

Always something to see,
something to learn...



Trail Map & Guide

Trail descriptions



Buckeye Valley Loop (1.1 miles)

Climb the steps on the southwest section of this trail and walk along Wilderness Ridge. This long, narrow trail provides a beautiful quiet hike for those who travel it.



Swamp Boardwalk (.5 mile)

Wind your way through the fen, a type of wetland characterized by alkaline soils. Throughout the year interesting plants and animals can be found in this unique habitat. Be sure to check for our earliest flower of the year, skunk cabbage in late winter.



Pond Boardwalk

"Walk on water" at Cattail Pond and get a frog's eye view of wetland wildlife.



Trillium Valley Loop



Stillwater Loop (.8 mile)

This level trail, dotted with Cottonwoods, is bordered on the southeast side by the Stillwater River and on the northeast side by a 100-foot ridge. This ridge is covered with an amazing display of Virginia Bluebells each spring – a sight you will not want to miss.



Short Step Hill

View native Ohio wildlife displays then venture down Short Step Hill to the Trillium Valley trail and access to many more trails. This is a steep trail! Take short steps.



Hickory Ridge (1.1 miles)

The southwestern part of this loop follows a ridge overlooking the Stillwater River Valley. High on the ridge you are eye-to-eye with the treetops making this an excellent trail to take



Wren Run (.25 mile)

This steep trail takes you from the valley floor up along a ridge overlooking the Swamp Boardwalk. The southeast section of this trail is an excellent spot to search for the first wildflowers of Spring as its south face is warmed by the sun.



Pinelands Trail (.3 mile)

This relatively flat trail connects to the parking lot at the Totem Pole, and runs to the Hickory Ridge Loop. Mr. Brukner planted our beautiful pine forest in 1953 and today we enjoy a lovely walk through both pine and deciduous trees.

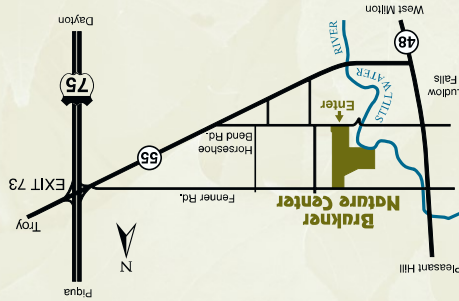


Pioneer Trail (.5 mile)

Follow this wide straight path from the Hickory Ridge Loop to the driveway across from the Hummingbird Garden. Watch for our resident

From Interstate 75 take EXIT 73. Go west on State Rt. 55 for 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Horseshoe Bend Rd. and go 2.1 miles. The entrance to Brukner Nature Center is on the right.

Directions



Brukner Nature Center
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Take only memories and leave
only footprints.



Trail Maps are available in
the Interpretive Building and
outdoor informational kiosks.













- Grounds are open sunrise to sunset.
 - Leave the wildflowers, berries and mushrooms for the wildlife and the enjoyment of others.
 - Use trails only as footpaths, no vehicles or horses.
 - Park only in the parking lot.
 - Please stay on the trails.
 - Leave your pets at home.
- We are a privately funded nature preserve.
Please respect our rules:

Trail Etiquette



**Brookner
Nature
Center**

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-  Buckeye Valley Loop (1.1 miles)
-  Swamp Boardwalk (.5 mile)
-  Pond Boardwalk
-  Trillium Valley (.4 mile)
-  Stillwater Loop (.8 mile)
-  Short Step Hill
-  Hickory Ridge (1.1 miles)
-  Sugar Bush
-  Wren Run (.25 mile)
-  Pinelands Trail (.3 mile)
-  Pioneer Trail (.5 mile)
-  Pond Trail

-  Outside Restroom
-  Fen
-  Bridge
-  Parking
-  Location Markers

