

Address

Green Point ELC, 3010 Maple Street
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

Directions to Green Point

From I-75

Take the I-675 exit. Follow I-675 and take the Michigan/Davenport exit. Head south on Michigan Avenue for about 3-1/2 miles. Turn south (left) onto Maple Street and go 1/2 mile. The Center is located on the right side of the road.

*From M-46/
Gratiot*

Take M-46/Gratiot to Center Road. Head south on Center for 1 mile. Turn east (left) onto Michigan Avenue and go 1-1/2 miles. Turn south (right) onto Maple Street and go 1/2 mile. The Center is located on the right side of the road.

For more information or to schedule a program contact the Green Point Environmental Learning Center at (989) 759-1669. TTY users may reach us through the Michigan State Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777.

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Cecropia moth caterpillar;
Myles Willard

Rivers of Time

To the French it was Les Fourchettes, “*The Forks*” -- so named for the rare merging of the Tittabawassee, the Shiawassee, and the Cass Rivers. To earlier inhabitants it was Shows-ko-kon and O-zhaw-wash-quah, “*Green Point*.” The rivers provided abundant game for hunting, as well as a transportation route for traders. Many years later, these same rivers attracted lumbermen, miners, and farmers to the area.

Green Point's History

In 1977, the Goetz Grove Nature Center began providing environmental education for the Saginaw area. A year later, the city of Saginaw built the interpretive building and renamed it the *Green Point Nature Center*. For ten years, thousands of people learned about nature before the center closed in 1988. In 1993, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the City formed a partnership to reopen Green Point. Today, staff from the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge operate the center.

Water, Wildlife and You!

Our mission is to provide environmental education opportunities for the children and adults of the Saginaw Valley. Green Point's programs revolve around our theme “Water, Wildlife, and You!” In addition, we are dedicated to the protection and management of our various habitats and committed to extending access to the largest possible user population for educational and recreational purposes.

Diversity is the Key

Habitat diversity is essential to a successful environmental education facility. Located just north of the Shiawassee NWR, Green Point has 76 acres of diverse habitats that range from bottomland hardwoods to wetlands, to ponds and fields, even rivers and grassy lawns. Each of these habitats supports hundreds of life forms. It is a great place to learn about nature!



Park Ranger with kids, Becky Goche, USFWS



Black-capped chickadee, Myles Willard

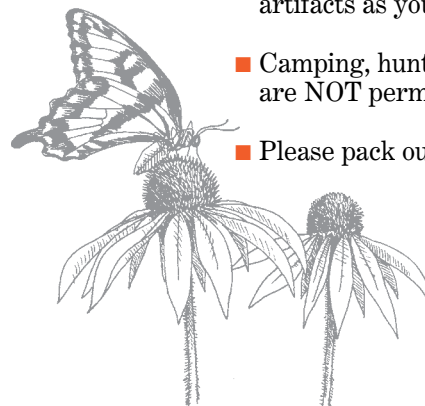


Green frog, Myles Willard

Rules and Regulations

Protect Green Point's fragile plants and wildlife, and make your visit safe and enjoyable by following these rules and regulations.

- Stay on marked trails.
- Bicycles are not allowed on the trails.
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed.
- Leave all plants, animals, and artifacts as you found them.
- Camping, hunting and building fires are NOT permitted.
- Please pack out your litter.



Programs

Things to Do at Green Point

We provide a variety of environmental programs throughout the year for school groups, scout groups, educators, families, and others. Contact the Center for an *Educator's Guide* which lists our educational programs.

Hiking

Trails are open daily during daylight hours only. Trail maps are available in the building. Explore diverse habitats on over 2.5 miles of nature trails.

Visit the Interpretive Building

See displays and aquariums with native fish species. Visit our Wildlife Discovery Room. Both the building and restrooms are accessible. Hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Closed on federal holidays.

Volunteer

Do trail work, help out with school groups and more.

Cross-Country Skiing

We do not groom trails, but most can accommodate skiers.

Fishing

Allowed on the bank of the Tittabawassee River and at the Green Point ELC ponds.