



# UPCOMING Events

**OCT 3**

Fall Birding Paddle  
Newburgh Lake, Livonia  
9 AM - 12 PM

**OCT 10**

Fall Bug Hunt 2026  
Plymouth Arts and Rec. Complex  
10 AM - 4 PM

Pre-  
Registration  
Required

**OCT 17**

Haunted Paddle Trip 2026  
Ford Field Park, Dearborn  
10 AM - 1 PM

**Sign Up for Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities Here**

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opportunities, see the following pages of the  
PDF Flyer Packet  
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# Fall Birding Paddle



**Recreational**



**9:00am - 12:00pm**

**Register Now**(<https://motorcitycanoerental.com/events.php>)



## Location

[Newburgh Lake \(#\)](#)

, Livonia, MI

## Site Coordinator

Herman Jenkins, Trails Manager

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## Description

Friends of the Rouge and Detroit Bird Alliance hosts its Fall Birding Paddle October 3rd 9am-12pm. See the beautiful fall colors and explore the bird species in the Rouge River watershed. Last year we spotted over a dozen bird species as well as an Eagle! This open water paddle is great for beginner paddlers.

There is a \$50 boat rental fee that. There is a \$15 service charge if you are bringing your own boat.

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[Other Lower Rouge Water Trail Events](https://therouge.org/what-we-do/explore/water-trail-events/) (<https://therouge.org/what-we-do/explore/water-trail-events/>)

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# Friends of the ROUGE

# Fall Bug Hunt

Surveying Since 1998

## Become a Rouge Community Scientist!

Do you ever wonder about what lives in the river besides fish and turtles? Come to our 2026 Fall Bug Hunt and see for yourself the amazing variety of aquatic insects, crayfish, snails and clams that make up the bottom of the river food chain. Volunteers visit sites throughout the headwaters of the Rouge watershed and search for aquatic invertebrates. The presence or absence of these streambed creatures gives us valuable data on the quality of the river water and overall habitat.



## Fall Bug Hunt

Saturday, October 10, 2026

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Meet at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Center, 650 Church St. Plymouth, MI

**Registration Open Until Full**

No prior experience needed, but registration is required.

Children eight and older are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult. Groups of six or less can sign up together.

Program supported by:



This program is also supported by Washtenaw County, the City of Southfield, the City of Troy, the Village of Beverly Hills, Northville Township, the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, the City of Novi, the City of Livonia, the City of Farmington, the City of Birmingham, the State of Michigan and U.S. EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, donations and memberships.



**Register Now**



**TheRouge.org/Bug-Hunts**

Questions? Email Volunteer Coordinator,  
Marion at [mmartyres@therouge.org](mailto:mmartyres@therouge.org)

## Haunted Paddle Trip

Be prepared for a scare! Friends of the Rouge will host its annual Haunted Paddle Trip on the Rouge River from 10am-1pm. Paddle from Dearborn Hills Golf Course downstream to Ford Field Park and experience the spooky scenes created by Friends of the Rouge and community partners. See the Bog Monster, the Killer Clown, and the Rouge Witches. Don't be afraid!

Friends of the Rouge will also host its annual Fall Festival. Come join the free festival with vendors, smores, and games. All are welcome at Ford Field Park from 11am to 1pm.

There is a \$50 boat rental fee that includes shuttle service. There is a \$15 service charge if you are bringing your own boat. If you are renting a boat, meet at Ford Field Park. If you are bringing your own boat, drop it off at Dearborn Hills Golf Course located at 1300 S Telegraph Rd, Dearborn, MI 48124; then meet us at Ford Field Park.

**ALL FEES DUE IN ADVANCE**

FOTR is also looking for costumed volunteers to assist with the event. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about this spooky fun event, email our trails manager, Herman Jenkins, at [hjenkins@therouge.org](mailto:hjenkins@therouge.org).

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Location: Ford Field Park - Dearborn, MI.

Sign-up Link: [Reserve Your Spot](#)