Nepessing Group Outings July-Dec. 2020

COVID-19 Alert: This is a quick note to let you know the Sierra Club Outings/Hiking programs are suspended at this time of printing. The Nepessing Group follows the National Sierra Club guidelines with guidance from Michigan Governor Whitmer.

With guidance from Governor Whitmer, and the Sierra Club Safety Committee, we will resume our hikes after it is approved to do so. It is anticipated there will be additional precautions when the hikes resume. It is your responsibility to check for current directives and adhering to safety protocols given.

We do not know at this time what the epidemic situation will be in July and beyond. For example, campgrounds may not be open. It is your responsibility to ensure you are following safe procedures and guidelines. Please check our Nepessing Group Facebook page for updates.

Sierra Club Nepessing Group Outings Guidelines:

All outings are open to everyone. - You do not have to be a Sierra Club member to participate.

All hikers and outings participants must sign a Sierra Club liability waiver form promising not to sue the Sierra Club, NG Group, or it’s Outings Leader at the beginning of each hike/outing.

Parent or adult guardian must accompany participants under 18 years of age.

Except for Wed Hikes, No pets unless outing is listed as dogs allowed or approved by the leader in advance.

Always call the hike leader in advance to be sure that the event has not cancelled or delayed. Call if weather is questionable, but hikes are usually held irrespective of rain or snow.

Arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of the hike to sign in. Every effort will be made to start hikes at scheduled time. Please be prompt!

A $1.00 donation to the Nepessing Group of the Sierra Club is requested of each adult for every hike and outing that is not marked as: Not Affiliated with Sierra Club - there may be separate fees for these events. You may purchase an “Annual Pass” for $10 to cover all of these donations for 2020.

If car-pooling, you should share travel costs with the driver.

For outings that require reservations, please be considerate of Outing Leaders. The Sierra Club is not responsible for expenses incurred by leaders or hikers. All expenses are the responsibility of the individual participants.

We welcome your feedback on your outings experience. Call the Outings Chair: Denny Crispell.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY HIKES: That are not included in this listing are every Wednesday around 10:00-11:00am. Please e-mail lsberker@aol.com to be added to the e-mail service for weekly e-mail notification of Wednesday hikes. Or call or TEXT Linda Berker at (810) 348-8664. These Outings are created on an ad hoc basis. Notice is by E-mail, Facebook or phone.

OUTLEADING LEADERS: If you would be willing to lead an outing or if there is a hike you would like to learn so you can lead it in the future please contact Denny Crispell (989) 624-5038.

OUTINGS UPDATES are sent by nepessinghiker@aol.com. To be added to the e-mail list for weekly notification of changes and/or additions. Email nepessinghiker@aol.com and ask to be added to the list. Nepessinghiker@aol.com is administered by Donald James.

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1 JUL 18 (SAT) 10:00 AM SHIAWASEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HIKE 5 miles. Easy. Join us hiking this interesting nature refuge. Contact Hike Leader if interested in carpooling at 9:00 am from the Carpool lot at I-75 Clio exit West side of the overpass. Optional Restaurant Stop after. No dogs. Take I-75 north to Clio exit 131 (M-57/Vienna Rd). Go west 8 miles to M-13, North 10 miles to Curtis Rd., West 4 miles to parking lot. Leader: Dennys Crispell 989-624-5038

JUL 22 (WED) 10:00 AM CITY OF LINDEN TO COUNTY PARK. 3 miles. Easy. Meet at City of Linden's Municipal Parking Lot BEHIND THE Linden City Hall 132 E. Broad St. Linden 48451. We will walk from the municipal parking lot to the Linden County Park. Dogs welcome, but at the park they MUST be on leashes (no exceptions-they have lots of park workers). We will have choice of walking on paved trails or dirt trails. Nice mix of shaded and sunny areas. Should not have any problems with mosquitoes (they spray). Walk will include a stop at the beach. Directions: - take US 23 to Silver Lake Road. Take Silver Lake Road west to Linden. Speed is 25 mph when you hit the City of Linden, airport area. Shortly after this, turn left onto Hickory (cemetery is on the right). If you miss/pass Hickory - just follow Silver Lake around the curve and take a left on the first, or second street to get back to Hickory Street. Take Hickory Street to almost to the end where the State Bank and parking lot is. If by chance, you are taking Linden Road into the City of Linden (from the North), you will take Linden Road past the light to the next street -Hickory Street (church on corner) and it is one block to the municipal lot. Note: 25 mph in the City Limits. Hike Leader: Sue Lossing 810 624 9366

JUL 25th (SAT) 10:00 AM BIKE FLUSHING RIVerview Trail. Easy Paved Ride along the wooded trail that follows the Flint River and crosses into the County Park in beautiful Flushing. Meet behind Bueche Supermarket, 300 W. Main Street, Flushing 48433. Leader: TerryReechko 734 558 5254

AUG 5th (WED) 10:00 AM SOUTHERN LINK TRAIL, OTTER LAKE HIKE or BIKE. 5 miles. Easy. Hike or Bike the beautiful Southern Lake Trail from Otter Lake. Take I-69 to M-15 North to Lake Rd, East to Otter Lake. Trailhead and parking lot is on the southern edge of town. Dogs allowed on leashes. Hike Leader: Mary Harmon 989-795-2139.


AUG 14th (FRI) 6:30 PM SECOND FRIDAY ARTWALK: BUCKHAM GALLERY. 1 Mile. Easy. Meet at Buckham Gallery as we view art, walk to the Greater Flint Arts Council and other venues. Buckham Gallery is at 134 1/2 W. Second Street, Flint, 48502. Contact: Mike Haley 810-686-6354 thaley01@att.net

AUG 15th (SAT) 10:00 AM NEW FLINT FARMER'S MARKET or FLINT INSTItUTE OF ARTS URBAN HIKE. 1 Mile. Easy. Start your morning at the New Flint Farmer's Market and join walkers for a nice urban walk. Meet in the atrium inside Farmers Market on 300 E. First St., Flint, MI 48502. Contact: Mike Haley 810-686-6354 thaley01@att.net

AUG 23-26 (SUN-THU) 5:00 PM CANOE & CAMP: 2 HEARTED RIVER CRUISE. Moderate to difficult. 5pm Sunday. Join us for our 22nd annual campout at the beautiful 2-Hearted River State Forest Campground on Lake Superior as we hike and kayak the 2-Hearted River and enjoy the great outdoors. Outing starts 5pm Sunday at the campground. Dogs on leash allowed. We'll car camp at the river mouth. Campsites are first-come, first-served and look for a Sierra Club sign on a campsite on the north loop. The campsites are rustic with pit toilets. The Rainbow lodge burned in 2012 so no facilities or provisions are available. The nearest supplies, ice and gas are in Pine Stump Junction, MI almost 20 miles away so you must bring everything you'll need for 4 nights. Canoe and kayak rentals are available with a $50 advance deposit by August 10th, plus a $5 shuttle fee at the camp. People with their own kayaks will responsible for transporting them to the put-in site at the Reed & Green bridge, or pay a $5 shuttle fee. We'll kayak one day, hike the North Country trail one day and have an optional trip to view the Crisp Point Lighthouse. Blueberry picking at your own desire. This area of Lake Superior is known for great agate hunting, Yooperlites and salmon fishing. Plan for potluck dinners in the evenings. Reservations with leader requested by August 15st. Campsite is $15 per night, may be shared. Outings fee $1 donation requested. Call leader for map and directions to campsite. Contact: Lynn Livingston, 239-398-3720 or redwingnut1@me.com.

AUG 29th (SAT) 10:00 AM SHIAWASSEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AUTO TOUR Drive through this Beautiful wetlands nature refuge. Contact Hike Leader if interested in carpooling at 9:00 am from the Carpool lot at I-75 Clio exit West side of the overpass. Optional Restaurant Stop after. Dogs must remain in your car. Take I-75 north to Clio exit 131 (M-57/Vienna Rd). Go west 8 miles to M-13, North 10 miles to Curtis Rd., West 4 miles to parking lot. Leader: Mike Haley 810-686-6354 thaley01@att.net
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SEP 7th (MON) 7:30 AM DETROIT LABOR DAY PARADE. 1 mile. Easy. Meet in the K-Mart parking lot on the corner of Miller Rd. and Ballenger Rd. in Flint to carpool down to Detroit. For additional information about the parade, Contact: Mike Haley 810-686-6354 thaley01@att.net

SEP 9th (WED) 6pm BOARD MTG FOLLOWED BY 7:30 pm Outings Schedule 2021! Meeting at Mott Community College 1401 E. Court St., Flint. 48502. Contact: Rebecca Gale Gonzales 810-715-3754 rebecca.gale@mcc.edu

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SEP 16th (WED) 11:00 AM OTTER LAKE HIKE OR BIKE SOUTHERN LINKS Moderate hike on unmarked trails around lakes in this forested State Game Area or bike on paved bike path. Directions to START: I-69 to M-15, North (thru Otisville) to Lake Rd. (2.3 miles north of M-57) East on Lake Rd., 2 miles to Henderson Rd. North on Henderson Rd to Willard Rd. East on Willard Rd and left at fork (pass over where the Southern Links trail crosses the road) 0.1 mile to trailhead parking lot on left. Hike and Biking Coordinator: Linda Berker 810-348-8664 Leaders to be determined at the Trailhead All Participants Must sign a waiver at the trailhead, Dogs allowed on leash in the Game Area and must be on leashes on the paved Trail.


SEP 23rd (SAT) 11:00 AM MURPHY LAKE NORTH HIKE. Moderate/Difficult. Hike about 6.5 miles long. Hilly terrain through old growth forests to the lake and back. Take M-15 to Millington to the stop light. Go East 4 miles on Millington Rd. to trailhead on North side of road, (park on shoulder to avoid disturbing threatened lizards). Trailhead is across from Mt. Kotarski sign. Hike Leader: Mary Harmon 989-795-2139.

OCT 3 (SAT) 10:00 AM SOUTHERN LINK TRAIL, OTTER LAKE-SOUTH. 5 miles. Easy. Hike Southern Lake Trail from Otter Lake South to Hollenbeck Rd. and return. Dogs allowed. Take I-69 to M-15 to Lake, East to Otter Lake. Trailhead and parking lot is on the southern edge of town. Dogs allowed on leash. Contact: Denny Crispell 989-624-5038

OCT 7th (WED) 11:00 AM NEW MURPHY LK SOUTH HIKE Moderate. Hilly Terrain around ponds and through beautiful wildflowers and forests. Take M-15 to Millington to the stop light. Go East about 4 miles on Millington Rd. (about ¼ mile past the trailhead on North side of road) Past the MT Kotarski sign on your Right and look for a Parking Area On YOUR RIGHT /SOUTH side of Millington Rd. The Trail Runs South from There. Dogs Welcome. Hike Leader: Mary Harmon 989-795-2139.

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OCT 17th (SAT) 10:00AM - 4:00PM LIGON OUTDOOR CENTER SERVICE OUTING. Easy. Help out on a Service Project. No dogs. 5213 E. Farrand Rd. From Clio, go East to Genesee Rd, go North to Farrand Rd, then East 0.5 mile to Ligon on North Side of Rd. Contact: Denny Crispell 989-624-5038

OCT 21st (WED) 10AM KRESGE CENTER HIKE Easy woodland hike during Bow Season Wear Orange Directions Are to Parking East of the Center in the Adjacent Lapeer State Game Area. Take I-69 to M-24 North through Lapeer, past the Hospital and Turn Right at the Light at Daley Rd. take Daley Rd East about 2 miles then turn Left/North at the Stop for Fish Lake Rd and go North on Fish lake about 1.5 miles to Vernor Rd (yes the home to the ruins of the Vernor Estate) and Turn Right/East on Vernor and go North 1 ¾ miles to Five Lakes Rd Which is a Dirt Trail to the left and look for the first dirt lot on your Right/East that is where we will park and meet to walk together along the road to start. Hike Leader: Gloria Bublitz 810-895-1778.
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OCT 24th (SAT) 10:00 AM SOUTHERN LINK TRAIL, OTTER LAKE-NORTH. 5 miles. Easy. Hike Southern Lake Trail from Otter Lake North to Birch Run Rd. and return. Dogs allowed on leash. Take I-69 to M-15 to Lake, East to Otter Lake. Trailhead and parking lot is on the southern edge of town. Contact: Denny Crispell 989-624-5038

OCT 31st (SAT) 10:00 AM HALLOWEEN KAYAK /CANOE The FLINT RIVER Start Location to be determined depending on conditions. Very pretty ½ day paddle. Contact: Terry Reechko 734-558-0031

NOV 4th (WED) 10:00 AM SUTHERLAND NATURE SANCTUARY HIKE 3 miles or less. Easy/Moderate. From M15 Take Hill Rd East (Hill Rd. becomes Pratt Rd) or from M24 Take Pratt Rd. West Then continue on Pratt Rd. to Diehl Rd. (east of Hadley). South on Diehl Rd. to entrance of Sanctuary on the right (west side), 3960 Diehl Rd. Park on west side of Diehl Rd. in front of Sanctuary if the lot is impassable. Dogs welcome. Leader: Gloria Bublitz 810-895-1778

NOV 13th (FRI) 6:30 PM SECOND FRIDAY ARTWALK: BUCKHAM GALLERY. 1 Mile. Easy. Meet at Buckham Gallery as we view art, walk to the Greater Flint Arts Council and other venues. Buckham Gallery is at 134 ½ W. Second Street, Flint, 48502 Contact: Mike Haley 810-686-6354 thaley01@att.net

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NOV 28th (SAT) 10:00AM SOUTHERN LINK TRAIL, MILLINGTON SOUTH. 4 miles. Easy. Hike Southern Lake Trail from Millington south to Birch Run Rd. and return. Dogs allowed. Take I-69 to M-15 to Millington. at the light, turn East. Cross the Rail tracks and turn right at the next street. School is on the left and trailhead is at the end of the street. Contact: Denny Crispell 989-624-5038

DEC 5th (SAT) 10:00 AM NEW FLINT FARMER’S MARKET or FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS URBAN HIKE. 1 Mile. Easy. Start your morning at the New Flint Farmer's Market and join walkers for a nice urban walk. Meet in the atrium inside Farmers Market on 300 E. First St., Flint, MI 48502. Contact: Mike Haley 810-686-6354 thaley01@att.net

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DEC 12th (SAT) 12NOON-4PM SIERRA CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY at LIGON. Easy. Ligon Outdoor Center. Hikes, Pot-luck and friends. 5213 E. Farrand Rd. Clio. Take M-57 East to Genesee Rd., North to Farrand Rd., East 1/2 mile to Ligon entrance on left/North Side. Take service drive all the way back to the lakeside cabin by the lake. Contact: Denny Crispell 989-624-5038

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**Invite: Water Monitoring**

We welcome people to participate in Our Water monitoring programs. Free training is provided. A fun way to get outside, help, and enjoy nature. Information collected goes a long way (EPA reporting, stocking fish, etc.)

For us, it is an excellent program to track the health of our watershed environments, provide a historical record, spotlight healthy/unhealthy areas. Dependent upon habitat observations, measurements, and collection samples - we are able to score a habitat as: Poor, Fair, Good, or Excellent. *(If you want to know where the fish are...)*

**We cannot conduct these programs without people like you.** Everyday people can help make a difference with this program. Whether you live in Davison, Fenton, Montrose, Argentine, Flint, Burton, Goodrich, Lapeer, etc.- there is a spot near you. For a couple of hours in the Spring and/or Fall, you can make a difference.

For more information contact Sue Lossing at: slossing@hotmail.com; 810-735-6303/land-line.
The Nepessing Group has an opportunity to gain funding for every new member who signs up.

Please pass the word to anyone who may be interested.

For a limited time we will receive 100% of all new membership fees if you use this link:
click.linksynergy.com/fs-bin/click?id=ertig*5sdw&offerid=595771.10000001&type=3&subid=0

Or visit the Membership Drive (Fundraiser) event on our Facebook Page: Sierra Club: Nepessing Group -MI

Sharing environmental information with others can be a big help.

Please share this newsletter and/or Gift a Membership ($15)
Enviro-Happenings (6:00 pm)
Enviro-Presentations (7:30 pm)

Dates  May 13  Aug 12  Oct 14  
       June 10  Sept. 9  Nov 11

To participate in our on-line ZOOM sessions, please contact Mike Buza:
  theoriginalzuba@yahoo.com

Facebook:
michigan.sierraclub.org/nepessing

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Sierra Club –Nepessing Group (Michigan)

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