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## *Apple Island Tours*

**Saturday, May 18, 11am-5 pm**

**Sunday, May 19, 11am-5 pm**

Orchard Lake Museum  
3951 Orchard Lake Road



This weekend the public not only can tour the island but also learn about the archaeological dig being done by Western Michigan University (WMU) leaders and students. Tours begin at the Orchard Lake Museum where presenters include Liam Collins of the Detroit Center for Public Archaeology. Take a pontoon boat ride to Apple Island for a docent-led island group tour and then, at your own pace, learn about the dig from the WMU team. First-come, first-served, in-person sign-ups begin at 11 a.m. at the Orchard Lake Museum. No phone reservations. Last tour group leaves the museum at 3:30 p.m. Allow 2 1/2 to 3 hours roundtrip and must climb 15 stairs up to the island. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather as the boat ride and island are cooler than the shore. No strollers are allowed on the boats or island. \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 12 years and under. GWBHS members free, including new memberships sold this weekend.

NO reservations or tickets, or pre-sales; first come, first served.

NO strollers or walkers. This is a WALKING TOUR. EVERYONE must wear a life jacket on the boat ride.

## ***BEHIND-THE-SCENES AT THE APPLE ISLAND DIG***

The Society is leading an effort to secure Michigan State Historic Site and National Register of Historic Places designations for 35-acre Apple Island, owned by the West Bloomfield School District, and located in the middle of Orchard Lake. GWBHS received a \$10,000 grant from the St. Francis Foundation of Michigan for the project, with the archaeological dig conducted by Dr. David Brose, nationally known archaeologist, and Western Michigan University's Dr. LouAnn Wurst and her students in an anthropology class.

*These three events are for GWBHS members only -- or buy a membership at any event.*

### **Archaeological Dig Welcome Dinner**

*Tuesday, May 7, 6 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road*

Kick off GWBHS' and Western Michigan University's Apple Island archaeological dig by attending an informal opening celebration. Gayle Joseph (Oji-Cree) and Pastor Paul Thwaite will offer blessings for the project. An indoor picnic dinner will follow, providing guests a chance to meet the WMU leaders and students. Dr. David Brose, principal investigator, will give an overview presentation. Reservations required by Thursday, May 3, to Jeanne Miller, 248.851.4075. \$10 per person.

### **Field Lab Open Houses**

*Thursday, May 16 & Tuesday, May 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road*

Come see what the WMU team is discovering during the archaeological dig on Apple Island.

### **Dig Farewell Dinner & Dig Summary**

*Thursday, May 23, 6 p.m., Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road*

After a spaghetti dinner, Dr. LouAnn Wurst, 2013 principal investigator, will summarize the dig's findings. Reservations required by Monday, May 20, to Jeanne Miller, 248.851.4075. \$15 per person.

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## 2013 Calendar of Events

Final details will be listed in  
the "History Matters" newsletter  
and at [gwbhs.org](http://gwbhs.org)



### **DOCENT TRAINING** *Wednesday, May 15, 7-8 p.m. Orchard Lake Museum, 3951 Orchard Lake Road*

Would you like to lead tours on Apple Island or guide 2nd grade classes through the Orchard Lake Museum? Come see what it's all about. RSVP by Tuesday, May 14 to Gina Gregory, 248.661.5345.

### **NATIONAL TRAILS DAY • WEST BLOOMFIELD TRAIL DEDICATION & TRAIL WALK**

*Saturday, June 1*

West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation is hosting a 9 a.m. dedication of the trail's new western section, with parking at Walnut Creek Middle School, 7601 Walnut Lake Road. After the ceremony, join the guided walk on the now almost seven-mile trail with a stop at the Orchard Lake Museum to view the renovated exhibits and enjoy free refreshments. There will be points along the trail where people may stop and take a SMART bus back to the middle school. There is no charge for this guided walk, but onsite registration is required.

The museum -- located just up the stairs from the West Bloomfield Trail near Long Lake Road -- is open today from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for **everyone** walking the linear park that now goes from Haggerty Road to Sylvan Manor Park.

### **DETROIT ARCHERY CLUB VISIT** *Saturday, August 10, 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. 5795 Drake Road*

At Michigan's oldest archery club learn about the club's history along with the basic rules, history and etiquette of target archery. Participate in archery games and a mini tournament. \$10. Optional restaurant stop following. Reservations by Wednesday, August 7 to Carol, 248.669.2520.

### **VINTAGE CLOTHING** *Saturday, September 21, 1-3 p.m. Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, 5171 Commerce Road*

LaReta Roder will share her collection of 1860-1960s hats, handbags, gloves and outerwear. \$10 adults, children free. RSVP to Judy, 248-808-0893 by September 10 to model and by September 18 to attend.

### **FOCUS ON THE CIVIL WAR** *Saturday, October 12, 9:00-noon. St. Mary's Dining Hall, Bldg. 15, 3535 Indian Trail*

Please join these popular speakers for a morning on the Civil War: Dave Finney on 16 Summer Days: Custer Meets the Wolverines; Gary Pike on Civil War Clothing, and Rudy Ruzicka on Military Arms. Brian Bohnett will share his Michigan Military Academy collection and lead two campus walks relating MMA history. Brunch included. \$15.

RSVP by Wednesday, October 9 to Judy, 248-808-0893.

### **AUTUMN NATURE WALK** *Sunday, October 20, 2 p.m. Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary on Pontiac Trail west of Old Orchard Trail*

Join Naturalist Carol Fink for a guided walking tour. Experience autumn beauty in this beautiful setting. No charge. Co-sponsored with the Orchard Lake Nature Sanctuary.

### **OUR LOCAL VETERANS** *Sunday, November 17, 2-4 p.m. West Bloomfield Township Library Main Meeting Room*

What was on the minds of local soldiers during World War II? Browse letters between Sylvan Lake's Whitfield School graduates and Whitfield School Principal Glenn Husted. Speak with World War II veterans regarding their personal military memories. Share personal/family military memories of all wars. Table space for display items. No charge. Co-Sponsored with the West Bloomfield Township Library.

### **ORCHARD LAKE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSES** *Second Sunday of every month 1 - 4 p.m.*

Other times by appointment, 248.757.2451. See the updated museum exhibits.

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