



2017 Workshops
\$25.00 Registration Fee

Wetland Restoration

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wetland-restoration-tickets-35162478921>

Wetland Restoration Registration, Sat. July 29... Brian Majka, with GEI Consultants of Michigan, will introduce people to the importance of wetlands and how we can restore this valuable habitat through classroom instruction and field visits to a variety of wetland restoration projects currently underway in Muskegon County. Following the classroom portion, participants will travel to a variety of wetland restoration projects in various stages of completion to better understand the process.

Aquatic Invasive Animal Training

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aquatic-invasive-animal-training-registration-34645667123>

Aquatic Invasive Animal Training Registration, Sat, Aug 19 ... Over 180 aquatic invasive species from around the world have established breeding populations in the Great Lakes Basin. Many of these species have had significant impacts on the environmental and economic health of the region. Participants will learn about the far-reaching effects these invaders have caused as well as how to identify several of these invasive species that are spreading through the inland waters of West Michigan by Dr. Dan O'Keefe, with Michigan Sea Grants. This class will also feature a field portion to help participants locate and sample likely habitats for these invaders.

Fens and Bogs: Hydrology, Biology and Ecological Restoration

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fens-and-bogs-hydrology-biology-and-ecological-restoration-tickets-34843119709>

Fens and Bogs: Hydrology, Biology and Ecological Restoration, Sat, Sept 9... Nature enthusiasts will get an in-depth, firsthand look at the unique hydrology and biology of bogs and fens and learn why these are among our most biodiverse natural areas. Justin Heslinga, Stewardship Director with the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, will lead participants on a moderately-difficult hike through these wetland habitats to expose participants to the techniques used to protect and restore these important ecosystems. Plants, animals and other natural features will be identified along the way. *Please note: The entire 3-hour workshop will be held outdoors rain or shine.*

Save the date: Fall Feature on Friday, November 3 from 6:30-9:00PM - topic: *Climate Change* at Douglas Walker Park in Byron Center. \$5.00 suggested donation. Sign-up link coming soon.