

Always something to see,
something to learn...



Trail Map & Guide

Trail descriptions



Buckeye Valley Loop (1.1 miles)

Climb the steps on the southwest section of this trail and walk along Wilderness Ridge. This long, narrow trail provides a beautiful quiet hike for those who travel it.



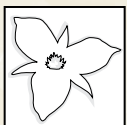
Swamp Boardwalk (.5 mile)

Wind your way through the fen, a type of wetland characterized by alkaline soils. Throughout the year interesting plants and animals can be found in this unique habitat. Be sure to check for our earliest flower of the year, skunk cabbage in late winter.



Pond Boardwalk

"Walk on water" at Cattail Pond and get a frog's eye view of wetland wildlife.



Trillium Valley (.4 mile)

This hilly trail follows a creek into the heart of the Brukner woodlands. It connects the Pinelands Trail with the Hickory Ridge Loop and provides access to many other trails. The hillsides along this valley are dotted with beautiful 3-petaled white blossoms of the Snow Trillium in early spring. Later in the springtime, look for Large-flowered Trillium and Sessile Trillium as well as a myriad of woodland blossoms.



Stillwater Loop (.8 mile)

This level trail, dotted with Cottonwoods, is bordered on the southeast side by the Stillwater River and on the northeast side by a 100-foot ridge. This ridge is covered with an amazing display of Virginia Bluebells each spring – a sight you will not want to miss.



Short Step Hill

View native Ohio wildlife displays then venture down Short Step Hill to the Trillium Valley trail and access to many more trails. This is a steep trail! Take short steps.



Hickory Ridge (1.1 miles)

The southwestern part of this loop follows a ridge overlooking the Stillwater River Valley. High on the ridge you are eye-to-eye with the treetops making this an excellent trail to take when looking for migrating warblers in the spring.



Sugar Bush

This short trail cuts through the sugar bush, a grove of Sugar Maple trees. Watch for demonstrations of Maple Sugarin' in early spring and the awesome beauty of fall colors in Autumn.



Wren Run (.25 mile)

This steep trail takes you from the valley floor up along a ridge overlooking the Swamp Boardwalk. The southeast section of this trail is an excellent spot to search for the first wildflowers of Spring as its south face is warmed by the sun.



Pinelands Trail (.3 mile)

This relatively flat trail connects to the parking lot at the Totem Pole, and runs to the Hickory Ridge Loop. Mr. Brukner planted our beautiful pine forest in 1953 and today we enjoy a lovely walk through both pine and deciduous trees.



Pioneer Trail (.5 mile)

Follow this wide straight path from the Hickory Ridge Loop to the driveway across from the Hummingbird Garden. Watch for our resident Northern Mockingbird in Winter eating bitter-sweet berries.



Pond Trail

This trail winds past both Cattail Pond and Catface Pond created by the Soil and Water Conservation District. It begins at the southwest corner of the parking lot and connects to the Hickory Ridge Loop.

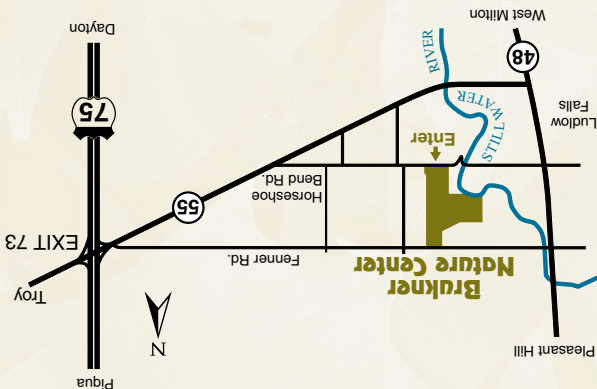
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only footprints.

Directions
From Interstate 75 take EXIT 73. Go west on State Rt. 55 for 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Horseshoe Bend Rd. and go 2.1 miles. The entrance to Brukner Nature Center is on the right.



Trail Maps are available in
the Interpretive Building and
outdoor informational kiosk.













- Grounds are open sunrise to sunset.
 - Use trails only as footpaths, no vehicles or horses.
 - Leave the wildflowers, berries and mushroom for the wildlife and the enjoyment of others.
 - Park only in the parking lot.
 - Leave your pets at home.
 - Please stay on the trails.
- Please respect our rules:
We are a privately funded nature preserve.






Trail Etiquette

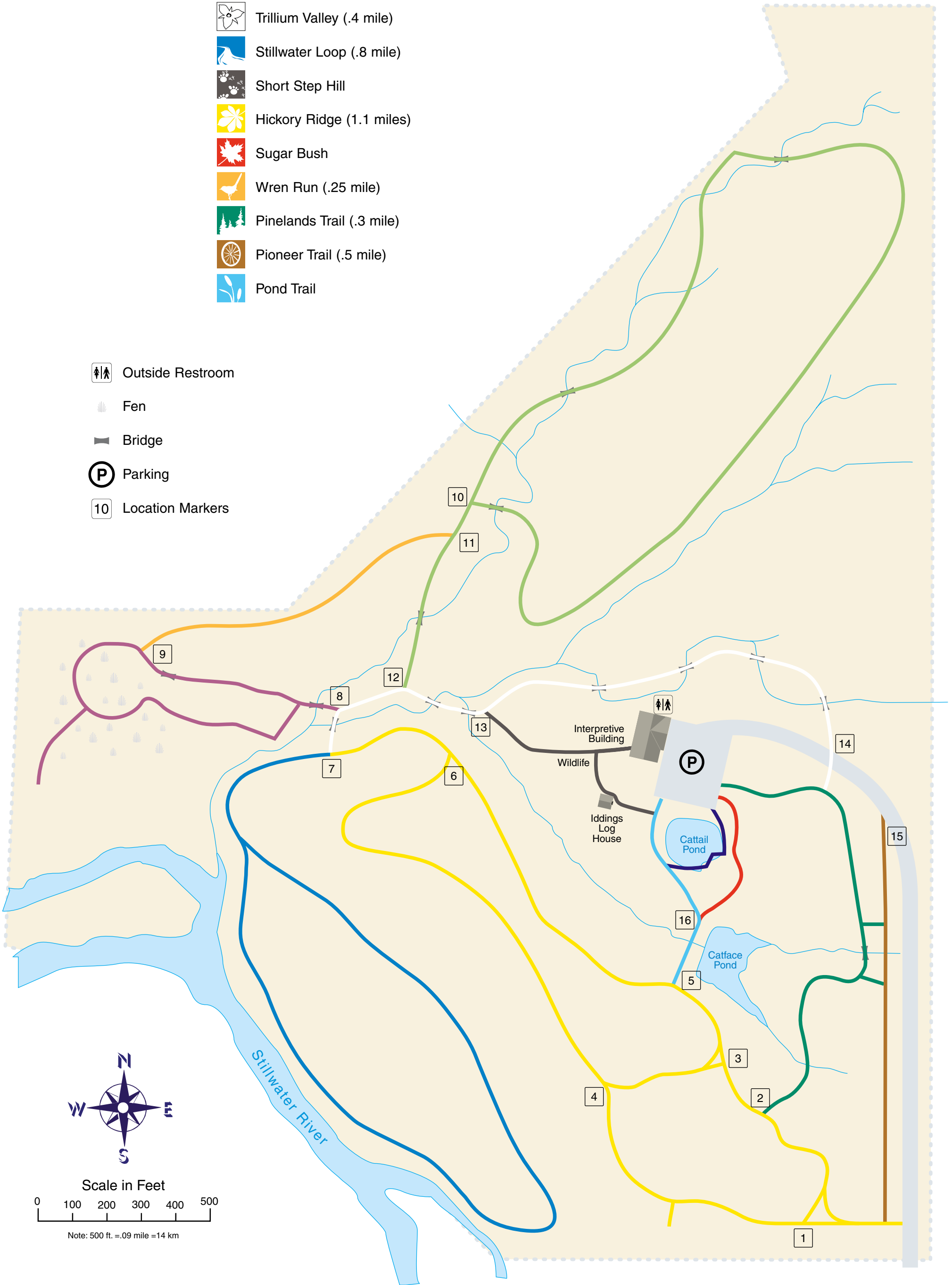


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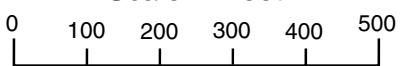
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-  Outside Restroom
-  Fen
-  Bridge
-  Parking
-  Location Markers



Scale in Feet



Note: 500 ft. = .09 mile = 14 km