

Highlights of the trails:

The trails allow the visitor to enjoy a natural setting with seasonal wildflowers, native trees and shrubs, and wonderful wildlife. Explore a variety of habitats, from thickets, to wetlands, to mature woods and study the diversity of plant and animal life. All trails are quite flat and suitable for even the youngest members of the family.

ARBOR TRAIL

(0.42 mi) Enjoy the sense of natural succession as you travel through a former orchard into a shrubby, second-growth area that is dominated by ash, elm trees and dogwood shrubs. Stop on the boardwalk to view the vernal pond. This springtime pond is an important area for tree frogs and spring peepers to breed. Farther back is a beautiful mature woods where spring wildflowers such as Trillium, Toad Lily, and Dutchman's Breeches can be found under oak, beech, and spruce trees. Listen for the haunting song of Wood Thrush. Can you find the old farmer's dump?

JUDGE TRAIL

(0.24 mi) Stroll along the creek in the woods and watch for warblers, thrushes, and kinglets moving through during spring and fall migration. You might not enjoy the insects, but they certainly are! Even a small woods can provide critical habitat to migrating birds who must fatten up before flying across Lake Ontario to their breeding grounds in the Canadian forests.

YELLOW BIRD TRAIL

(0.10 mi) This trail takes you past a lovely stand of Locust trees. Look for their wavy trunks. Listen for Catbirds; they will "meow" at you from hidden deep in the undergrowth. In the summer check the orange jewelweed flowers for feeding hummingbirds.

SUMAC LANE

(0.12 mi) The oldest trail on the property, this area is dominated by sumac, serviceberry, and cherry trees. Because these are all excellent food sources for birds watch for Cedar Waxwings, Robins, Goldfinches, and more.

OLD APPLE TRAIL

(0.11 mi) This short trail meanders through a recently cleared and newly planted landscape that represents a major area of growth for the Arboretum and an ongoing project for many years to come. Enjoy a rest in the gazebo!

KODIAK RUN

(0.11 mi) Listen for the beautiful, bubbly song of the House Wren in the summer. Cavity nesters, they prefer bird boxes placed in very dense cover such as this grapevine-draped thicket.

EAGLE SCOUT TRAIL

(0.07 mi) Dedicated to the numerous Eagle Scouts who have so generously donated their talents to the Arboretum. Stop on the bridge to view birds feeding in the trees along the creek.



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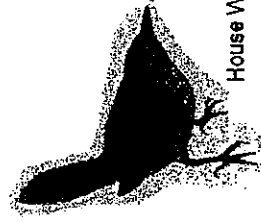
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Black-capped Chickadee

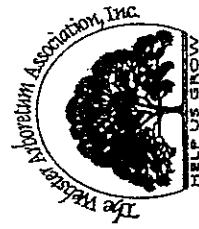


House Wren

Welcome to The Webster Arboretum Trails

During your visit, please:

- All dogs must be leashed & cleaned up after! (Please bring a plastic bag for excrement.)
- Remain on trails.
- Respect plants and animals.
- Avoid poison ivy.
- No motorized vehicles allowed.



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