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Fun for Everyone!

Discover! at Hansen Nature Trail at Millennium Park

GRAND RAPIDS – Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 20, 2017** for **Discover!** at Hansen Nature Trail at Millennium Park. This free outdoor program for visitors of all ages includes a trail walk with hosted nature stations, a scavenger hunt, live animal presentations, cool giveaways and more! Take a walk on the wild side along the Hansen Nature Trail and "discover" more about:

- Indigenous birds, mammals and pollinators;
- Native and non-native trees and plants;
- Unique ponds and wetlands;
- Local wildflowers and native plants;
- History and lore of the area;
- · Reptiles, amphibians and birds of prey through live presentations!

"The Hansen Nature Trail offers an easily accessible, diverse environment unlike any other in the County," said Roger Sabine, Director of Kent County Parks. "Our goal is to build appreciation of natural ecosystems and the important role Kent County Parks plays in preserving these resources. We also hope the event will encourage visitors to discover other parks in our system, and even apply new knowledge to promote nature in their own back yards."

Saturday, May 20, 2017 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Hansen Nature Trail at Millennium Park

(Corner of Butterworth Ave and Riverbend Dr SW)

Parking is available off 3886 Butterworth Ave SW, Walker, MI For more information visit <u>www.Facebook.com/DiscoverParksEvent</u>

The *"Discover!"* program is hosted by MSU Extension Master Naturalist volunteers with support from the Kent County Parks Foundation and community businesses and organizations. Our **Discover!** program fits requirements for Scout merit badges. *(PHOTO NOTE: Please courtesy photos: Kent County Parks Department.)*