

Welcome!

In continuing the legacy of its founder and namesake Jo Burgess, the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center provides nature-related experiences and activities to help visitors of all ages develop and rekindle an awareness and appreciation for the natural world around them.

The nature center is a log building constructed from 10" diameter white pine logs. Inside, you will find live animal ambassadors, interactive displays, a rental space and restrooms. Behind the nature center are two natural trails, including a boardwalk path through the wetlands leading to the Clinton River.

Special Events & Nature Programs

The nature center hosts numerous special events and programs that are fun and educational for all ages. Visit shelbytp.org to see what exciting activities are coming up!

Let Nature Be Your Classroom

Calling all educators! We offer engaging, hands-on programs to connect your students to a variety of scientific and historical topics. Need us to bring nature to you? We have multiple offsite program options. Ask for more information today!



Burgess-Shadbush
NATURE CENTER
Charter Township of Shelby

Hours of Operation

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| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday | Closed |
| Wednesday | 10 AM-6 PM |
| Thursday | 10 AM-6 PM |
| Friday | 10 AM-6 PM |
| Saturday | 10 AM-6 PM |
| Sunday | Noon-5 PM |



Follow us for updates, events and fun nature facts!



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INFORMATIONAL TRAIL MAP

Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center



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MAP KEY

Upper Trail - 1/4 Mile

Lower Trail - 1/2 Mile

Bike Rack

Stairs

1 Master Gardeners Teaching Gardens

2 Nature Center

3 Pioneer Cabin & Garden

4 Burgess Archery Range
Reservations Only

5 Bee Hives

Clinton River

Ryan Road

River Bends Drive

No dogs or bikes on these trails

Please help us maintain the trails by:

- Staying on the path
- Taking all trash with you
- Respecting the wildlife (no feeding)
- Leaving nature where you found it



Mindfulness

Studies show that quality time in nature helps reduce stress and improve mental health. These locations provide a place to sit quietly and practice mindfulness. Tips: Turn off phone notifications, close your eyes, breathe intentionally, and focus on what you hear, smell, and feel.



Skunk Cabbage

One of the first plants to emerge in the year. During the winter when temperatures are freezing, the flower buds can warm up to 70 degrees Fahrenheit, which melts the snow around the plant. Later in the year, its leaves grow very large. Historically, the Anishinaabe used this plant for food, medicine, and cooking. The skunk cabbage gets its name from the unpleasant odor it emits, which attracts pollinators that eat rotting meat (such as flies).



Trillium

This beautiful flower blooms in late April/May, showing a large white flower with three petals. As it ages, the color fades to a light pink before the petals fall off. Please take only pictures—if you pick the flower with the shoot and three leaves, it is not able to resupply its underground stem with nutrients and it will die.