



## Our Trails

### Prairie Warbler Loop (Yellow Blazes) — .5 Mile

The Prairie Warbler Loop is an easy walk around the front meadow of the Preserve, adjacent to the parking lot. It is suitable for people of all ages and abilities. Many birds such as Eastern Bluebirds, Field Sparrows and Prairie Warblers nest in the Cedar Trees, grasses, and bluebird boxes placed along the edges of the field. A kiosk and trail map is located at the parking lot, where the trail begins. From there, a central path crosses the meadow to a bridge, picnic area and all trails.

### Field Loop (Blue Blazes) - 1.0 Mile

#### West/East Perimeters — .25 Mile each

This Field Loop begins at the picnic area and encircles the Preserve's two main meadows. The West Field and East Field Perimeter trails complete interior loops around each meadow so that walkers can choose longer or shorter walks. Both meadows abound in nature at all seasons of the year. Hawks and birds continually fly overhead, and spring brings new life as the meadows fill with wild flowers, butterflies, dragonflies and nesting birds. The Field Loop connects to Towhee Knoll Trail. In spring it is advised to wear waterproof boots, particularly for the eastern section of this trail.

### Towhee Knoll Loop (Red Blazes) — .7 Mile

#### Towhee Knoll Extension — .3 Mile

These trails begin at our open Birch's Meadow and lead deep into the forested areas of the preserve. They are higher and drier than other trails along the fields and offer views of many species of forest and field edge birds such as Eastern Towhee, Brown Thrasher, Black and White Warbler, Rose Breasted Grosbeak, Woodpeckers and Wild Turkey. There is a bench on the west side of Birch's Meadow, where Barred Owl and Black and Yellow-billed Cuckoos have been observed, and another bench at Towhee Knoll.

### Creek Trail (Orange Blazes) — .1 Mile roundtrip

#### Shady Lane Trail — .25 Mile roundtrip

These two brief forested trails offer easy walks to different destinations. The Creek Trail leads to a wetlands area on the east side of the property where a creekside bench welcomes hikers to a picnic. Shady Lane offers a stroll through high canopy oak forest. Both trails offer cool, shady respite in the summer and a look at the changing autumn leaves in fall. Many species of birds such as Ovenbirds, Warblers, Tanagers and Thrushes can be seen and heard along these trails.