Michigan Natural Areas Founders' Footsteps Spring Hike: Historic Haven Hill

Date

May 11, 2016 (Wed)

Location

Highland State Recreation Area, 5200 Highland Rd, White Lake MI (Main Entrance of Highland State Rec Area)

Cost

FREE to the public! A Michigan Recreation Passport is required for entry into the park. This is NOT the same as a Metro Park sticker.

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Join us for this special event, led by the Friends of Highland Recreation Area! Many people drive by the local gem known as Haven Hill on M59 every day without knowing the fascinating human and natural history it contains. Come learn for yourself what this area has to offer!

Schedule of Events

5:00: Meet and greet at the Gatehouse (enter the park at the main Highland State Rec entrance off of M59, and park across from the guard shack).

5:30-6:15: Overview of the historic Haven Hill Gate House, native plant demo garden, and ties with Genevieve Gillette and Jens Jensen

6:15-6:30: Drive down to the Goose Meadows parking lot (1st parking lot on the right, once you are on the park road).

6:30- 8: Guided hike of the Haven Hill Natural Area, a National Natural Landmark

Note that this tour will take place outside, and the hike will involve walking on trails that have roots and rocks. Please dress accordingly. It's spring in MI, so be prepared for mud and bugs! Bring water and your cameras!

About the Presenter

The mission of the Friends of Highland Recreation Area is "to enrich and foster awareness of the land, history, art, architecture, and people of Edsel and Eleanor Ford's former Haven Hill Estate within Michigan's Highland State Recreation Area for current and future generations." Learn more about this non-profit organization at http://www.fohravolunteers.org/.