

Turkey Trail Run at Hoffmaster
By Donielle Routt

The first annual Gillette Nature Association Turkey Trail Run will be held at Hoffmaster State Park on November 3, 2012. The challenging 5K run begins at 9 a.m. with a Little Turkey 1 Mile Run at 10:30 a.m.

Prior to November 1 registration is \$25; from November 1 through race day, registration is \$30. Prizes for the first three finishers in 14 different age groups will be awarded, including one prize for the best-dressed turkey.

The Little Turkey Trot 1 Mile Run is free. A prize will be given to children who complete the trot. No t-shirts will be given. Registration for the Little Turkey Trot begins at 10 a.m.

Turkey Day stations will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. including games, a chance to make your own turkey, and information about wild turkeys. There will be five different stations with a special prize for completing all five stations.

As part of Turkey Day, there is a food drive for the Salvation Army food bank, a cranberry sauce contest, and best-dressed turkey awards.

All proceeds go to the Gillette Nature Association at Hoffmaster State Park. The Association is a non-profit organization that promotes and sponsors interpretive activities and educational opportunities for the Muskegon and Ottawa county community surrounding the Gillette Nature Visitor Center at P.J. Hoffmaster State Park.

You will need a recreation passport for park entry. Register online at www.goracego.com or for more information, visit www.gillettenature.org.

Some costly driver responsibility fees end

(Submitted by the Michigan Secretary of State)

Some driver responsibility fees for lesser driving offenses have been eliminated. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson praised the elimination commenting, “Citizens already have to pay court fines and usually see higher insurance rates for violations. These extra fees have made things tougher for many families.”

For the following violations, drivers will no longer have to pay the \$150 driver responsibility fee, previously charged for two consecutive years following the offense:

- Operating a motor vehicle with an expired operator’s or chauffer’s license
- Operating without a valid license
- Having more than one license
- Failing to surrender licenses from other states

The new law also eliminated the \$200 driver responsibility fee (charged for two years following the offense) for:

- Failing to have mandatory motor vehicle insurance coverage
- Failure to produce proof of insurance
- Knowingly providing false evidence of insurance

Drivers who owe these fees for offenses committed before October 1, 2012, will still be responsible for paying them.

Other driver responsibility fees of \$500 and \$1,000 for two consecutive years for a variety of more serious motor vehicle offenses, including alcohol-related, controlled substance and reckless driving violations, remain in place.

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