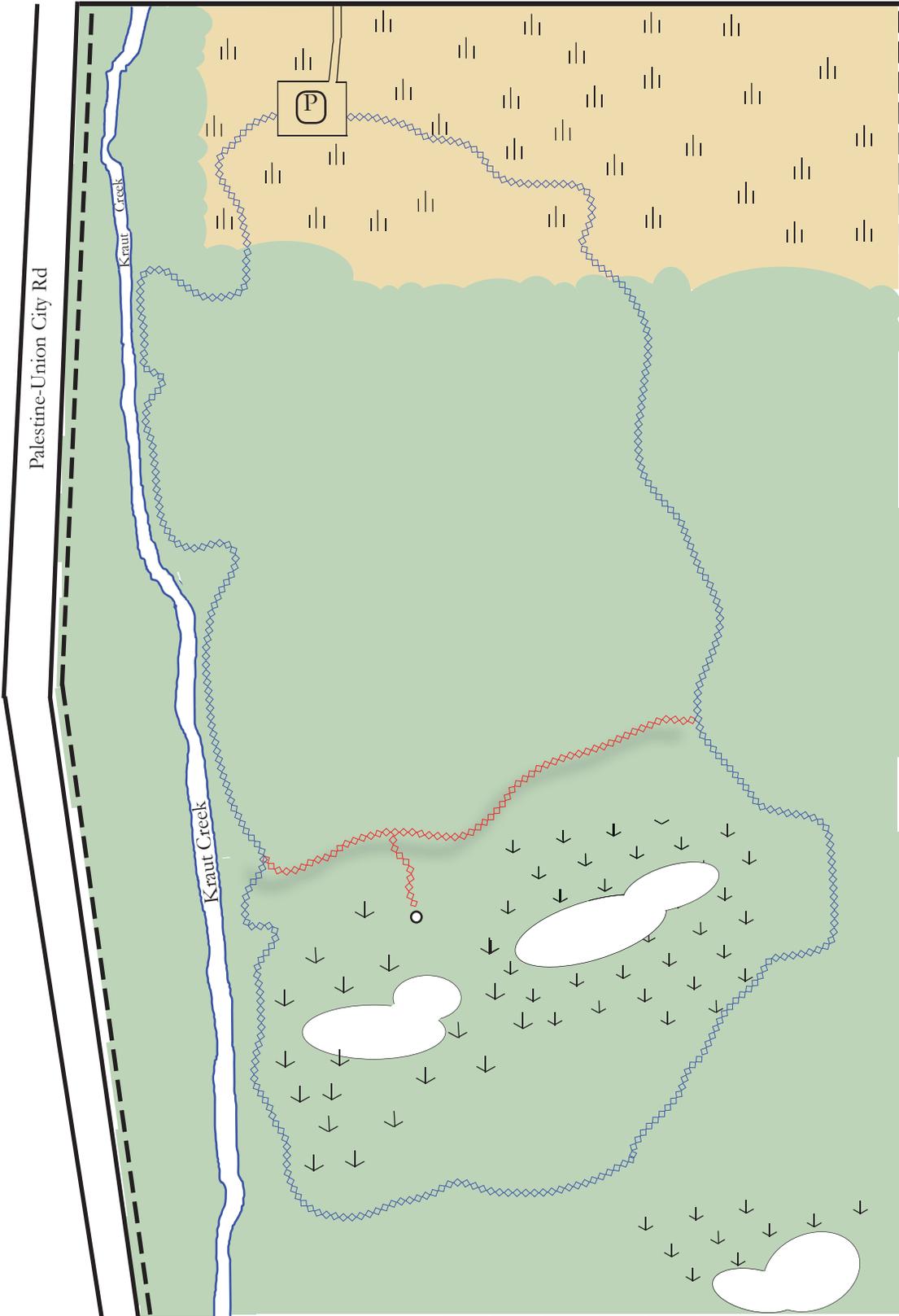


Eidson Woods Preserve



State Route 502



Putty Root Orchid

This native orchid, which can be found throughout Eidson Woods, is often missed due to its single spike of blooms in May and no other foliage. The single leaf doesn't appear until the autumn after which it over-winters.



Legend

- Parking
- Intermediate Succession
- Wetlands
- Salamander Run (1 mi.)
- Woodpecker Heights (.15 mi.)
- Observation Area
- Grass Savannah
- Woodland
- Seasonal Pools

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Consisting of 55 acres of maturing woodland and 15 acres of intermediate succession savannah, Eidson Woods offers an excellent range of habitats and species of interest. There are several tree species of significant age, including several ancient American Sycamores and White Oaks.



Gooseberry

The forest floor is awash with native woodland wildflowers and woodland frogs can be heard in the spring. Summertime visitors will enjoy the cooling waters of Kraut Creek, a pristine tributary of state designated Scenic River, Greenville Creek. In the autumn, the Preserve's Beech, Maple, Oak, and Hickory trees will paint the sky with oranges, reds and yellows. Even in the dead of winter, hikers can stumble upon a fishing Great Blue Heron, foraging deer and tracks galore!

On the northern end of the Preserve, a budding savannah can be seen. Consisting of various grasses and early-successional trees, this area will demonstrate how the land transforms as it returns to nature. This region will provide much needed edge habitat, encouraging biodiversity.

Within the forest is a Button-bush swamp, commonly associated with high quality wetlands.

In addition to this swamp, several vernal pools are interspersed throughout the low areas of the



Red-backed Salamander

woodland. These pools provide excellent breeding habitat for numerous amphibians and birds alike.

Easily accessible from Ohio Route 502 West and Palestine-Union City Road, Eidson Woods will provide a feast for the senses in all seasons and should be visited often.

DARKE COUNTY PARKS

Park Hours

All of the Darke County Parks are open sunrise to sunset. Visitors are encouraged to exit the park while there is still enough light to navigate the trails safely.

Park Programs

Darke County Parks' naturalists lead programs throughout the year. Many programs are nature-related, such as bird hikes, wildflower walks, or programs to explore the world of nature at night. Other programs may focus on the rich history of our area or outdoor skills such as fishing and camping. Schools, clubs and other groups are encouraged to contact Darke County Parks to schedule a program to support school curriculum or other special interests. Darke County Parks publishes a free quarterly newsletter that provides information on programs, clubs and other park-related information.

How to Reach Us

The Parks' Offices are located in the Nature Center at Shawnee Prairie Preserve, 4267 State Route 502 West at the edge of Greenville. See the website for current hours of operation. More information about programs and activities is available at the Center, by calling 937.548.0165 or by logging on to www.darkecountyparks.org.

Enjoy, Don't Destroy

Help us protect Darke County Parks. Do not pick, collect or disturb plants, animals or artifacts of any kind. Please stay on designated trails. Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways. Parking is in designated areas only. Please do not litter. Dogs must be leashed at all times.



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PATHFINDER

Eidson Woods Preserve

American Badger



With the hopes of preserving this diverse piece of property for decades to come, Sallie Eidson-Cotes and her daughter, Cindie, donated this 70 acre tract of land to the Darke County Parks. Entering into this mature woodland, with its towering trees and native flowers, you will be transported back to Ohio's pre-settlement era. Enjoy the solitude of nature as you travel the narrow footpath along the babbling creek that borders the west side of the preserve. Seasonal delights of bird song, woodland frogs and the colorful-rustling of leaves await the senses as you enter into Eidson Woods Preserve.

