

## OUR TRAILS

### **Frog Trail – Green Loop ~ .5 miles**

The Frog trail is perfect for beginners. The 0.5 mile trail traverses flat terrain and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Highlights include a view of the Mississippi River from the Olin skeet range, savannah habitat, and multiple sinkholes. You may even hear a frog call from the sinkhole ponds or see an indigo bunting flitting through the trees.

### **Fox Trail – Orange Loop ~ 1 mile**

The Fox Trail is another beginner level trail with flat terrain. This 1.0 mile trail will take approximately 1 hour to complete. The highlights include all the features of Frog Trail, but you will also get to see successional forest habitat. You can take a detour to see a formerly used nesting site of bald eagles. Use your track knowledge to find out what animals are sharing the trail with you like deer and raccoons.

### **Rock Trail – Red Loop ~ 1.5 miles**

The Rock Trail is an intermediate level trail, 1.5 miles and may take up to 2 hours to complete. The trail takes you past the highlights of the Frog Trail and down to the bottoms where you will find a small stream, the Underground Railroad Monument, and exposed bedrock. The highlights of this trail will make the changes in elevation worthwhile.

### **Beaver Trail – Purple Loop ~ 2.3 miles**

The Beaver Trail is an intermediate level trail, 2.3 miles and may take up to 2.5 hours to complete. The loop will take you directly to Beaver Falls, the largest waterfall on the property, and back to the parking lot.

**\*Please stay on our trails at all times\***

### **Deer Trail – Black Loop ~ 3 miles**

The Deer Trail is our longest loop at 3.0 miles. This difficult level trail will give you the full tour of our property. This hike will take up to 3 hours to complete and requires trekking up and down hills. You will see varying ecosystems as you hike past hill prairie, savannah, successional forest, mature forest, and restored prairie.

### **Hutchinson Bird Trail – Pink Loop ~ .4 miles**

This easy trail travels over flat ground for 0.4 miles. A casual stroll will take about 20 minutes. The Hutchinson Trail ambles through the prairie restoration in our Hutchinson Bird Sanctuary and has its own parking area at the corner of Levis Lane and S. Levis Lane. We encourage you to visit this trail throughout the warm months to watch prairie plants grow, bloom, and set seed. It is the perfect place to view pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.

#### **Tips for Hiking**

- **Wear supportive footwear**
- **Practice Leave No Trace**
- **Have water with you**
- **Let someone know where you are**

#### **Nature Preserve Guidelines**

- **No Collecting/Harvesting**
- **No Pets**
- **No Fire**
- **No Smoking**
- **No Motorized Vehicles**
- **No Horses**

***Leave No Trace = Practicing good outdoor ethics and minimizing your impact while exploring the great outdoors.***



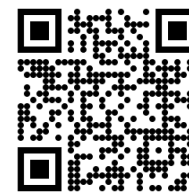
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# John M. Olin Nature Preserve Trail Map

## Legend

- Parking
- Point of Interest
- Frog Trail
- Fox Trail
- Rock Trail
- Beaver Trail
- Deer Trail
- Hutchinson Bird Trail
- Connector Trails
- Streams
- Road
- ponds
- Property Boundary

