

MEDIA ADVISORY

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WHO: Ingham County Parks Department

WHAT: **THERE IS STILL TIME TO ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL FALL COLORS BEFORE WINTER SETS IN ... WALK THE INGHAM COUNTY PARKS TRAILS**

The Ingham County Parks Department oversees a system of seven parks and over 1400 acres of greenspace within minutes of the heart of downtown Lansing.

WHERE: **At Burchfield Park, 881 Grovenburg Road in Holt**

Enjoy the wildlife and natural environment in the 540 acres of the Burchfield Park complex. Six miles of trails and hundreds of feet of boardwalk invite exploration of mature forests, fields in various stages of succession, a creek, a pond, wooded flood plains, and riparian habitat along the Grand River. Three trailheads provide access to the trail system; one at Burchfield Park proper, one at Riverbend Natural Area, and one at McNamara Landing.

At Lake Lansing Park-North, 6260 E. Lake Drive in Haslett

Approximately five miles of trails wind through a surprisingly secluded area on the outskirts of the Lansing Metropolitan area. A 2.4 mile loop of the trail system is marked with interpretive signs. Trails and boardwalks provide access to marshes, fens, and oak-hickory forests in various stages of succession.

At Hawk Island Park, 1601 E. Cavanaugh in Lansing

Enjoy the 12 foot wide, paved, non-motorized pathway encircling the 35 acre Hawk Island Lake. This trail joins the main Lansing River Trail at Potter Park by way of the River Trail South spur, providing safe, convenient access to the park for pedestrians, bicyclists and rollerbladers from Lansing and East Lansing. The Hawk Island Park trail connects with Scott Woods Park (City of Lansing), home to 100 acres of spectacular forest with extensive unpaved trails for walking. The Hawk Island trail is now an integral part of the Lansing River Trail, which winds its way through beautiful natural areas along the Sycamore Creek to the Red Cedar River as you approach Potter Park.

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