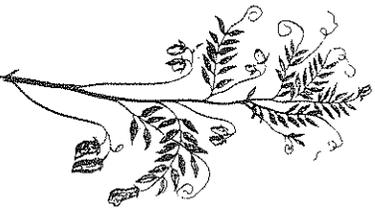


An Introduction

The 66 acre nature preserve is part of the City of Lake Geneva park system. It is unusual because it has 40 acres of wetland (sedge meadow, pond, calcareous fen, and tamaracks) and 20 acres of upland that are being restored to prairie (xeric, sand, short-grass, tall-grass, wet mesic, and oak opening with mature oaks and hickories) all at one site. The preserve is bordered on the south and east by 250 acres of Wisconsin DNR land and is part of a primary environmental corridor.

Our goal is to...

Live in harmony with nature
fostering an increased
awareness and understanding
of our natural world.



Nature Trails

Please remain on the self-guided nature trails to prevent damage to fragile ecosystems and ongoing restorations.

The interpretive trail signs progress from the highest ground at the entrance through the various types of prairie to the pond and wetlands. A 400' boardwalk crosses the fen and sedge meadow to an observation tower.



Nature Viewing Tips



- **Move slowly and quietly.** There is probably nothing you can do to better improve your chances of seeing wildlife than to slow down or stop periodically.
- **Enjoy wildlife at a distance.** Refrain from touching or moving too close to animals or nest boxes. Please do not pick any flowers, seeds, or remove plants.

- **Stay on designated trails.** Fragile ecosystems and restorations can not withstand trampling.
- **Keep dogs leashed.**



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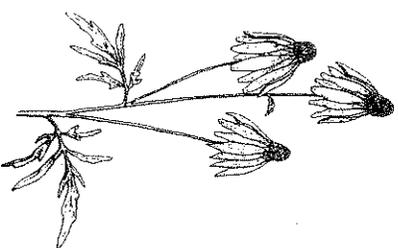


One mile south of Badger High School on the east side of County Highway H. Trail begins at entrance parking lot.

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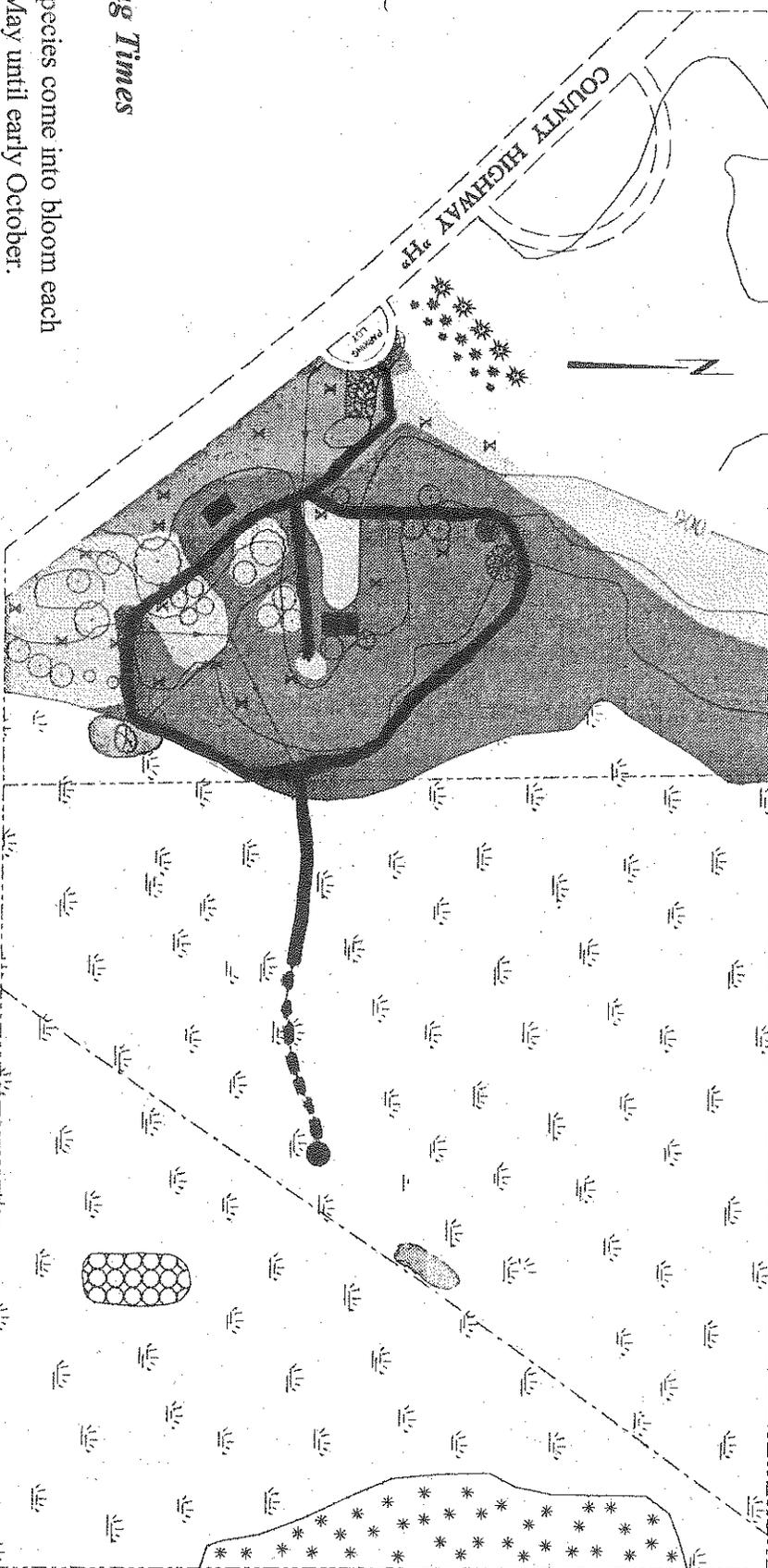
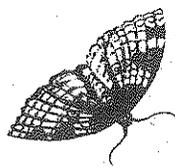
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1321.54'

1317.98'



1328.52'

Peak Blooming Times

Various prairie species come into bloom each week from mid-May until early October. Most oak opening species bloom in April and May before the trees leaf out. Mesic prairie species peak during July and August. Wetland species have two peak displays; marsh marigolds, cotton grass, and marsh violets in late May and early June while late September and October are dominated by asters, goldenrods, and gentians. The mesic prairie is spectacular during July and August. As the season advances you will notice that the flowers are taller so that they reach the sun above the growing grasses.

- Wetland
- Mesic Prairie
- Dry Prairie
- Dry Mesic Prairie
- Oak Opening

LEGEND

- Trail
- Boardwalk
- Shelter Building
- Observation Platform
- Pond
- Stream
- Service Road
- Bushes & Shrubs
- Oak & Hickory Trees
- Apple Tree
- Black Willow Tree
- Cottonwood Tree
- Tamarack Tree
- Bluebird House
- Display Board
- Native Species

