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## Raven Hill Discovery Center's Story 2022

Raven Hill Discovery Center provides a place that enhances hands-on & lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history and the arts. Located in northern Lower Michigan, Raven Hill is a place where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both inside and out. Connections emerge through exhibits, facilities & programs that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow & play. For 30 years, Raven Hill's focus on the connections between science, history & art has strengthened. Visitors experience the strands of science & technology, history and the arts interwoven through the Center's hands-on exhibits.

Raven Hill Discovery Center's mission continues to guide its growth and development. Facilities include the Main Museum, Fiber Studio, Print Shop, Wood Shop, School House, Energy House and the Evolving Technology (ET) Building. On Raven Hill's 175 acres, outdoor exhibits range from the Watershed Model; Medicinal Gardens; Earth Tones Music Garden; Beyond Jurassic Park: The Earth's Geologic History; Tree House; Wetlands Boardwalk; Taxonomic (Taxi) Trail; The Ancient World; the Viewing Platform at Deer Creek and the new Connections Trail. Funding has already been secured for two more outdoor exhibits: the Evolving Technology Addition that will illustrate the clothing, shelter, transportation, road construction and energy from the Stone Age to the Information Age and the Solar SMART exhibit that will illustrate the energy efficiency of solar panels placed in different direction and with various slopes.

The Center is open to the public year round on weekends and hours expand to include weekdays during the spring & summer and for special exhibits. Raven Hill appeals to everyone, especially families. Recent highlights include **NASA in Your Neighborhood** in 2016 (the only site in Michigan) & Smithsonian Museum on Main Street (MoMS) **Water/Ways** exhibit in 2018 (one of six sites in Michigan). In 2019, the Smithsonian selected Raven Hill to collaborate on a pilot project (one of ten sites in the USA) about the history of work. The **Smithsonian Labor Days: A History of Work** remains open through the end of 2022, along with a companion traveling exhibit, **History, Heritage and STEM of Work**.

### Current programs

Normally, Raven Hill's programs change with the season: in the spring. School children come by the bus load to experience the hands-on museum, the exotic animals and the outdoor exhibits. Summer brings tourists and summer residents to explore and attend classes and camps. Fall and winter are filled with outreach programs into local classrooms.

The Center continues to explore ways to expand exhibits on the existing 175 acres. The new **Connections Trail** with its learning stations spaced out along a half-acre pathway allows students and families to enjoy hands-on science, history and art activities in an outdoor setting.