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37th ANNUAL ‘CATCH ME IF YOU CAN’ FAMILY FISHING FESTIVAL Saturday June 6TH

Saginaw, Michigan (5/26/26) – Does your family want to give fishing a try but aren’t sure where to start? Or are you an experienced “fisherfamily” ready to test your skills against hundreds of others? Saginaw County Parks and Recreation has your answer – Register today for our FREE fishing festival happening on June 6th at William H. Haithco Recreation Area (2121 Schust Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603). The first 150 kids registered will receive a free fishing pole, light tackle, and learn some skills to hook the big one. Bait (worms) are also provided on site while supplies last.

The family fishing begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 11:00 AM on June 6, 2026. Onsite registration available until 9:00 AM. This event is catch, measure, and release only, although Haithco Lake typically falls under State of Michigan fishing rules and regulations. Trophies will be awarded for the family/participant who catches the largest fish and the most legal sized fish. Additional giveaways via a prize raffle.

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation would like to thank our partners for helping make this event possible: 102.5 WIOG, Garber Chevrolet, Saginaw Bay Walleye Club, Saginaw Optimist Club, Wobig Construction, Northwoods Wholesale Outlet, UA Local 85, and the Saginaw Conservation District. A special thanks to our local partners & volunteers who will be onsite to assist with rigging poles and teaching children about the sport of fishing!

For additional information and registration for ‘Catch Me If You Can,’ please visit the Saginaw County Parks website at: <https://www.saginawcountymi.gov/departments/parks-recreation/>.

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission Office is located at 111 S. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602. For additional questions you can call the Saginaw County Parks Office at (989)790-5280.

Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission is a county-wide organization that operates seven parks throughout the county: Imerman Memorial Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Ringwood Forest, Price Nature Center, William H. Haithco Recreation Area, Saginaw River Headwaters Rec Area, and the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail. These parks provide nearly 900 acres of parkland and 11 miles of rail trail, woodland trails for hiking, boat launches, fishing access sites, a swimming beach, splash pad, playgrounds, dog park, game courts, picnic shelters, and many diverse programs.”

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Free Family Fishing Festival

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Wm. H. Haithco Recreation Area
2121 Schust, Saginaw, MI

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Register at:

www.saginawcounty.com/parks

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Event Schedule:

8:00 am - 9:00 am	On-site Registration
8:00 am - 10:45 am	Fishing
10:45 am	All fish to measuring station
11:00 am	Awards and Prizes



Awards & Prizes!

Must be present to win

Rules

This Family Catch and Release Fishing Festival begins at 8:00 am and ends at 11:00 am on June 6, 2026. Registration deadline is 9:00 am on June 6, 2026. **FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE MEASURING STATION BY 10:45AM TO COUNT.**

Adults with a valid Michigan fishing license and children can fish and have fish counted in the festival. Trophies will be awarded for the family who catches the largest fish and the most legal sized fish. Additional giveaways will be given out to event participants.

All State of Michigan fishing rules and regulations will apply to this tournament. MAX 25 BLUEGILLS. ONLY LEGAL SIZE FISH WILL COUNT. Pike under 24 inches, Catfish under 12 inches, and Bass under 14 inches can not be counted in the tournament (DNR FISHING REGULATIONS). All fishing is to be done from shore or dock on the main lake. Boats are not allowed.

If you can't get the hook out without damaging the fish, cut the line and leave the hook in the fish.

Transport fish to measuring station in a bucket with water. **FISH MUST BE ALIVE WHEN BROUGHT TO THE MEASURING STATION.** The fish will be released back into the lake as soon as they are measured.