

Silver Maple – Ostrich Fern Riverine Floodplain Forest

The Intervale is a floodplain that features forests, wetlands, and agricultural fields. One of its most significant natural communities is the **Silver Maple – Ostrich Fern Riverine Floodplain Forest,** which you can experience along the Calkins Trail. Enjoy the awe-inspiring silver maples and open, airy quality of this forest. Look and listen for migratory birds, including the Northern Oriole and many species of woodpeckers. Watch for wood frogs and spotted salamanders among the cottonwood, boxelder, and hackberry trees, and look for, but harvest only in designated foraging areas, ostrich ferns (also known as fiddleheads) – the forest needs them to compete against invasive species eager to take their place among the forest floor.

GUIDELINES

- Trails are open dawn-dusk
- Dogs must be leashed
- Leave no trace
- Park in designated areas
- Bicyclists yield to pedestrians
- No fires
- (A) No camping
- Forage only in designated areas
- Do not enter agricultural fields

Interested in harvesting wild plants at the Intervale?



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