

Friends of the ROUGE

Spring Bug Hunt

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Do you ever wonder about what lives in the river besides fish and turtles? Come to our 2026 Spring Bug Hunt and see for yourself the amazing variety of aquatic insects, crayfish, snails and clams that make up the bottom of the river food chain. Volunteers visit sites throughout the headwaters of the Rouge watershed and search for aquatic invertebrates. The presence or absence of these streambed creatures gives us valuable data on the quality of the river water and overall habitat.



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Saturday, April 11, 2026

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Meet at Jack Wilcox Theater, Plymouth
Arts & Recreation Complex - 650 Church
St. Plymouth, MI 48170

Registration Open Until Full

No prior experience needed, but registration is required.

Children eight and older are welcome when
accompanied by a participating adult. Groups of six or
less can sign up together.

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