Naturalist Storytelling

Nature trivia is great for games and impressing your friends, but it’s not enough when it comes to sharing what you know with people on a walk or in a talk. Would you like to improve your skills and become more effective as an interpretative guide? If the answer is yes, then join Dr. Rob Keys, professional natural history interpreter and science educator, as he shares tips and tricks on how to turn your nature knowledge into a story so your listeners will be begging for more.

Participants will have the opportunity to develop a “story” and then time to “tell” or practice what you’ve learned with other attendees. This class will take place in both an indoor classroom and outdoor lab setting.

Instructor: Dr. Rob Keys
Location: Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center in Lowell (specific directions to the site will be provided to participants)
Date: Saturday, October 10, 2015
Time: 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Cost: $35.00
Enrollment deadline is three days before class starts or when class has filled with 30 participants

Helping You Put Knowledge to Work!

No Refunds Will Be Given.

Special Needs: Once registered, please contact the Kent/MSU Extension Office at least 2 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

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Saturday, May 9 2015
8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

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Saturday, June 20, 2015
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A Walk on the Wild Side - Great Blue Heron Rookery and Bog Walk

Back by Popular Demand, an opportunity for another walk in Saul Lake Bog! Remember how the bog felt like walking on a trampoline? Participants will experience the wonders of the bog again; learn even more details about the four types of carnivorous pitcher plants and discuss the hydrophilic soils that are only found in the bog!

Don’t forget to bring a pair of binoculars to experience up close the great blue heron and see the color of their eyes.

Instructor: Ray Gates
Location: Cornerstone University and Saul Lake Bog (specific directions to the site will be provided to participants)
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2015
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Cost: $35.00

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Mosses

Mosses! Those beautiful green carpets all over the trees and the forest floor. Come learn about the natural history of mosses, their life cycles and their habitats. Participants will have a hands-on learning experience using hand lenses and microscopes. We will look up close and personal at moss leaves and spore cases. We will also learn to identify two major groups of mosses. Come join us dressed to lay on the forest floor with your magnifier or hand lens as we go out on the trails to discover moss habitats.

Bring a hand lens if you have one handy!

Instructor: Nancy McIntyre
Location: Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center in Lowell (specific directions to the site will be provided to participants)
Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Cost: $35.00

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Latest News on Invasive Plants

Join Melanie Manion in learning the latest research and techniques to eradicate invasive plant species, including information from both local and national sources.

Would you like to know about how invasive plant species affect native plants, birds and other wildlife? Or how the Early Detection Rapid Response Program is working to rid West Michigan of new invasive plant species? Are you curious what you could do to stop this alien invasion in your community?

As in previous Latest News on Invasive Plant classes, participants will be taking a hike around Hager Park to learn how to identify and treat some of the most problematic invasive plants. Michigan Natural Features Inventory’s Field Guide to Invasive Plants will be provided to all participants.

Instructor: Melanie Manion
Location: Hager Park in Ottawa County (specific directions to the site will be provided to participants)
Date: Saturday, September 26, 2015
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Cost: $40.00

Enrollment deadline is three days before class starts or when class has filled with 30 participants

Latest News on Invasive Plants Registration Form

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
City/Zip Code: _____________________
Daytime Phone: _____________________
Evening Phone: _____________________
Email: _____________________________

I am registering for:
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Total Registration Amount $ ___________

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