

Education & Interpretation

The DNR recognizes education and interpretation opportunities in terms of those that offer resource-based programming. Although there are currently no state or township sponsored education or interpretation programs offered at Wetzel State Recreation Area, it is not without activity. There are several non-profit organizations that hold activities at Wetzel. These NPOs are described below.

Friends of WC Wetzel State Park. This non-profit organization actively supports Wetzel Park. *Friends* meets monthly and publishes a newsletter. In 2005, a Spring Clean-up was held, in conjunction with the DNR. The event drew approximately 100 people. The group has also taken responsibility for weeding trails installed during wetlands mitigation activities.

Radio Control Club of Detroit, Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Chapter 368. A non-profit organization that has a lease with the DNR to use Wetzel State Recreation Area as its flying facility. The Club has been flying at Wetzel for several years, and constructed a War Memorial, *Wetzel Memorial Flying Field*, at the Recreation Area, in 1997. Many events are hosted by the RCCD:

Event	Attendance in 2005
Great Lakes Combat Contest	150 people
Spring Camp & Fly, Field Opening & Electric Fly-In	100 people
2nd Annual Greater Detroit C/L Stunt Contest	100 people
Kids Night (semi-annually)	50 people
7th Annual C/L Fly-In	40 people
Big Bird & Little Bird Fly-In	400 people
Great Lakes Scale Fly-In	150 people
Work Party	20 people
Pattern Contest	300 people
4-Stroke Rally	150 people
Open Combat Challenge	300 people
Kid's Night	50 people
Camp & Fly, Club Picnic & Fun Fly	65 people
Electric Fun Fly	100 people

Clinton River Watershed Council. A non-profit organization based out of Rochester, Michigan. In its effort to protect, enhance and celebrate watershed, the Council offers three programs:

- ◆ Stream Leaders Youth Mentoring Program: In conjunction with Michigan Duck Hunters Association, Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) has worked with Armada Middle School to train teachers in water quality monitoring skills which they pass onto their students and incorporate into the project curriculum. Since 2003, monitoring occurs each spring and fall.
- ◆ River Walks: Each year for the past three years, the Council has led an interpretive walk at the Recreation Area.
- ◆ Adopt-A-Stream: A new program designed to equip volunteers with the skills and equipment for spring and fall monitoring. The Council anticipates Adopt-A-Stream would become available to Wetzel State Recreation Area in 2007.

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