

TRAIL GUIDE

Hiking, Biking &
Cross-country Skiing



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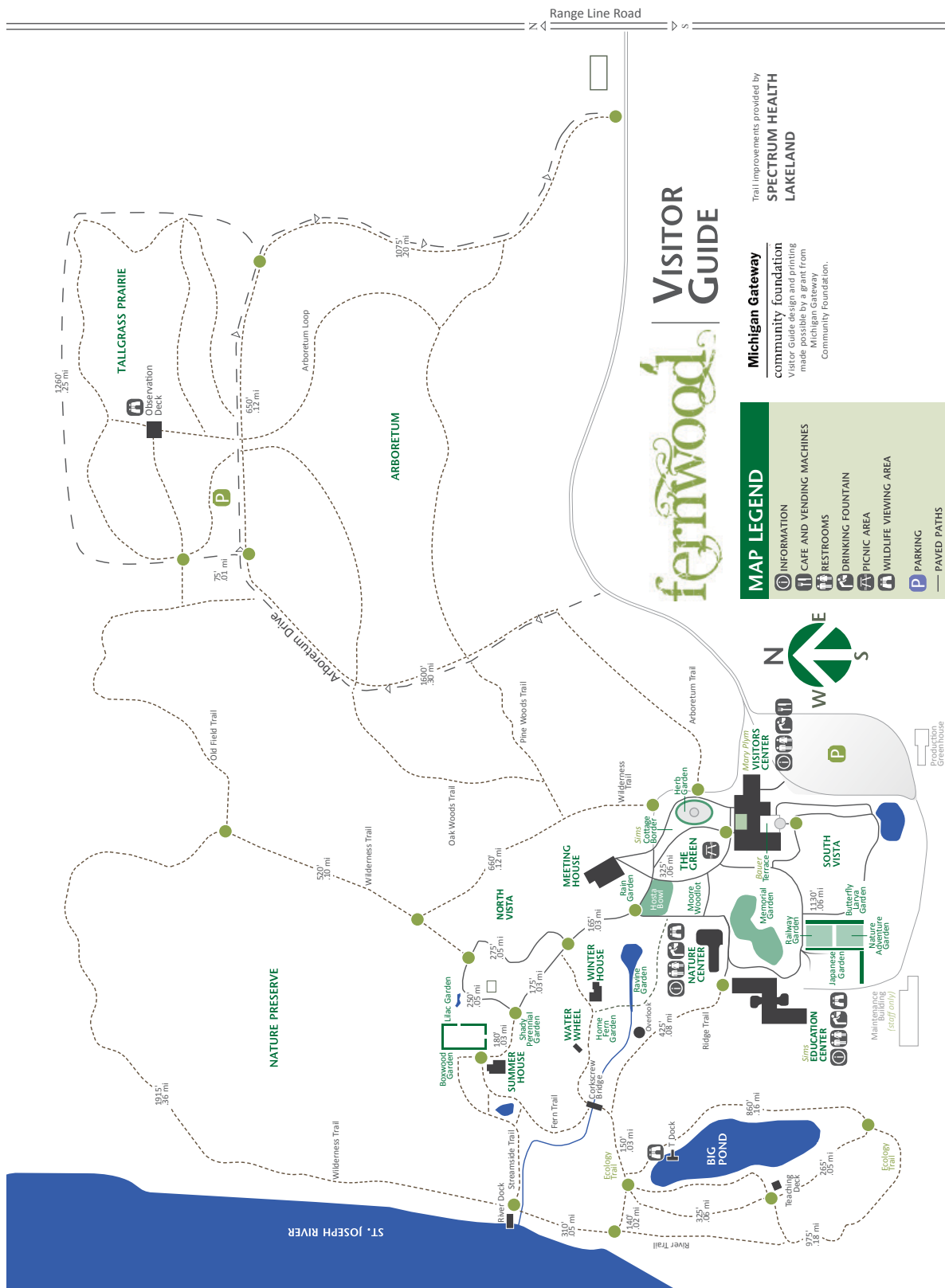
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Tour along scenic rivers, Lake Michigan's sandy coast and over the rolling hills of our verdant vineyards and sweetly scented orchards.



FERNWOOD BOTANICAL GARDEN AND NATURE PRESERVE

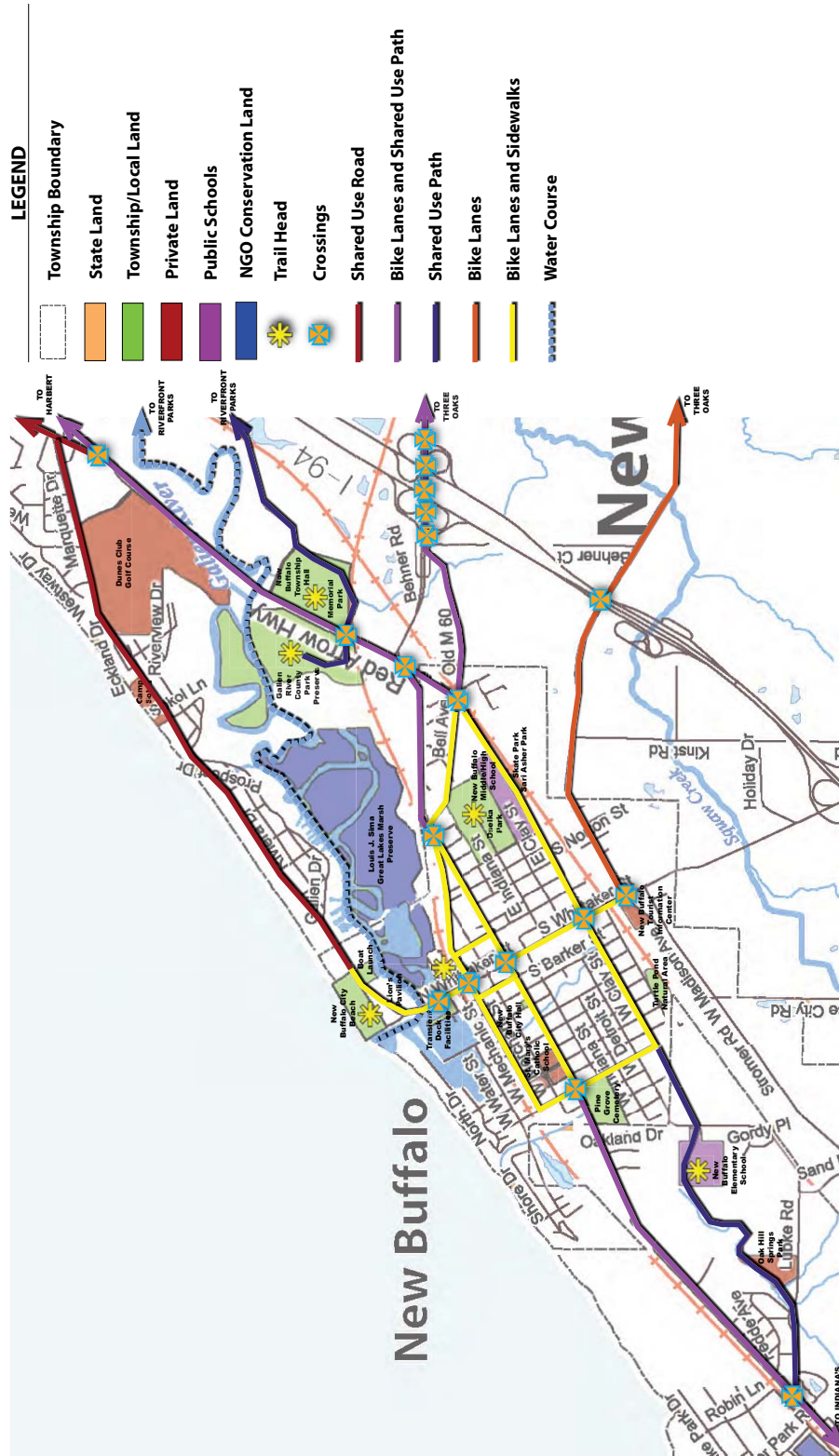
13988 Range Line Road, Niles | 269-695-6491 | fernwoodbotanical.org



GALIEN RIVER COUNTY PARK

17424 Red Arrow Highway, New Buffalo | 269-684-5274 | berriencounty.org/1297/galien-river-county-park

NEW BUFFALO AREA DETAILS MAP



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GRAND MERE STATE PARK

Thornton Road, Stevensville | 269-426-4013 | michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=450&type=SPRK

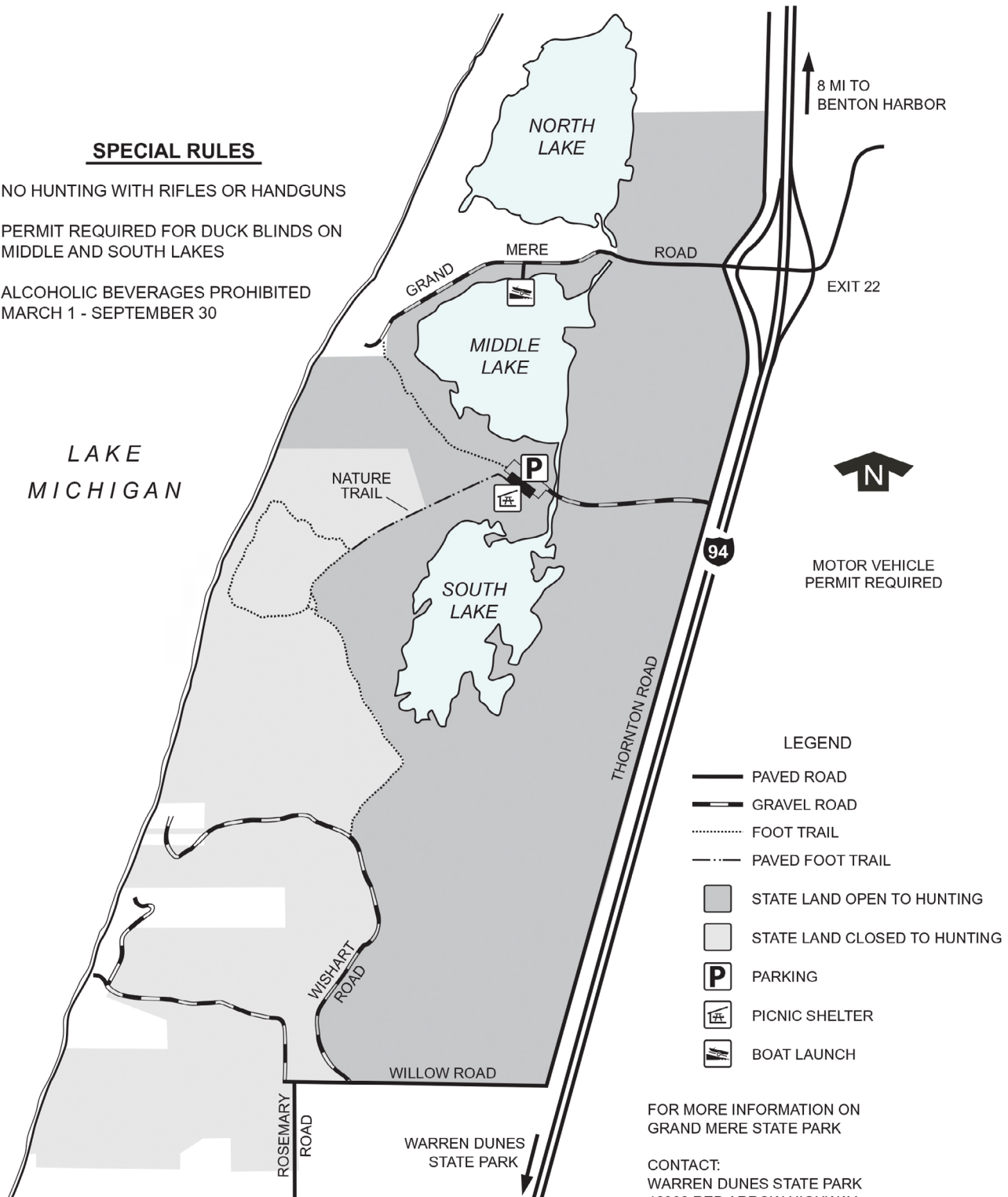
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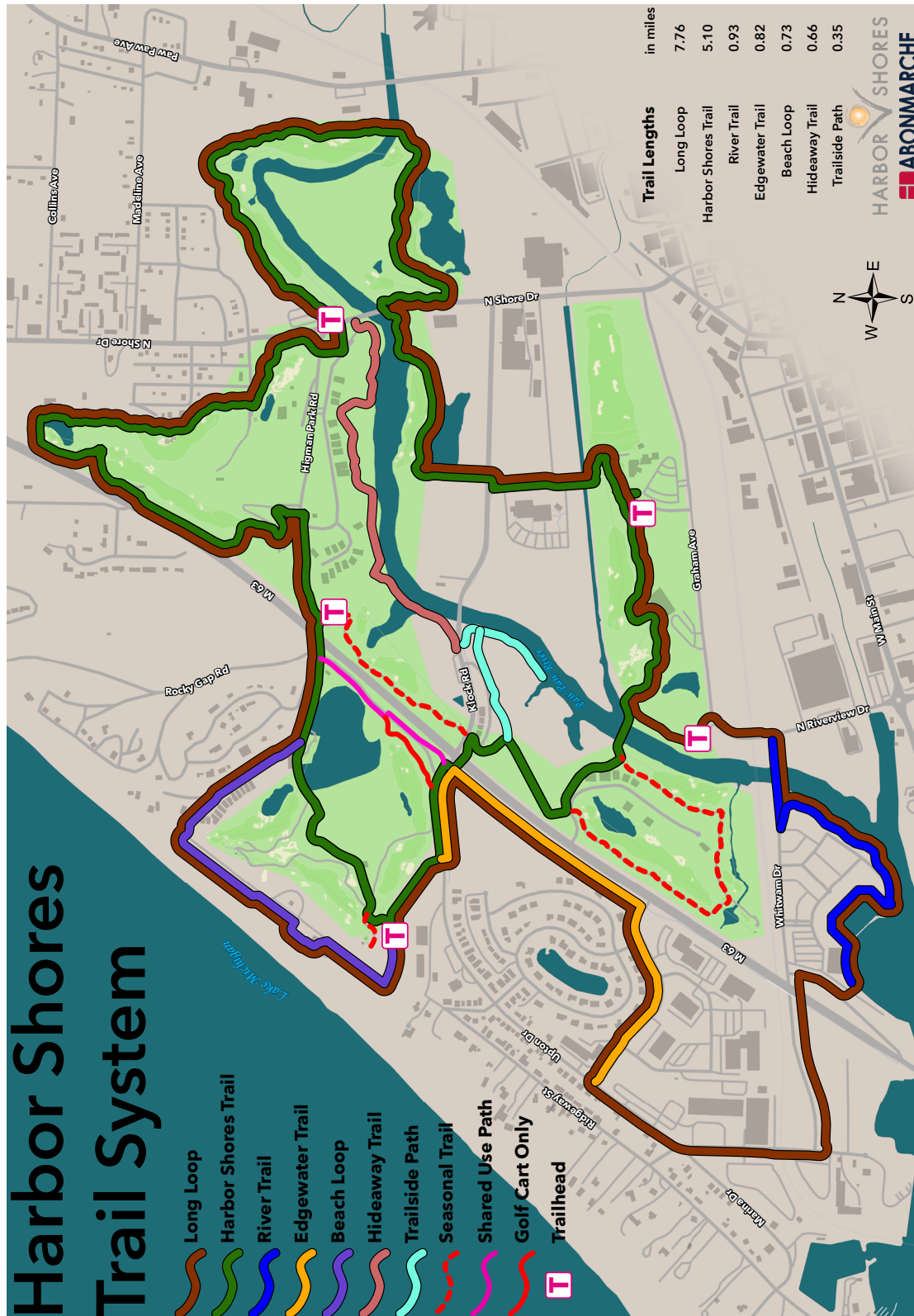
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MIDDLE AND SOUTH LAKES

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MARCH 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

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201 Graham Avenue, Benton Harbor | 269-927-653 | harborshoresresort.com/the-inn/walking-trails



LAKEVIEW BIKE TRAIL

750 Monte Rd, Benton Harbor, MI

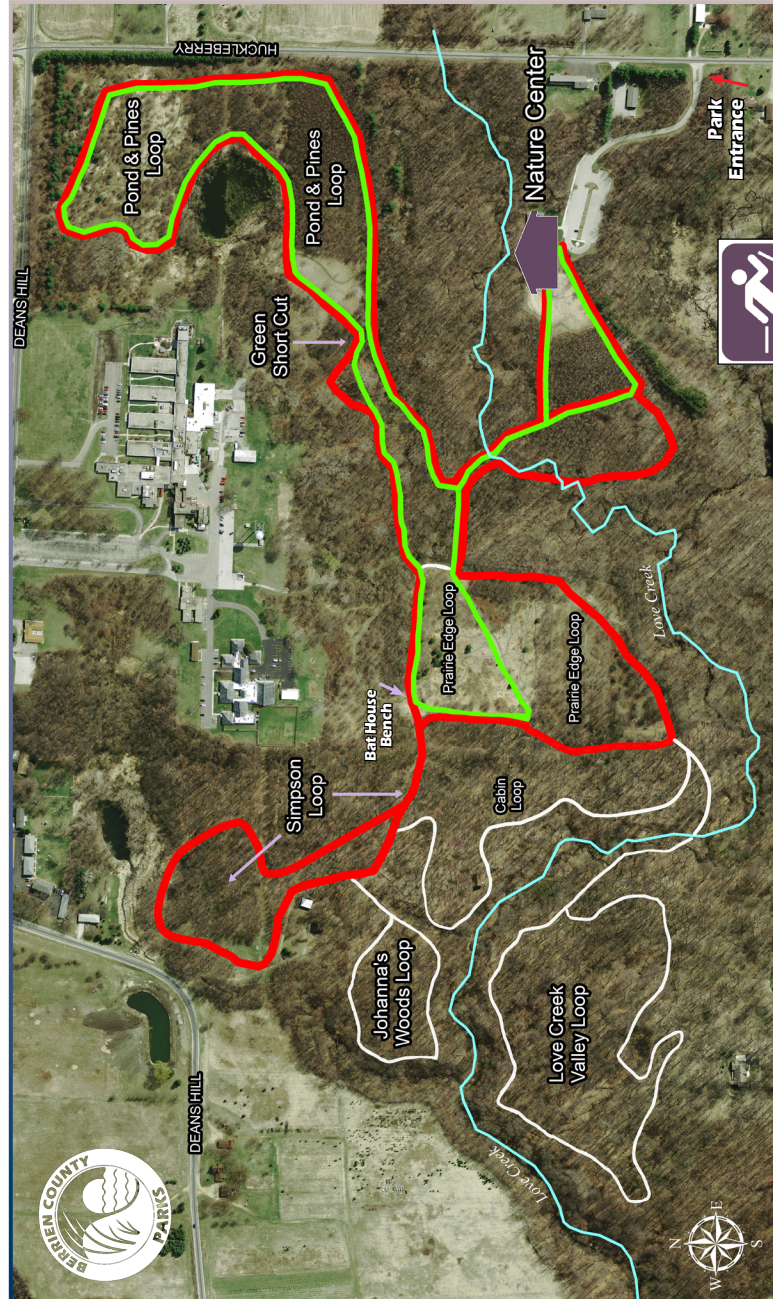
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LOVE CREEK COUNTY PARK

9292 Huckleberry Road, Berrien Center | 269-471-2617 | berriencounty.org/1299/Love-Creek-County-Park

Love Creek County Park - Cross-Country SKI Trails Map



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Red Ski Trail

A 3.2 mile trail that includes challenging hills and turns. Groomed for both classic and skate styles of cross-country skiing. **Follow red directional arrows to ski this loop.**

Green Ski Trail

A less challenging 2 mile trail with fewer hills. Groomed for both classic and skate styles of cross-country skiing. Best choice for beginners. **Follow green directional arrows to ski this loop.** A shortcut back to the nature center is marked at about the halfway point. Additional directional arrows pointing back to the nature center can be found on the first half of the loop for those only wanting a short ski outing.

Love Creek Valley Loop

A 1.1 mile loop for experienced skiers only. This loop includes challenging hills and turns on narrow trails and scenic views of the Love Creek Valley. **Caution - includes 2-way skiing on the connector trail. Please ski alert for oncoming skiers.** Groomed for classic style skiing only.

Joanna's Wood Loop

A moderately challenging 0.4 mile loop with spectacular ravine views. Groomed for classic style skiing only.

Cabin Loop

A classic-style skiing only trail that provides an alternate route to the Simpson Loop. This trail has nice ravine views, one fast downhill section, a short, steep climb and then a more gradual climb.

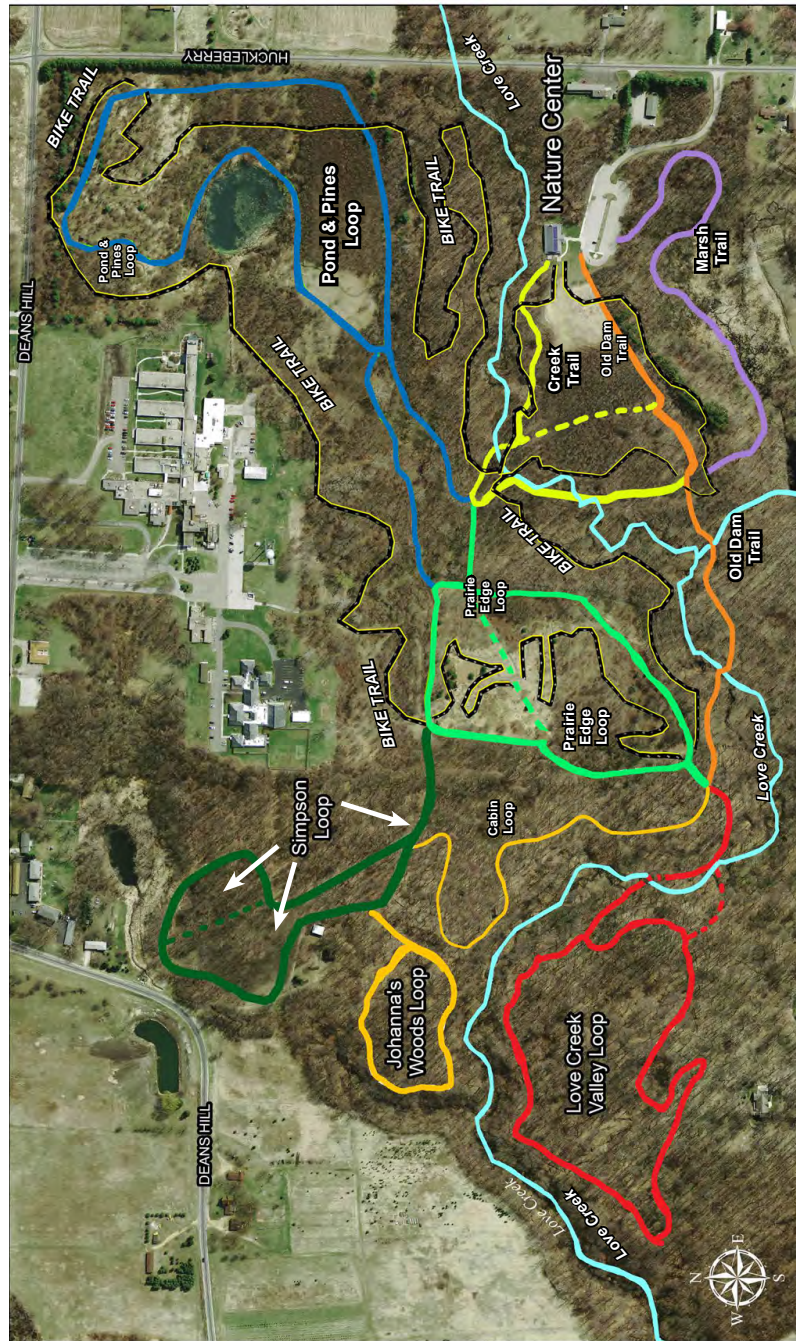
Simpson, Prairie Edge and Pond & Pines Loops

These are all wider trails groomed for both skate and classic styles of skiing. They can be skied as standalone loops or in part as sections of the Red or Green Ski Loops.

LOVE CREEK COUNTY PARK

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Love Creek County Park & Nature Center TRAIL MAP



- MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL
- Old Dam Trail
- Marsh Trail
- Creek Trail
- Pond & Pines Loop
- Prairie Edge Loop
- Simpson Loop
- Johanna's Woods Loop
- Love Creek Valley Loop
- Love Creek

MADELINE BERTRAND CC SKIING & HIKING TRAILS

3038 Adams Road, Niles | 269-683-8280 | berriencounty.org/1298/Madeline-Bertrand-County-Park

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Winter Trail Descriptions



RED Ski Trail

A short, mostly flat "warm up" or "beginner" loop. **Approximate trail length: 1/2 mile.**

YELLOW Ski Trail

A mostly flat "intermediate" level trail that is electrically lit and available for both daytime and special night ski events.

Approximate trail length: 1 mile

GREEN Ski Trail

The most challenging trail with some small slopes and narrow turns along the river.

Approximate trail length: 2.5 miles

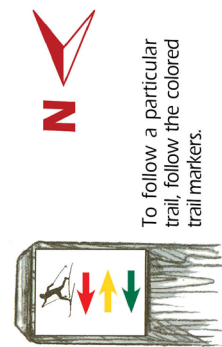
Blue Winter Hiking Trail

A combination of disc golf fairways and forest with scenic views along the northern ridge, looking down into the St. Joseph River floodplain.

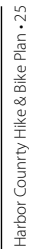
Approximate trail length: ¾ mile

Hikers Please Note:

When snow conditions permit cross-country skiing, all trails are closed to hikers. (Ski trails are open for hiking when there is no snow).



224 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo | 269-469-3574 | cityofnewbuffalomi.gov/documents/new-buffalo-hiking-biking-map/



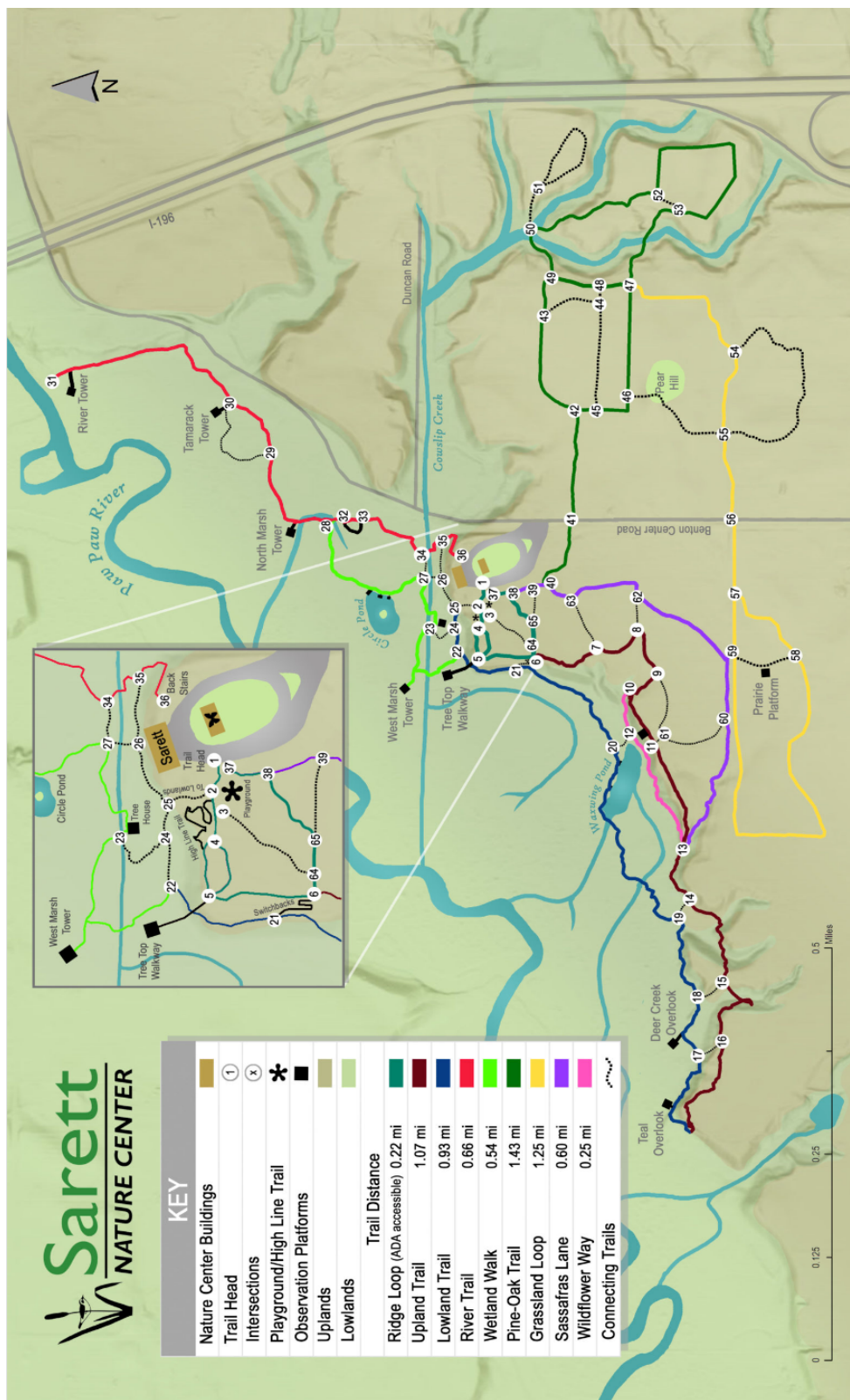
NILES WALKING/BIKING TRAILS

333 N 2nd St, Niles | 269-683-4700 ext. 3060 | nilesmi.org/departments_and_divisions/parks_and_recreation.php



SARETT NATURE CENTER

2300 N. Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor | 269-927-4832 | sarett.org/visit/trail-map/



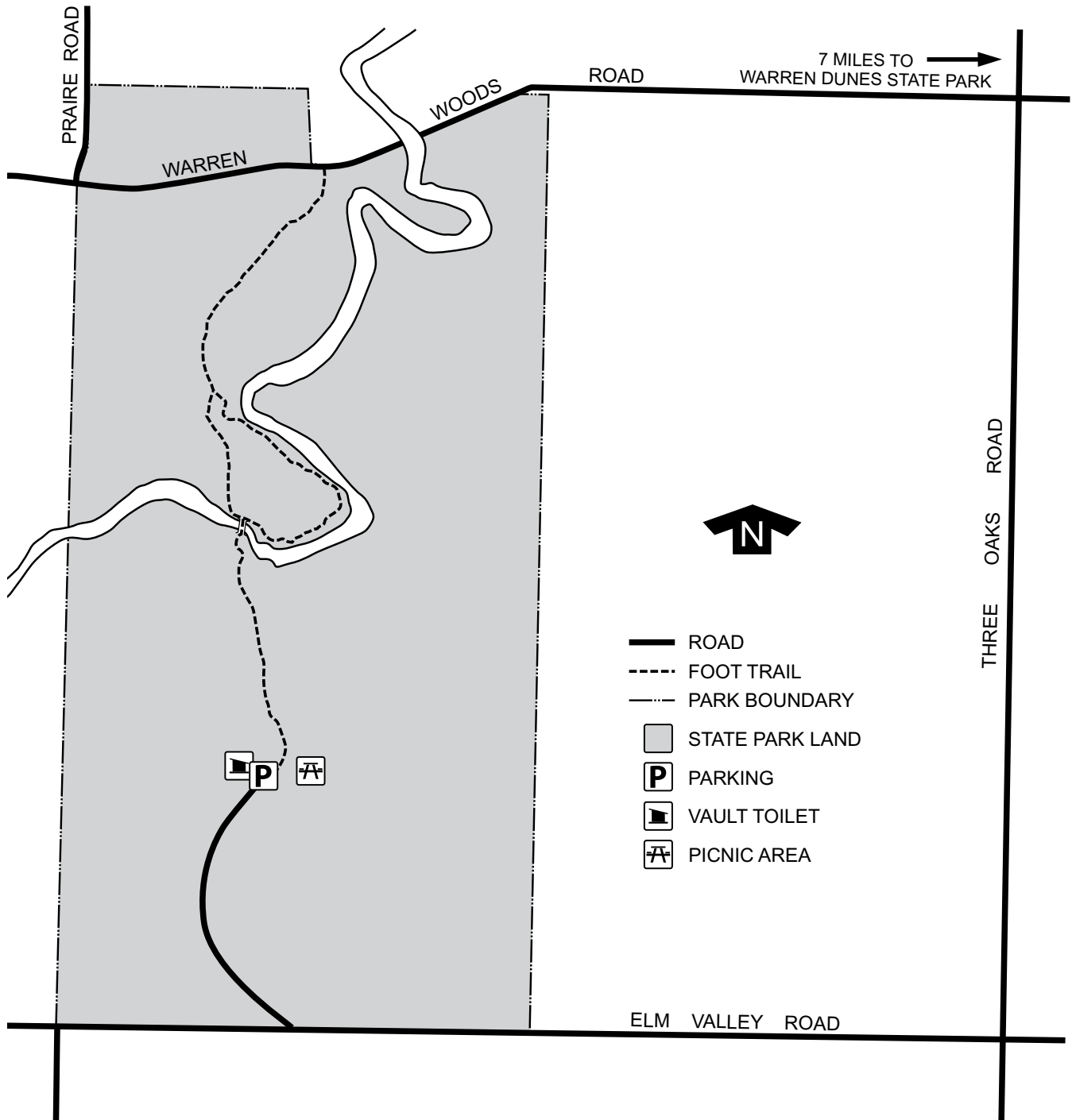
WARREN DUNES STATE PARK

12032 Red Arrow Highway, Sawyer | 269-426-4013 | michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/Details.aspx?type=SPRK&id=504



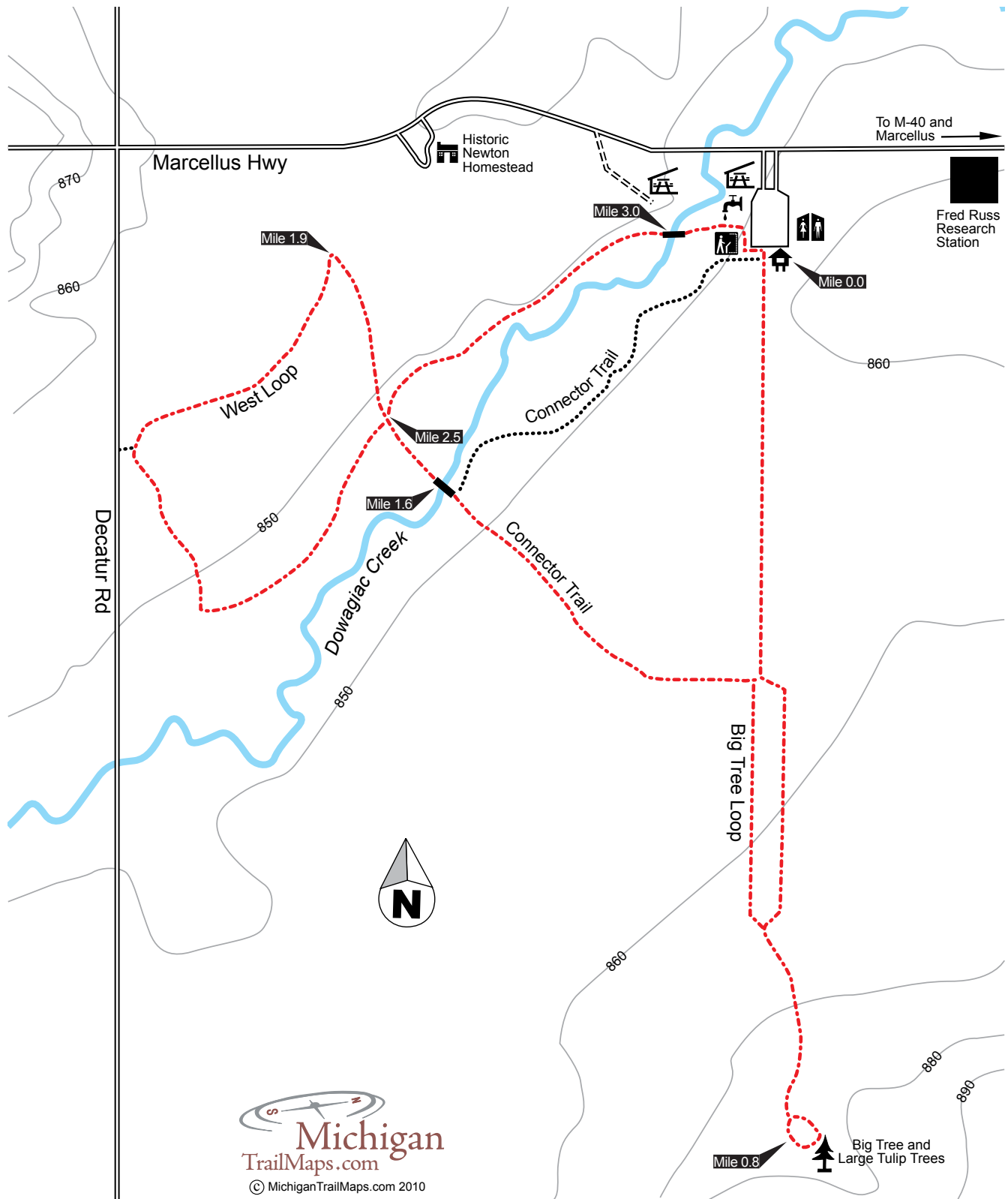
WARREN WOODS STATE PARK

Elm Valley Rd., Three Oaks | 269-426-4013 | michigan.dnr.com/parksandtrails/details.aspx?id=505&type=SPRK



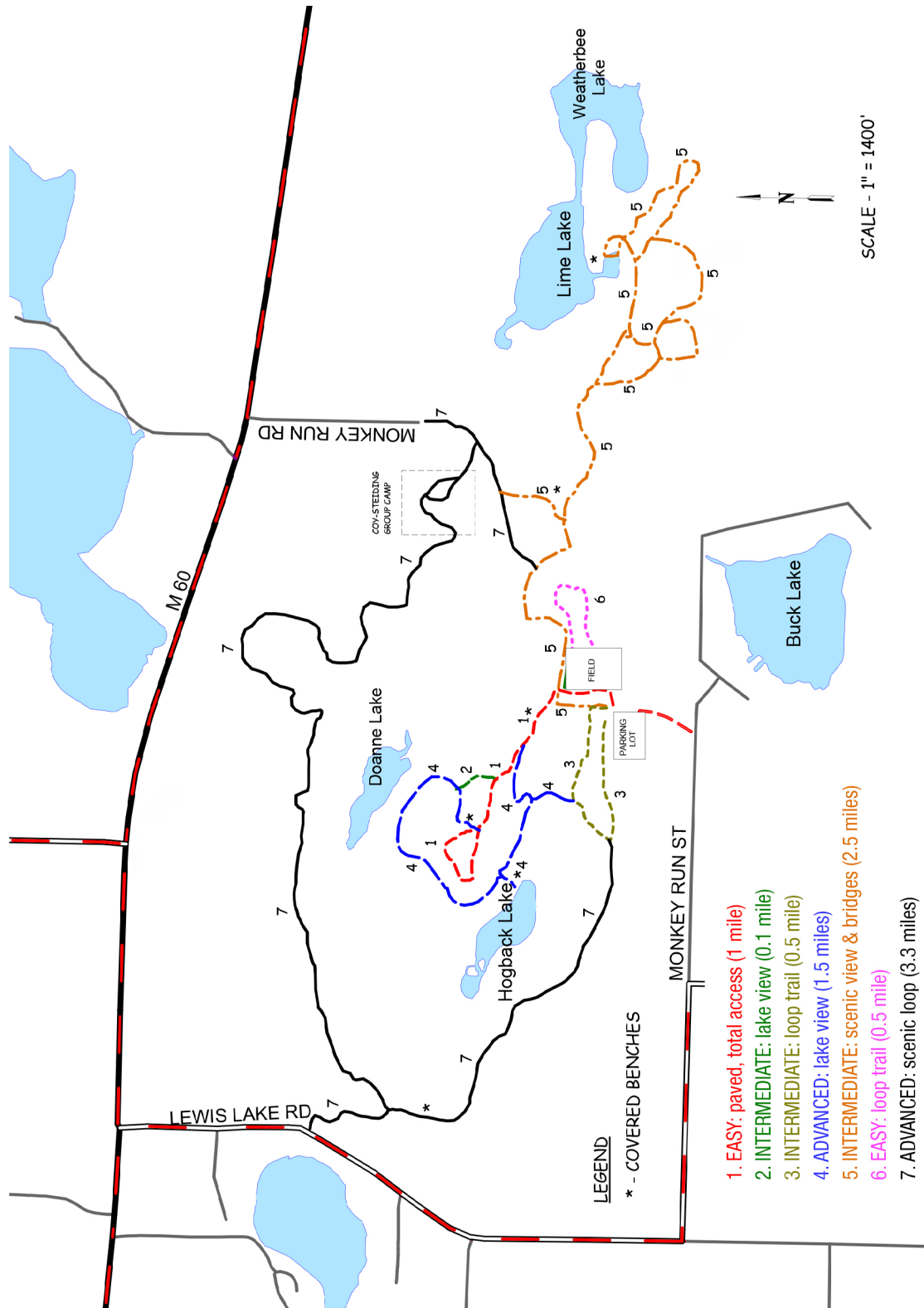
FRED RUSS FOREST PARK

20379 Marcellus Highway, Decatur | 269-445-4456 | casscountymi.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Fred-Russ-Forest-Park-3



T.K. LAWLESS PARK HIKING TRAILS

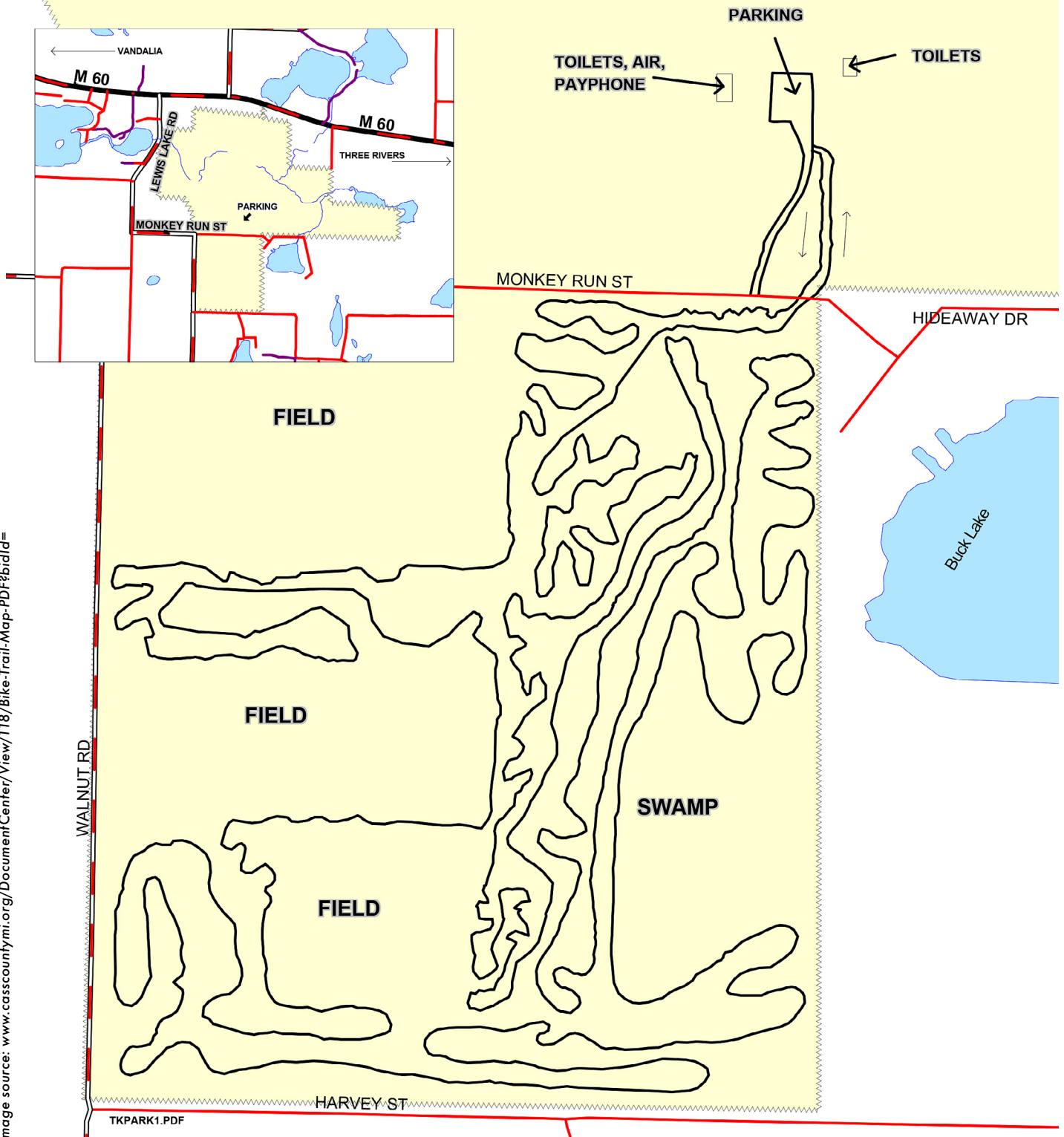
15122 Monkey Run Street, Vandalia | 269-445-4420 | casscountymi.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Dr-TK-Lawless-Park-2



T.K. LAWLESS PARK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

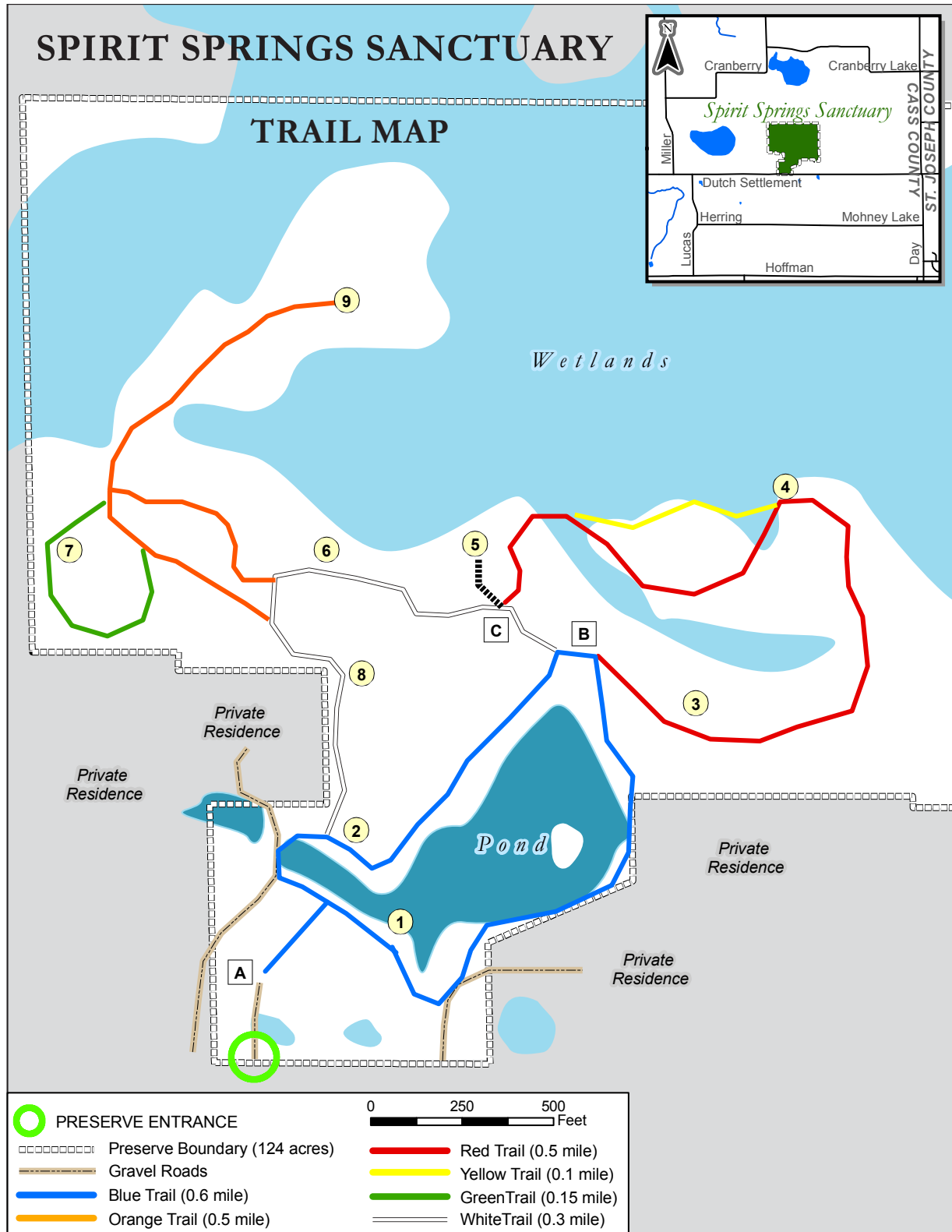
15122 Monkey Run Street, Vandalia | 269-445-4420 | casscountymi.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Dr-TK-Lawless-Park-2

Advanced skill level 10 mile trail loop. Average ride time, 1.5 hours. Ride responsibly, wear your helmet.



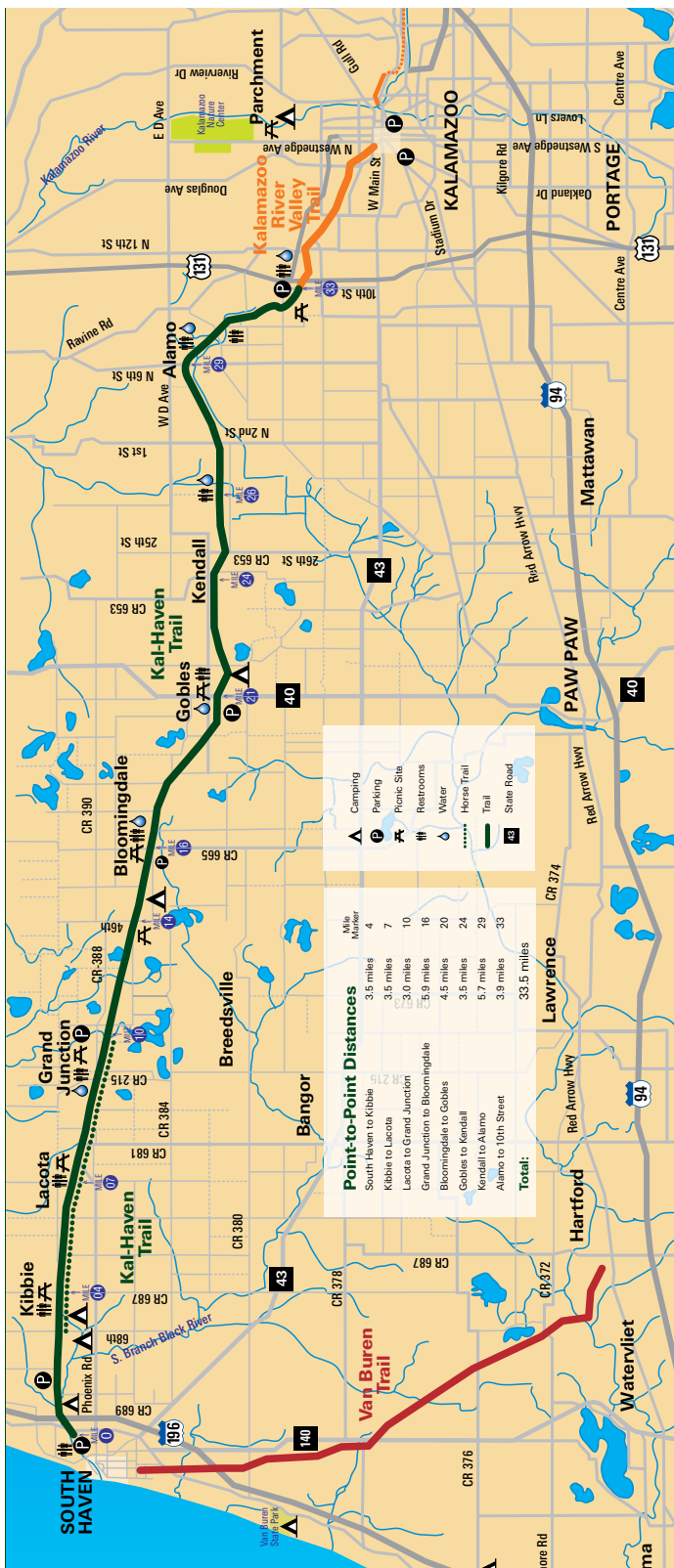
SPRIT SPRINGS SANCTUARY

Dutch Settlement St., Marcellus | 269-324-1600 | swmlc.org/project/spirit-springs-sanctuary/



KAL-HAVEN TRAIL STATE PARK

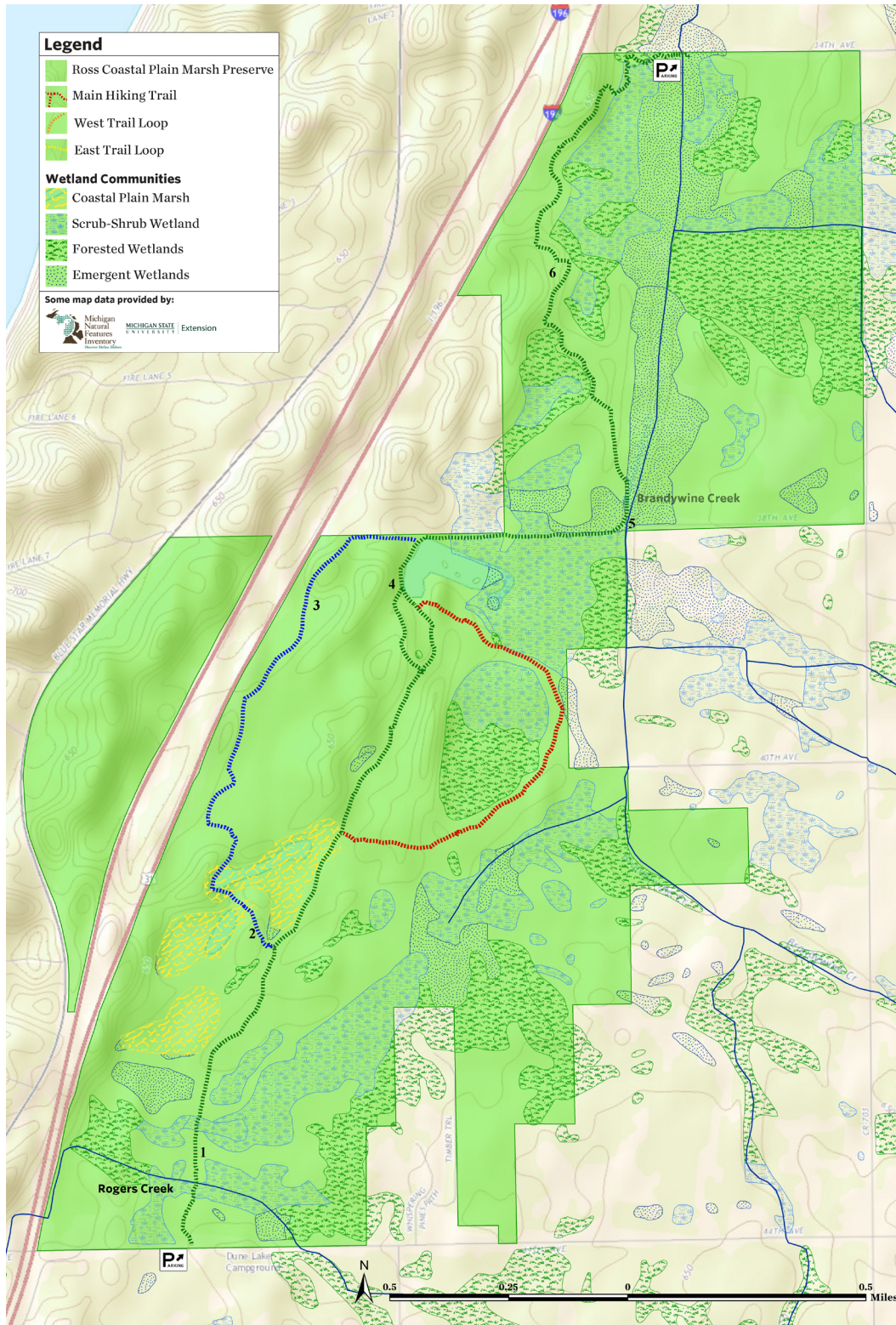
N. Bailey Avenue, South Haven | 269-637-2788 | kalhaven.org



ROSS COASTAL PLAIN MARSH PRESERVE

I-196, Covert | 517-316-0300

nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/ross-coastal-plain-marsh-preserve/



VAN BUREN TRAIL STATE PARK

Lovejoy Avenue, South Haven/Prospect Street, Hartford | 269-637-2788 | kalhaven.org/van-buren-trail

