



Planning your event

The Pine River Nature Center is a beautiful and unique choice for your special event. Whether you're planning a wedding, baby shower, business luncheon, or a birthday party, the nature center is the perfect setting for any occasion.

How much does it cost to rent the facility?

The base event rate is \$300 for a six-hour block (minimum rental time.) Additional hours cost \$150 per hour. For details and a complete price list, see the Rental Application and Agreement available on the nature center website at www.sccresa.org.

Which areas of the nature center are available to rent?

The nature center lodge has a meeting room (capacity 14) and a basement classroom (capacity 40). Each room features a large white board and digital projector that can be used for multimedia presentations. A deck connected to the lodge will accommodate 50 people seated or 75 standing. Our universally-accessible treehouse is a popular outdoor venue (Capacity 40 inside treehouse and 100 people in the picnic area surrounding it.) Other outdoor areas include where the trail meets the water and underneath a beautiful old maple tree.

Questions not answered?

Contact the nature center operations coordinator at (810) 364-5477 or via e-mail at prnc@sccresa.org.

General information

The Pine River Nature Center is adjacent to Goodells County Park, close to I-69 and Lapeer Road in St. Clair County.

Driving directions are available on the RESA website at www.sccresa.org. Click on the Pine River Nature Center button on the homepage.



A place to discover the natural and cultural heritage of the Blue Water Area
2585 Castor Road, Goodells, MI 48027
Adjacent to Goodells County Park

The Pine River Nature Center is owned and operated by the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency

Pictured (cover): Bill and Lena McKeand of Jeddo were married at the nature center and photographed by Twin Shutterbug Studios
www.twinshutterbugstudios.com

Pictured (inside): Jeff and Jill Morrison of Port Huron were married at the treehouse and photographed by Carla's Photography
www.carlasphotography15.webs.com



A guide to planning your event at the Pine River Nature Center

Rental Information



Offering a unique choice for your special event

What time is the nature center open for events?

The facility can be rented between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Is parking available?

Limited parking of approximately 25–30 spots is available at the nature center. Some guests choose to park at Goodells County Park and arrange for shuttle service through Blue Water Transportation (www.bwbus.com).

Does the nature center provide catering?

Catering services are not available at the nature center. Renters are responsible for bringing their own food, dishes and silverware. The cleanup of food and food-related items is also the responsibility of renters. All food must be disposed of after an event.

Are there appliances for making and storing food?

A small coffee maker, microwave and toaster are available for use. There is limited room available in the nature center's refrigerator.

Are there restrictions on alcohol and smoking?

Alcohol and smoking are prohibited at the nature center because it is public school property.

Do custodial services come with the rental?

A custodian is available to open the gate and building, as well as to remove any trash.

Is music allowed at events?

Renters can provide their own music, whether it is via a stereo, DJ or band.

What are the nature center's policies on decorating?

Decorations are welcome. Renters are responsible for setting up and taking down decorations.

How private is an event at the nature center?

The nature center's building and trails, including the treehouse, are public facilities and access cannot be restricted. The building is open the second Saturday of the month, April through September, from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. The trails are always accessible to the public from dawn until dusk. However, most people who come upon an event respond well to a polite explanation.



Is there any way besides walking to navigate the trails?

Gators, other ATVs and horses are NOT allowed on the trails, but golf carts can be used responsibly on the trails. The nature center does not rent golf carts.

Are bugs a concern at the nature center?

If renting the treehouse or another outside area in June, July or August, insects can be pesky. It is recommended that renters bring bug spray.