

## Topics/Dates for 2015

- **April 18** Introduction to Conservation Theory & Practice
- **May 2** Native Plants and Wildflowers  
Instructor: Amy Heilman
- **June 13** Native Trees and Shrubs  
Instructor: Melanie Manion
- **July 11** Lakes and Rivers  
Instructor: Dan O'Keefe
- **July 25** Dunes  
Instructors: Deanna Van Djk and Jeanette Henderson
- **August 15** Invasive Plant Species  
Instructor: Melanie Manion

## Locations to be announced

## Volunteering

To receive certification as a "Master Naturalist", participants must complete 30 volunteer hours in a conservation type of setting. A list of organizations that provide approved Volunteer Opportunities will be given. Participants have two years to complete their 30 hour Volunteer requirement.

## Thank you to Michigan Sea Grant



A special round of applause to Michigan Sea Grant for sponsoring the Lakes and Rivers session.

For additional information on "Michigan Sea Grant" as well as a list of their activities in West Michigan, please go to <http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/news/sw/>

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## No Refunds Will Be Given.

**Special Needs:** Once registered, please contact Ginny at 616-632-7873 at least two weeks prior to the start of the class if you have special needs.

**Questions?** Contact Ginny Wanty at (616) 632-7873 or [wanty@anr.msu.edu](mailto:wanty@anr.msu.edu)

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## Ottawa County Master Naturalist Program Brochure and Registration Form



Six Session Educational Program Series

Master Naturalist



## 2015 Ottawa County Master Naturalist Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Ottawa County Master Naturalist  
Program Fee: \$215.00

Total Registration Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this registration form and your check for the total amount **made payable to MSU:**

MSU Extension  
Master Naturalist Program  
775 Ball Avenue NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Questions?** Contact Ginny Wanty at  
(616) 632-7873 or [wanty@anr.msu.edu](mailto:wanty@anr.msu.edu)

A confirmation letter will be sent to all participants once the six session series fills with 30 participants or by 4-6-15

### Program

The Master Naturalist six session educational series is open to anyone who has an interest in the great outdoors! Participants in the Master Naturalist Program will gain a greater understanding of the natural environment and conservation techniques while learning the flora native to Ottawa County. Throughout the program and subsequent volunteer opportunities, participants can take an active role in implementing what they have learned throughout their neighborhoods as well as in their own backyards.

### About the Instructors

All classes will be led by trained educators and/or conservation professionals.

### Locations

The six sessions will be taught at various Ottawa County Parks in both indoor and outdoor settings. The outdoor sessions will be lead on foot and some locations may have steep or rough terrain. **Each of the six sessions will run from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM each Saturday.** Automobile transportation is necessary and if needed carpooling can be coordinated.

### Attendance

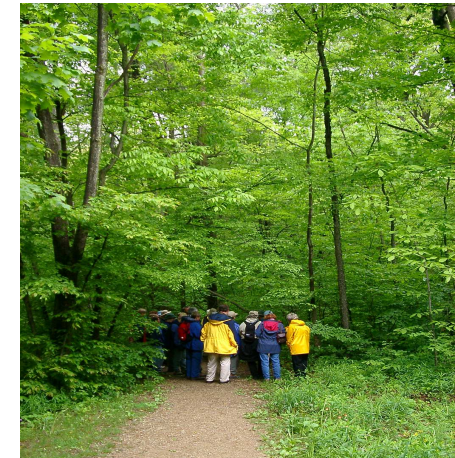
Each Master Naturalist is expected to attend every one of the six sessions. If a participant misses more than one session, then he or she cannot become a certified Master Naturalist.

### Cost

\$215.00 registration fee includes all six sessions, materials and handouts. (\*\*\*\*Please note that checks may take up to a month before cashed by MSU.)

### What to Expect

Students will be provided with a curriculum, notebook, materials, a copy of Douglas Tallamy's *Bringing Nature Home* and other resources. Students should wear appropriate clothing such as boots, hat, long pants, etc. A camera, hand lens, field guides and binoculars may also prove helpful on lab walks. **All classes will be held rain or shine.**



### Final Exam

At the completion of the six sessions, a take home final exam will be given. Participants will need to earn a 70% or better to be certified as a Master Naturalist.

### Educational Credits

25 MSU Extension Master Gardener Educational Credits