calling all plant lovers!!

The Nankin Mills Botany Series is a chance for adults to explore some of the hidden treasures of Wayne County Parks with the Park Naturalist and learn more about the wide variety of plant species. We will visit different sections of Holliday Nature Preserve and the Bennett Arboretum throughout the year. Come and enjoy our natural areas!

The fee is $3.00 per adult for county residents, $4.00 per adult for non-Wayne county residents.

Pre-register at the Park Office: 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Call 734-261-1850 with any questions.

Winter Tree and Shrub Hike
Ellsworth Section Holliday Nature Preserve
Saturday, February 6, 2016, 10:00 am - Noon
Meet at Nankin Mills and join the Wayne County Parks Naturalist for a leisurely hike across the street in Holliday Nature Preserve to learn how to recognize our native floodplain trees and shrubs by winter bark, buds and seeds.

Deciduous Tree Collections
Historic Bennett Arboretum, Northville
Saturday, August 20, 2016, 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Bennett Arboretum was developed during the 1930s as part of the Middle Rouge (Hines) Parkway project. Many rare trees from around the world were planted here, as well as maple, oak, beech and other collections. We will hike the hilly terrain to see what trees remain today from these unique collections, and explore the new plantings as well. Meet at the Disc Golf parking lot, off of Hines Drive, north of Six Mile Road.

Fabulous Fall Fern Folly
Koppernick Section Holliday Nature Preserve
Saturday, September 17, 2016, 1 - 3:30 pm
The western section of Holliday Nature Preserve in Canton features a rich forest habitat with almost 20 different fern species, large beech and tulip trees and many other botanical wonders. We will meet at the small parking area on Koppernick Road, off of Hix Road between Joy and Warren and learn how to recognize the beautiful ferns.

Spring Wildflowers and Folklore Hike
Cowan Section Holliday Nature Preserve
Saturday, May 7, 2016, 1:00 - 3:30 pm
We will hike in Holliday Nature Preserve to enjoy the gorgeous display of spring wildflowers along Tonquish Creek. The Wayne County Parks Naturalist will share folklore and historic uses of the plants we see. Meet at the parking lot of the Cowan Section of Holliday Nature Preserve, off of Central City Parkway, between Wayne and Warren Roads in Westland.

Conifer Tree Collections
Historic Bennett Arboretum, Northville
Saturday, November 5, 2016, 1 - 3:30 pm
Join the Wayne County Parks Naturalist at the northern end of Bennett Arboretum to explore the historic Conifer Collections. Several unusual species were planted here in the 1930s! We will also see the new collections planted more recently. Trails are rolling and hilly. Meet at the Northville Recreation West parking lot, off of Hines Drive, north of Six Mile Road.