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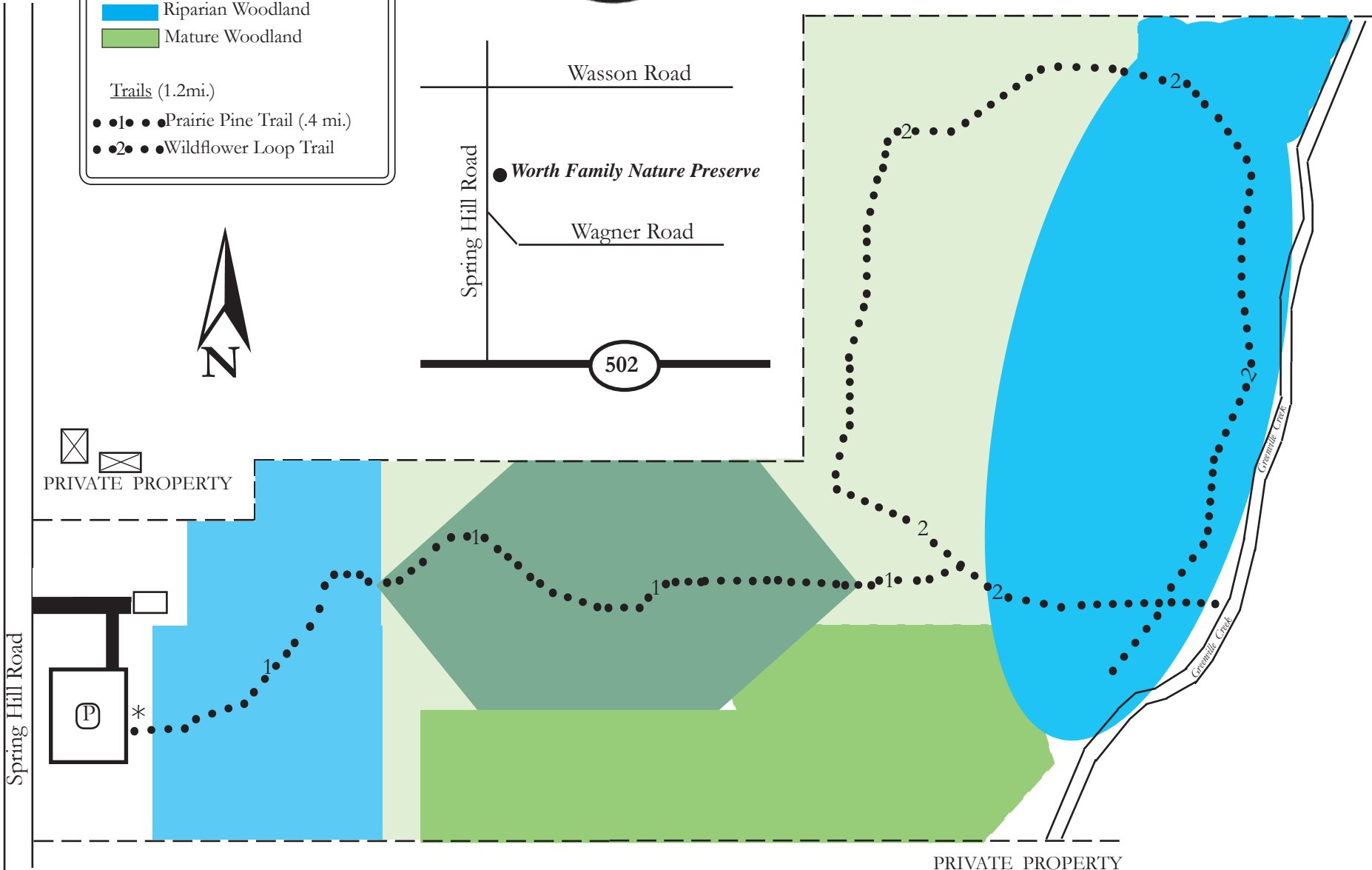
-  Parking
-  Bulletin Board
-  Managed Prairie
-  Pine Plantation
-  Intermediate Succession
-  Riparian Woodland
-  Mature Woodland

Trails (1.2mi.)

-  ●1●●● Prairie Pine Trail (.4 mi.)
-  ●2●●● Wildflower Loop Trail



WORTH FAMILY NATURE PRESERVE



Welcome to Worth

The trail head begins at the restored prairie. Indian Grass towers overhead, but you can still catch a glimpse of Tree Swallows darting and swooping to and from their nest boxes in the spring and summer months. Watch for Monarch and Red Admiral butterflies crossing your path in search of nectar sources.



Common Milkweed

The prairie gives way to a dense stand of White Pine trees. This quiet, sheltered place is an ideal roosting area for Wild Turkeys and Great Horned Owls, who hide within the drooping boughs and branches.

Continue through the muffled quiet of the pines and enter a noisy thicket of wild Hawthorn, Crab Apple and Osage-orange trees. The abundant fruits and seeds provided by these trees keep many animals active well into the winter months. A variety of bird species nest in this intermediate succession area, attracted by the protective thorns and ample food supply.

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher



Walk down a gently sloping hill onto the flood plain, where Greenville Creek meanders and ripples under the shade of Sycamore trees. In spring, a colorful carpet of wildflowers blanket

this low lying area. Sessile Trilliums, Wild Geraniums, Yellow Trout Lilies, Dutchmen's Breeches, and Spring Beauties are just a few of the myriad of species you will discover and enjoy.



Spring Beauty

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.



Darke County Parks

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PATHFINDER

Worth Family Nature Preserve



Tree Swallow

Worth Family Nature Preserve is 35 acres of mosaic floodplain, hardwood forest, pine plantation, managed prairie, and thickets. Trails through these varied habitats will lead you to the eastern boarder of the park - a stretch of scenic Greenville Creek that remains in its natural state, having never been dredged or channelized.

Donated by the heirs of Robert Worth, the meandering stream and diverse flora and fauna make Worth Family Nature Preserve an exceptional natural area to visit any time of year.

