



Michigan Naturalist: Southwest Region

Become a Michigan Naturalist and help protect Michigan's natural heritage.

Sign up today for this exciting course and start your journey to become a Michigan Naturalist!

Cost is \$200.00 and includes all seven Saturday sessions, one per month, April through October.

Hosted by:



In partnership with

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Berrien County Parks

Chikaming Open Lands

*University of Chicago
Ecological Field Station*

Harbor County Hikers

Michigan Nature Association



Who should attend?

This program is open to adults (18+) interested in gaining a greater understanding of Michigan's natural environment and ecological communities, including native flora and fauna.

What will you learn?

Discover the interconnectedness of Michigan's natural ecosystems and how you can contribute to wildlife conservation in your own backyard and community. You will also learn about interpretive techniques that will help you share what you have learned in meaningful and creative ways.

Register here:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/michigannaturalist/>

Please contact us with questions:

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Julie Crick at crickjul@msu.edu - Interim State Program Coordinator

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How is the Michigan Naturalist Program Organized?

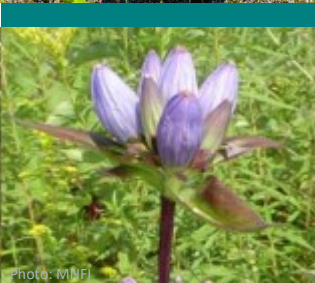
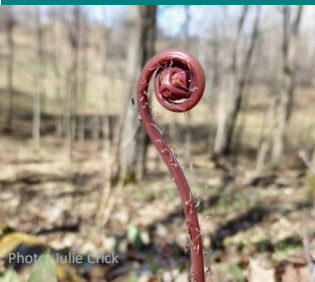
Three seasons of monthly Saturday sessions will take us to a variety of different settings within the Southwest Michigan region. The class will begin indoors with the day's topics followed by field experiences guided by engaging naturalists and researchers.

Internet access is a must for this hyflex training experience. You will be asked to review inline materials and complete course readings and knowledge checkpoints for each topic. The field portion of each class necessitates that participants are prepared to hike moderate distances with variable steep and/or rough terrain. Please contact us if special accommodations must be made.*

Automobile transportation is necessary; carpooling is encouraged. Participants are responsible for entry fees to field sites (Michigan passport, park fees, etc.)

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own required books: Bringing Nature Home by Douglas Tallamy ; the Kaufman Field Guide to Nature of the Midwest by Ken Kaufman, Jeff Sayre, and Kimberly Kaufman; Managing Michigan's Wildlife: A Landowner's Guide , Sargent, M.S and Carter, K.S., ed. 1999. *(Available as a free PDF).*

Recommended optional field guides may be listed in the course syllabus.



Michigan Naturalist: Southwest Region Saturdays 10AM—2PM

Orientation	Thurs. April 3	MN orientation session	Zoom meeting
Session 1	April 26	Botany & Biogeography	Fernwood Botanical Garden/ Trillium Ravine
Session 2	May 17	Herpetology & Wetlands	Sarett Nature Center
Session 3	June 28	Ornithology & Invasive Species	Love Creek Nature Center
Session 4	July 26	Entomology & Grasslands	Tower Hill Camp/Chikaming Open Lands
Session 5	August 16	Ichthyology & Coastal Habitats	Lincoln Twp Public Library/ Grand Mere State Park
Session 6	September 27	Mammalogy & Forests	Ecological Field Station at Warren Woods
Session 7	October 18	Human Conservation from Past to Present	Sarett Nature Center

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