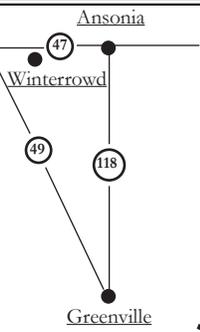


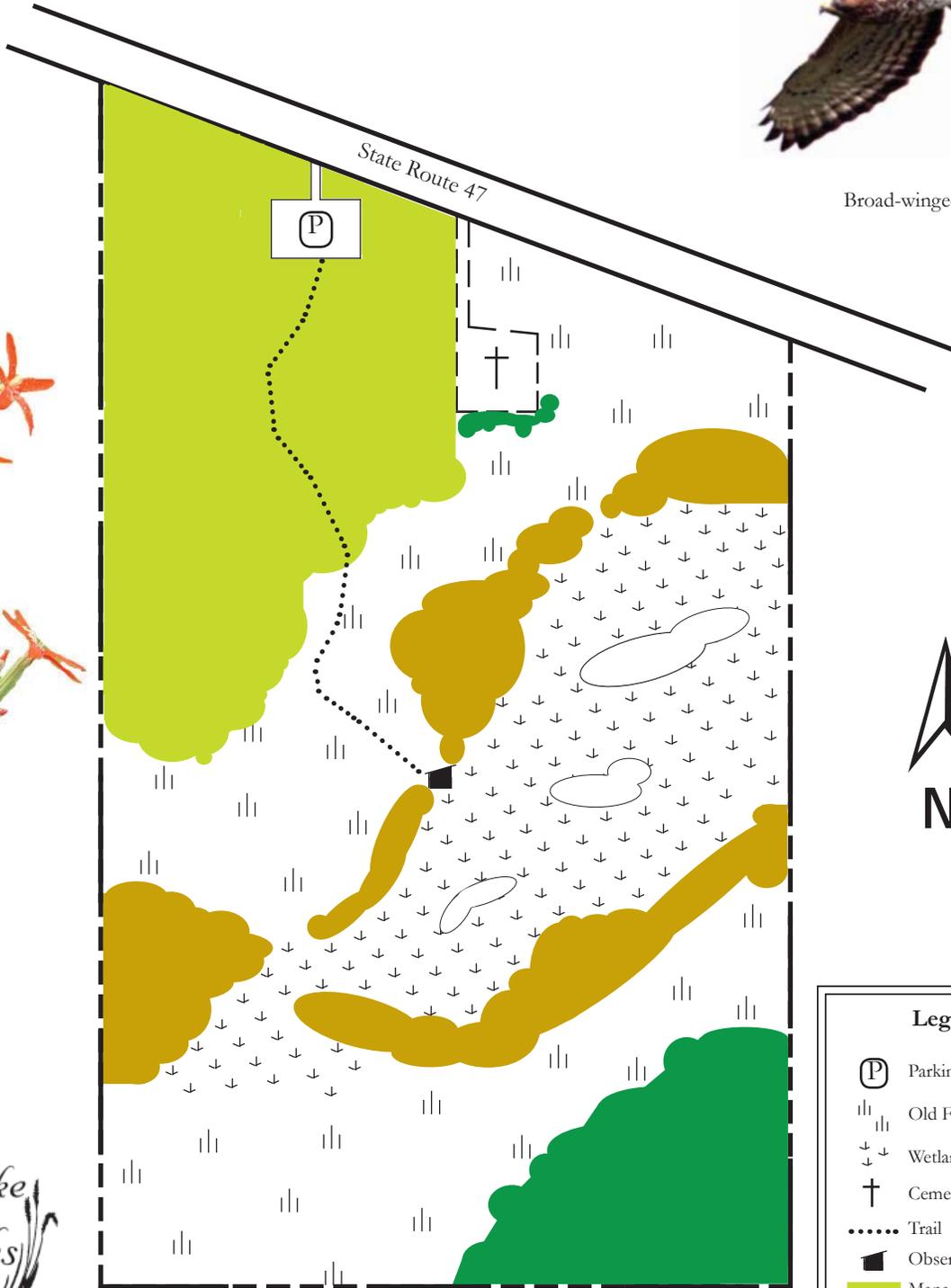
Winterrowd Wetlands



Broad-winged Hawk



Royal Catchfly



Legend

- Parking
- Old Field
- Wetland
- Cemetery
- Trail
- Observation Blind
- Managed Prairie
- Sapling Marsh
- Woodland
- Seasonal Pools



Winterrowd Wetlands

Located in the headwaters of the Stillwater River, Winterrowd consists of a 35-acre “pothole” wetland, five acres of upland woods and 20 acres of prairie. A quarter-mile trail winds through the prairie from the parking area to an observation blind overlooking the wetland.



Blue-winged Teal

During mid to late summer when the prairie grasses, including Big Bluestem, Indian Grass and Little Bluestem, are at full height, and the asters, coneflowers and sunflowers bloom, Winterrowd sparkles as a reminder of Ohio prairies past.

Virginia Rail



The pothole wetland and adjacent prairie provide a premier birding location. Spring and fall migrations of teal, rail, snipe, yellowlegs, herons and other shore birds are often seen

from the upland trail and the observation blind. The prairie provides habitat for grassland nesting birds of many species. Meadowlarks, Bluebirds and swallows are common. Bobolinks, native sparrows and Marsh Wrens have also been seen. Hawks soar above; woodpeckers, orioles, towhees and other forest birds add to the delight that is Winterrowd.

Easily accessible from Ohio Route 47, Winterrowd should be visited often to appreciate the marvel of wetlands and habitat diversity in every season.



Northern Shovelers

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

Winterrowd Wetlands



Northern Pintail

Welcome to Winterrowd Wetlands! Migrating water birds, the songs of wetland creatures, and blooming prairie wildflowers are all part of what makes the Winterrowd visit an experience to be treasured. This diverse 60-acre preserve is a model of wetland conservation and provides a glimpse of this part of the Ohio country as it was before settlement. Ohio's remaining wetlands provide valuable wildlife habitat and critical environmental benefit, from reducing flooding to ground water purification.

Access is restricted to the parking area and foot trail to the observation blind. Please help us protect this valuable preserve.

