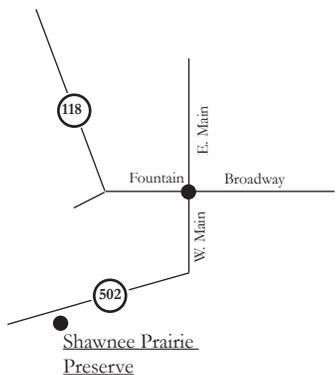


State Route 502

Shawnee Prairie Preserve

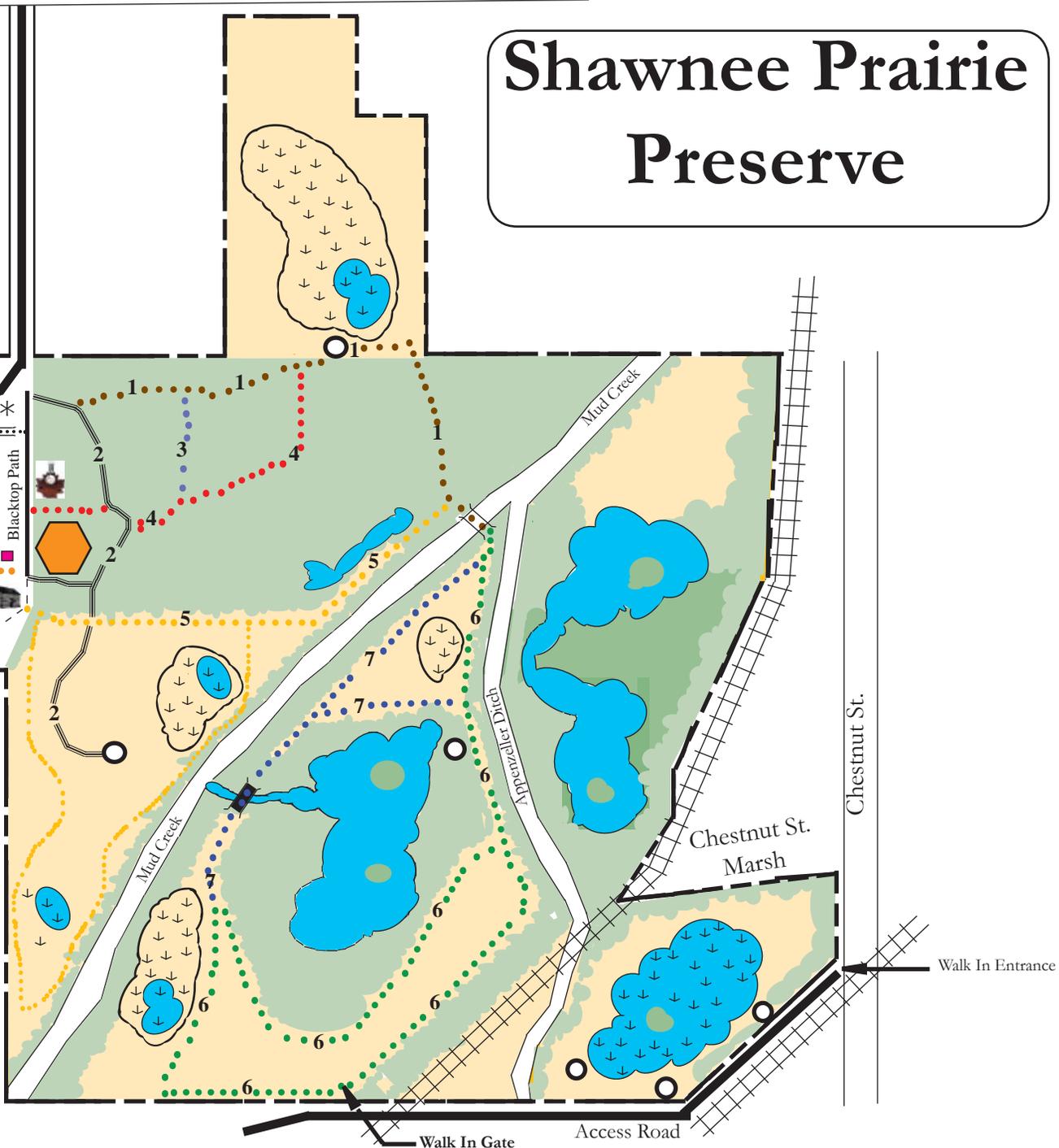


Nature Center



- Legend**
- * Bulletin Board
 - Observation area
 - P Parking
 - Restrooms
 - Boardwalk (b)
 - Service Road
 - Foot Bridge
 - Natural Play Zone
 - Stage
 - Log House
 - Sugar Shack
 - Prairie
 - Woodland
 - Wetland
 - Seasonal Pools
 - Beaver Meadow

- Trails (2.25 mi.)**
- 1 Deer Run
 - 2 Ancient Oaks
 - 3 Fallen Ash
 - 4 Woodpecker Woods
 - 5 Farmer's Lane
 - 6 Woodcock Prairie
 - 7 Beaver Path
 - 8 Hill Top



Chestnut St.

Chestnut St. Marsh

Walk In Entrance

Walk In Gate

Access Road

Welcome to Shawnee Prairie Preserve



Wood Duck

It's name--Shawnee Prairie Preserve--accurately describes a park that is steeped in a rich mix of history, native plants and wildlife. Archaeological evidence has confirmed that at least a portion of Shawnee Prairie Preserve was the site of Prophetstown. This village was founded by Tecumseh's brother (called The Prophet) to rally fifteen woodland Indian Nations to gather here and demonstrate their living and hunting rights under the 1795 Treaty of Greene Ville.

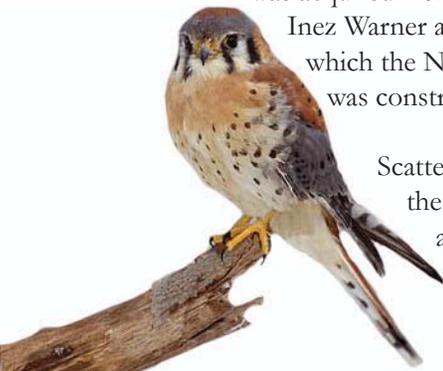
Rich in natural diversity, Shawnee features wetlands, restored prairies, two streams, a wet woods, swamp forest, and a successional area.

The majority of the park lands were acquired by land donation and land purchase from

Winchester Farms, owned by the late Raper and Mabel Nelson and later by their son, Robert. A small tract was acquired from Andrew and Inez Warner and is the site on which the Nature Center was constructed.



Tiger Salamander



American Kestrel

Scattered throughout the park grounds are a total of four Geocaches that can be located using a handheld GPS and the clues found on www.geocaching.com (enter 45331 zip code in search window). A GPS kit is available for loan inside the Nature Center.

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 on leash at all times.



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PATHFINDER

Shawnee Prairie Preserve



Grey Fox

Shawnee Prairie Preserve is Darke County Park's largest park. There are currently about 2.25 miles of level trails that wind throughout the different ecosystems of the 118-acre park. Benches and observation towers at different points along the trails make visiting the park more enjoyable for visitors who wish to spend some time observing the plants and wildlife within the preserve. A boardwalk provides access to a portion of the trails.

