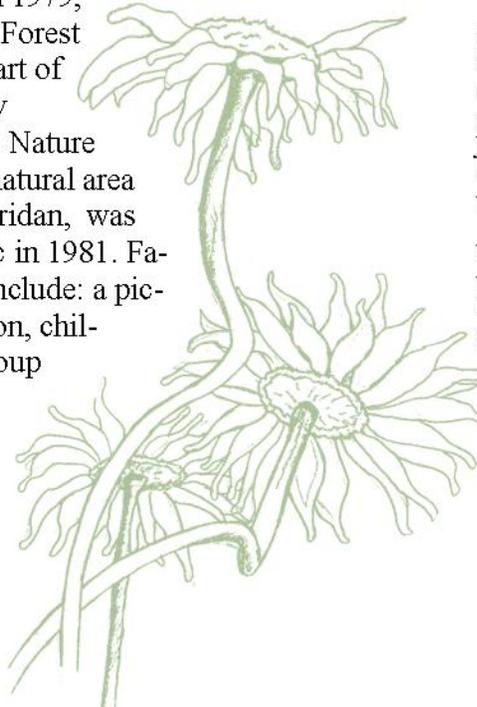


Park History

In 1940, James C. Price wrote a letter to Michigan State University, stating he wanted to deed land to the MSU Board of Agriculture.

“.... To assure it's continued use to the public for public purposes as a memorial to my (Price) family.”

MSU accepted the land and its Forestry Department used it for field studies and experiments. In 1971, the forest department at MSU announced its intent to sell the property to an agency which could better accommodate its evolving use as a park since many community groups were using Price for camping, picnicking, etc. And these uses were antagonistic to research and experiments conducted by the forestry department. In 1979, the Price Memorial Forest officially became part of the Saginaw County Parks System. Price Nature Center, a 186 acre natural area located at 6685 Sheridan, was opened to the public in 1981. Facilities at the park include: a picnic area with pavilion, children's play area, group campground, restrooms and 3.5 miles of hiking trails.



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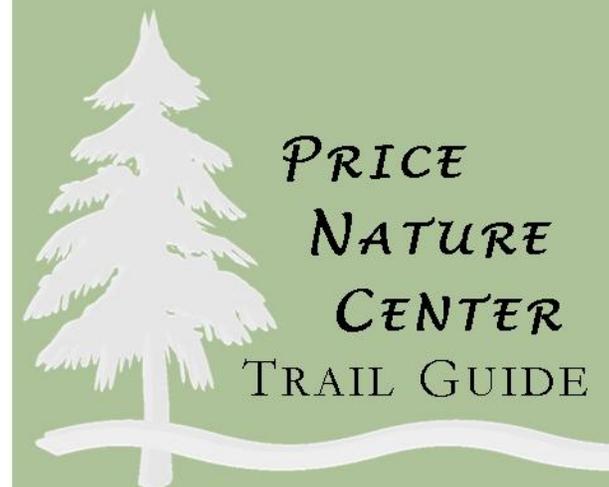
Imerman Memorial Park, 3495 Midland Rd., Saginaw Township, offers a wide variety of activities. With access to the Tittabawassee River, you can fish from shore, rent a canoe or launch your own boat. The park also offers sand volleyball courts, horseshoes, ball fields, shuffleboard, basketball, tennis courts, a playground, dog park and modern and rustic restroom facilities. Over one mile of hiking trails take you around the park and past each of the four pavilions, which are available for rent.

William H. Haitheo Recreation Area, 2121 Schust Rd., Saginaw Township, is a beautiful park with a 40 acre man-made lake. The park offers a lifeguard supervised beach, sand volleyball courts, paddleboat rentals, horseshoes, playground, fishing access, and modern restrooms. There are five pavilions available for rent, two on the north end and three on the south end of the park. The park is conveniently located off I-675 at the Tittabawassee Road exit.

Ringwood Forest is located 2 miles south of St. Charles and 2 miles west of M-52 on Ring Road. Ringwood Forest is the most ruggedly beautiful of all of our parks. The 160 acres include some of Michigan's oldest forest plantations. This park's three miles of trails offer picnickers, nature lovers, hikers and cross country skiers towering pine forests, hilly terrain, fishing access and canoe launch on the Bad River. If you are interested in picnicking, Ringwood has a pavilion available on a first come first serve basis, along with a playground and rustic restroom facilities.

Saginaw Valley Rail-Trail begins at Lumberjack Park in St. Charles and ends 6.1 miles north at Benkert Rd. When completed the trail will cover 10 miles of abandoned rail corridor in Saginaw County, stretching from St. Charles to James Township. Trail features include several bridges over various rivers and creeks, wetland areas, a wildlife viewing platform and a variety of different habitats.

Veterans Memorial Park is a one and a half-mile parkway on the Saginaw River, located off M-13 and north of Zilwaukee. It features picnic areas, fishing and boat launch access.



6685 Sheridan Rd.

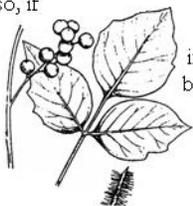
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Caution: Poison Ivy

Poison ivy is a vine commonly found along the Cottonwood Grove Trail. The vine can be found on the ground and climbing trees or shrubs. It can be identified by its 3 dark, shiny leaflets or by the hairy looking roots that attach the vine to a tree or shrub. The oil in the vine that can cause an allergic reaction is present year around so, if you are unsure your



Moore Rd.

Group Campground

if a vine/plant is Poison Ivy best bet is to avoid contact.

Price Nature Center

If seclusion is more your style, then this is the place for you! Located 5 miles south of Saginaw, this park offers nearly three miles of hiking trails through its 186 acres.

Additionally, the park offers one pavilion available for rent with a play area nearby.

A group campground is also available for those interested in rustic camping.

While visiting Price Nature Center, take time to notice the different forest layers. Layers you may notice include the canopy, understory, shrub layer, herb layer and forest floor. The canopy is the top layer of the forest where all of the leaves are. The canopy shades the forest floor below.

The understory is the next layer of the woods. The understory usually contains younger saplings that await an older canopy tree dying off so that they can reach the canopy

The shrub layer is composed of small to medium woody plants such as Viburnum, Witchazel and Spicebush.

The herb layer is composed of green plants with soft stems.

The forest floor is a variable recycling factory that reprocesses all of the dead leaves, sticks, animals etc. into nutrients that can be reabsorbed by new plants.

Trail Information

Distance

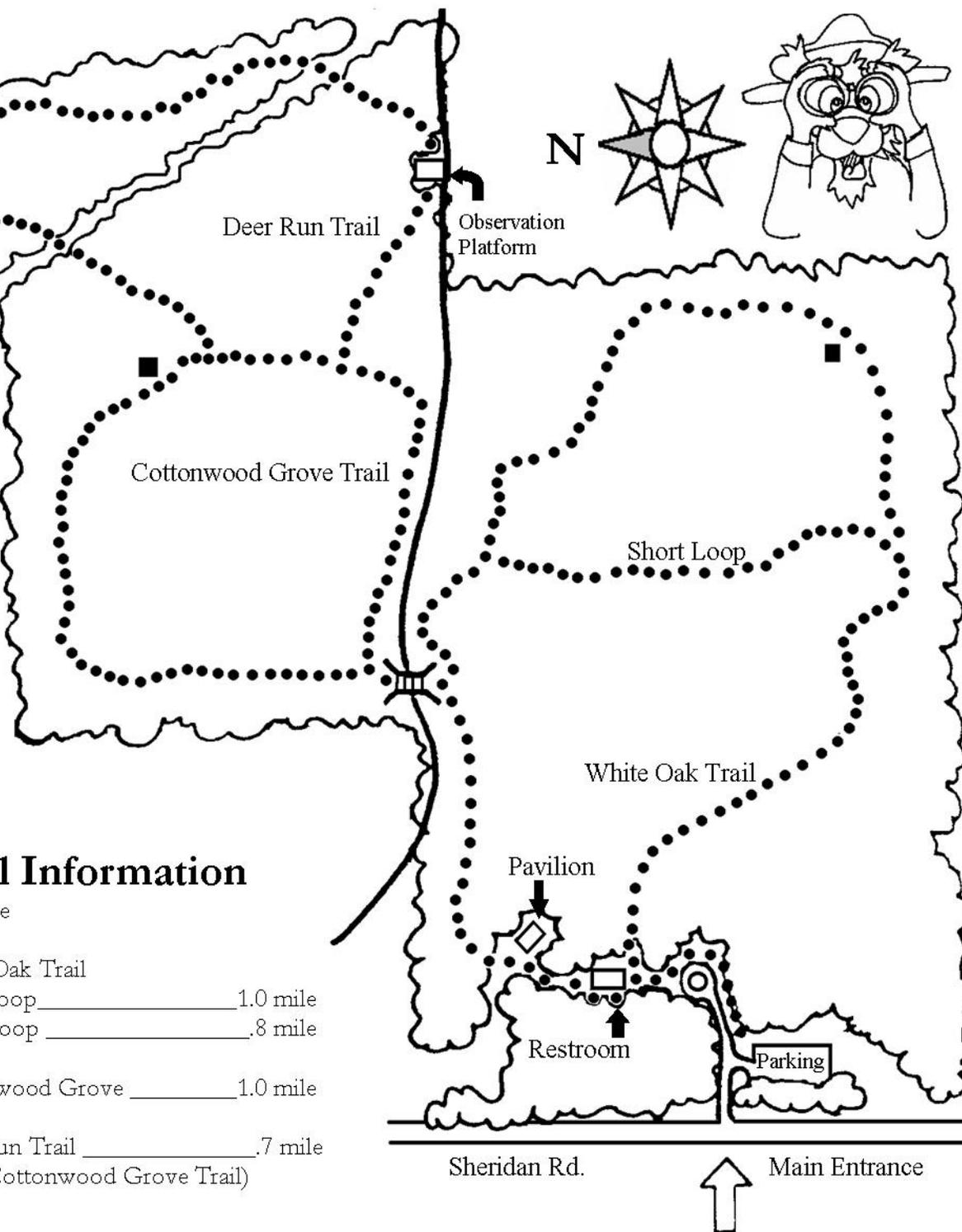
White Oak Trail

Long Loop _____ 1.0 mile

Short Loop _____ .8 mile

Cottonwood Grove _____ 1.0 mile

Deer Run Trail _____ .7 mile
(from Cottonwood Grove Trail)



Sheridan Rd.

Main Entrance