

Oakland Township Parks & Recreation

**TRAIL
GUIDE**



Our Community

Since 1975, the **Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission** has been preserving, through acquisitions and donations, over 1500 acres of natural beauty parklands and miles of trails. These special areas offer township residents walking, hiking, biking, horseback riding, and nature viewing throughout the changing seasons. This is all made possible with your support on the **Parks and Recreation Millage** and the **Land Preservation Millage**.

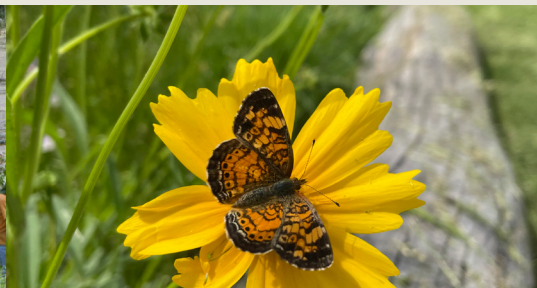
Our Organization

Through collaborative efforts and shared commitment, our staff works to preserve and maintain the spaces our community loves. The **Stewardship** team protects unique natural features and wildlife habitats by restoring native plant communities, removing invasive species, and closely monitoring conditions in natural areas. Our **Maintenance** staff ensures facilities are safe, clean, and welcoming for all patrons. Meanwhile, our **Recreation** team plans engaging events and programs that bring residents together.

Your Benefit

In addition to walking and hiking trails, we offer a variety of recreation opportunities. **Marsh View Park** features basketball courts and soccer fields, while **Lost Lake Nature Park** offers a Nature Center, kayak launch, and a seasonal sledding hill. **Bear Creek Nature Park** hosts a playground, pavilion, and a seasonal ice skating rink. **Draper Twin Lake Park** has a dock and kayak launch. **Gallagher Creek Park** features a playground and pavilion.

Throughout the year, the parks also host community events like the three-part summer concert series **Music in the Meadows**, the fall celebration **Goodison Good Tyme**, and the wintertime **Winter Carnival**.



The Key to Your Parks

Amenities and Recreation Opportunities



Playground



Soccer Field



Kayak Launch



Archery Range



Basketball Court



Scenic Outlook



Pavilion

**Available for rental*



Picnic Tables



Skating Rink

**Seasonal*



Sledding Hill

**Seasonal*



Prairie Planting



Pedestrian Entrance



Parking



Restrooms

Trail Types and Markers



Paint Creek Trail



Boardwalk



Limestone Path



Stairs



Paved Path



Trail Marker



Unpaved Path



Compass





OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

Community Parks and Recreation Areas

1. Bear Creek Nature Park
2. Charles Ilsley Park
3. Cranberry Lake Park
4. Draper Twin Lake Park
5. Fox Nature Preserve
6. Gallagher Creek Park
7. Lost Lake Nature Park
8. Marsh View Park
9. Mill Race Trail
10. Paint Creek Junction
11. Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park
12. Watershed Ridge Park
13. Paint Creek Cider Mill (Parks Office)

Conservation Areas

Greenspace with no parking, trails, or amenities

14. Blue Heron Environmental Area
15. Mill Creek Crossing
16. O'Connor Nature Park
17. Paint Creek Heritage Area: Fen
18. Paint Creek Heritage Area: Wet Prairie
19. Paint Creek Trail Parcel

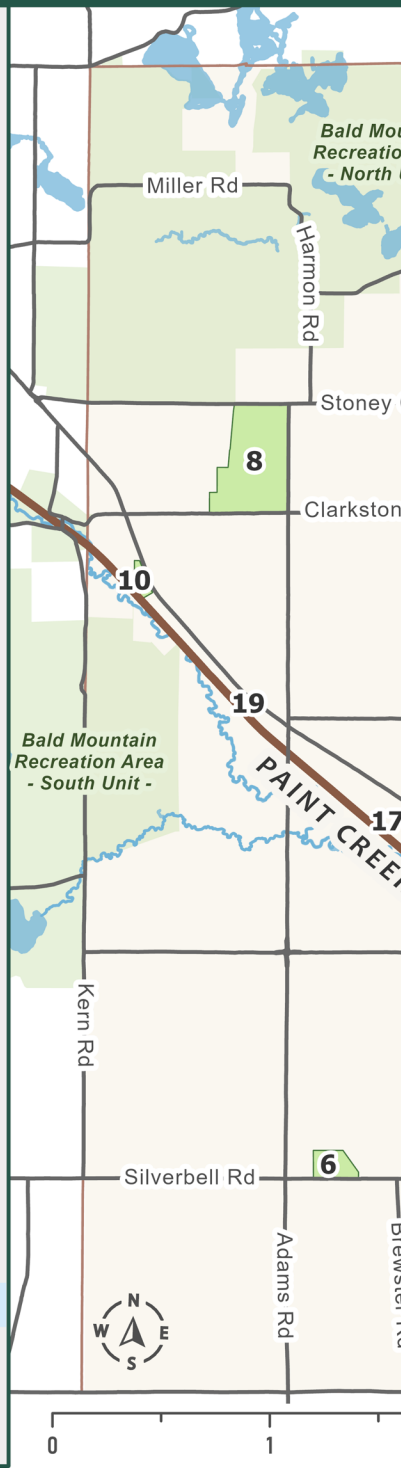
For a full map of the Paint Creek Trail, scan here or visit
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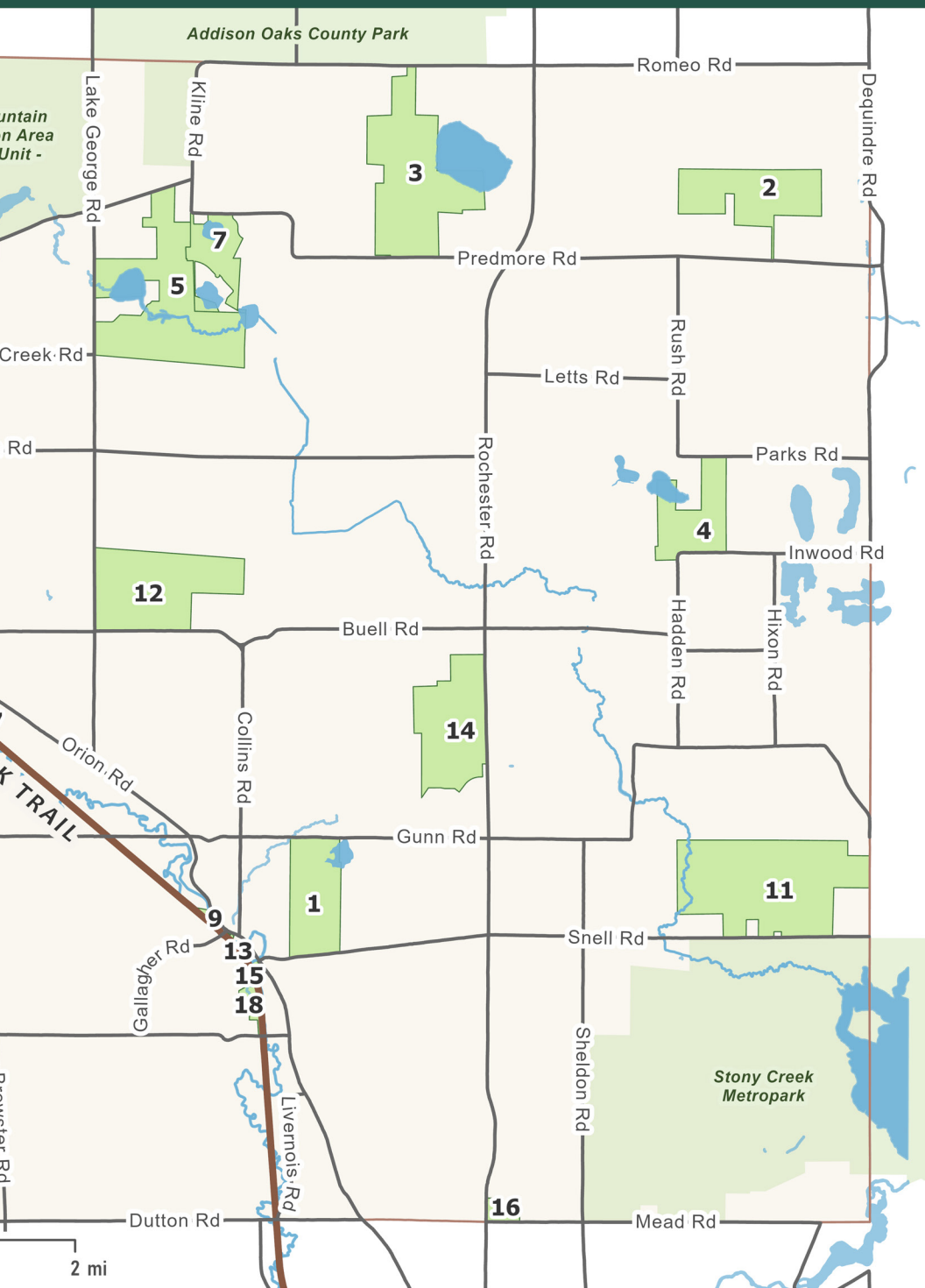
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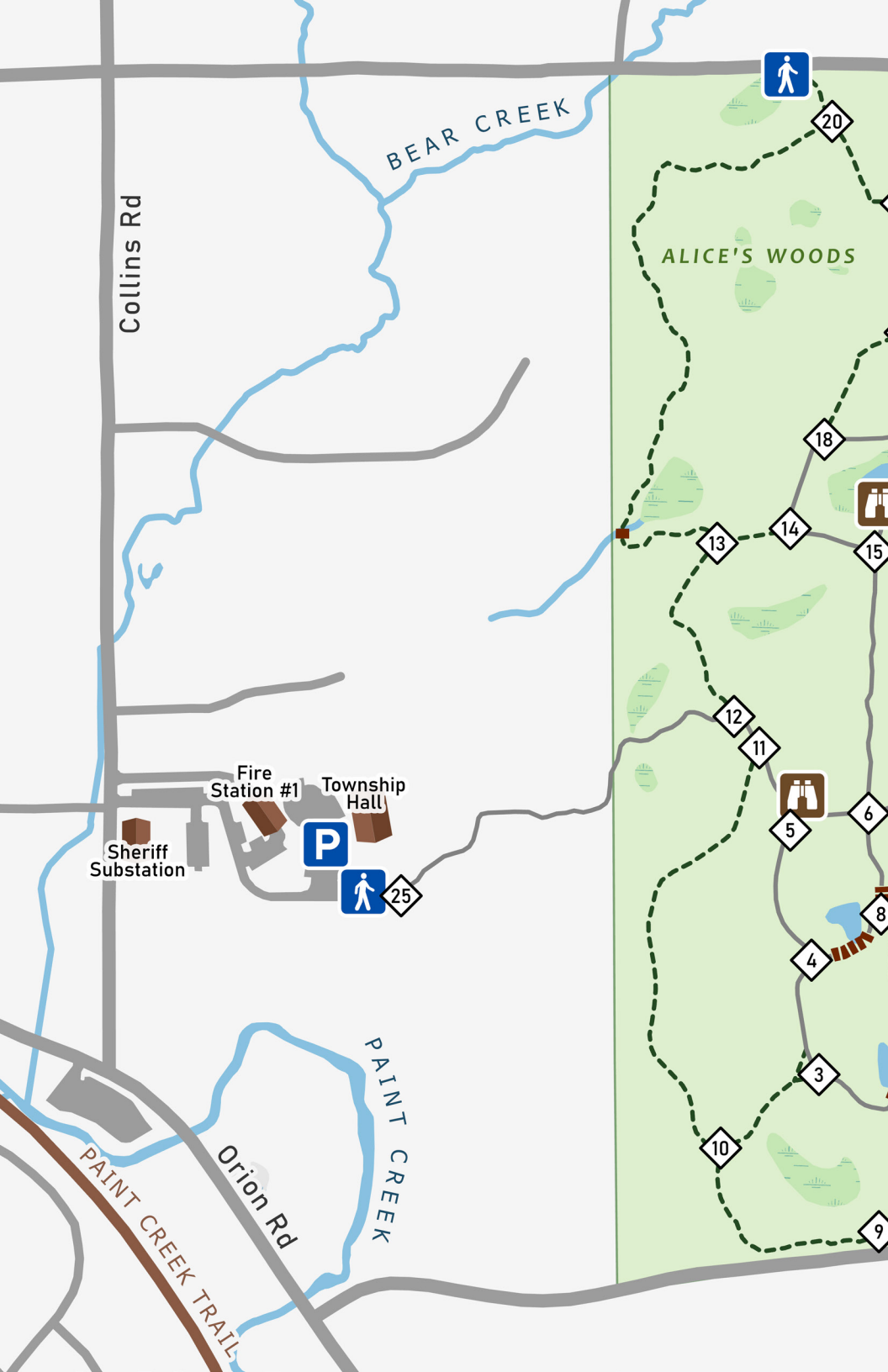
Parks Office: (248) 651-7810

4480 Orion Rd, Rochester, MI 48306



PARKS & RECREATION





Collins Rd

BEAR CREEK

ALICE'S WOODS

Fire Station #1 Township Hall

Sheriff Substation

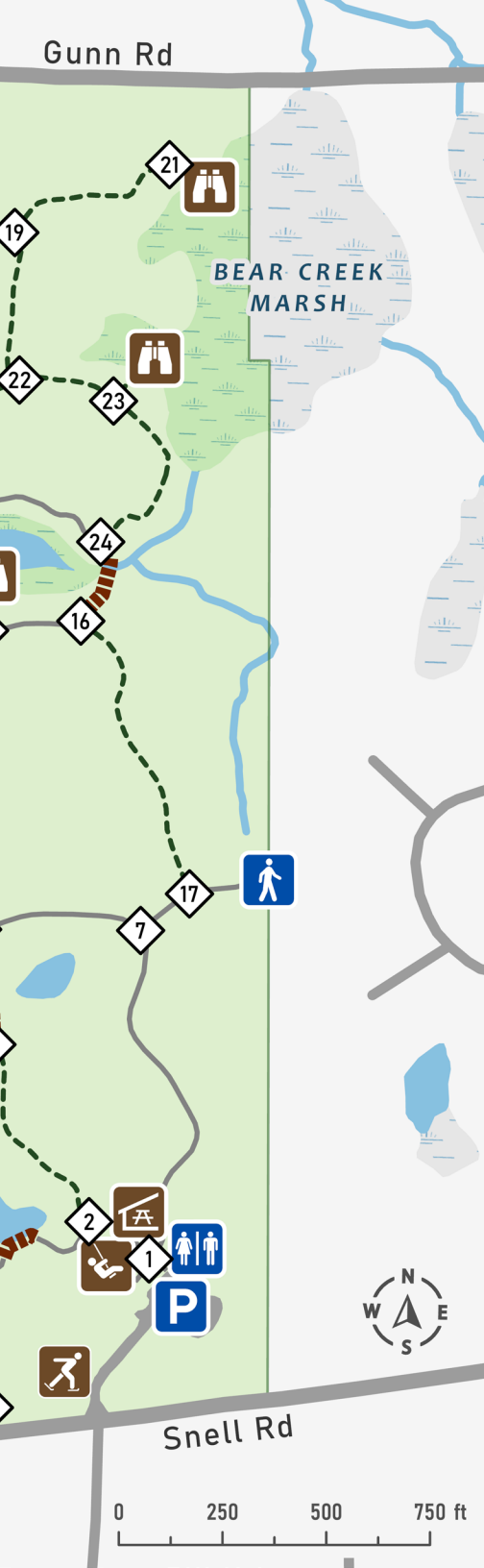
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PAINT CREEK

Orion Rd

PAINT CREEK TRAIL



BEAR CREEK NATURE PARK

Limestone & unpaved
trails: 3.4 miles

740 W Snell Road,
Rochester, MI 48306

107 acres

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Bear Creek Nature Park features a mix of forest, meadows, and wetlands with ADA-accessible crushed limestone trails, boardwalks, and mowed paths. It's also a hub for community events, including Music in the Meadows concerts, nature programs, and seasonal festivals, and includes a rentable pavilion for gatherings.



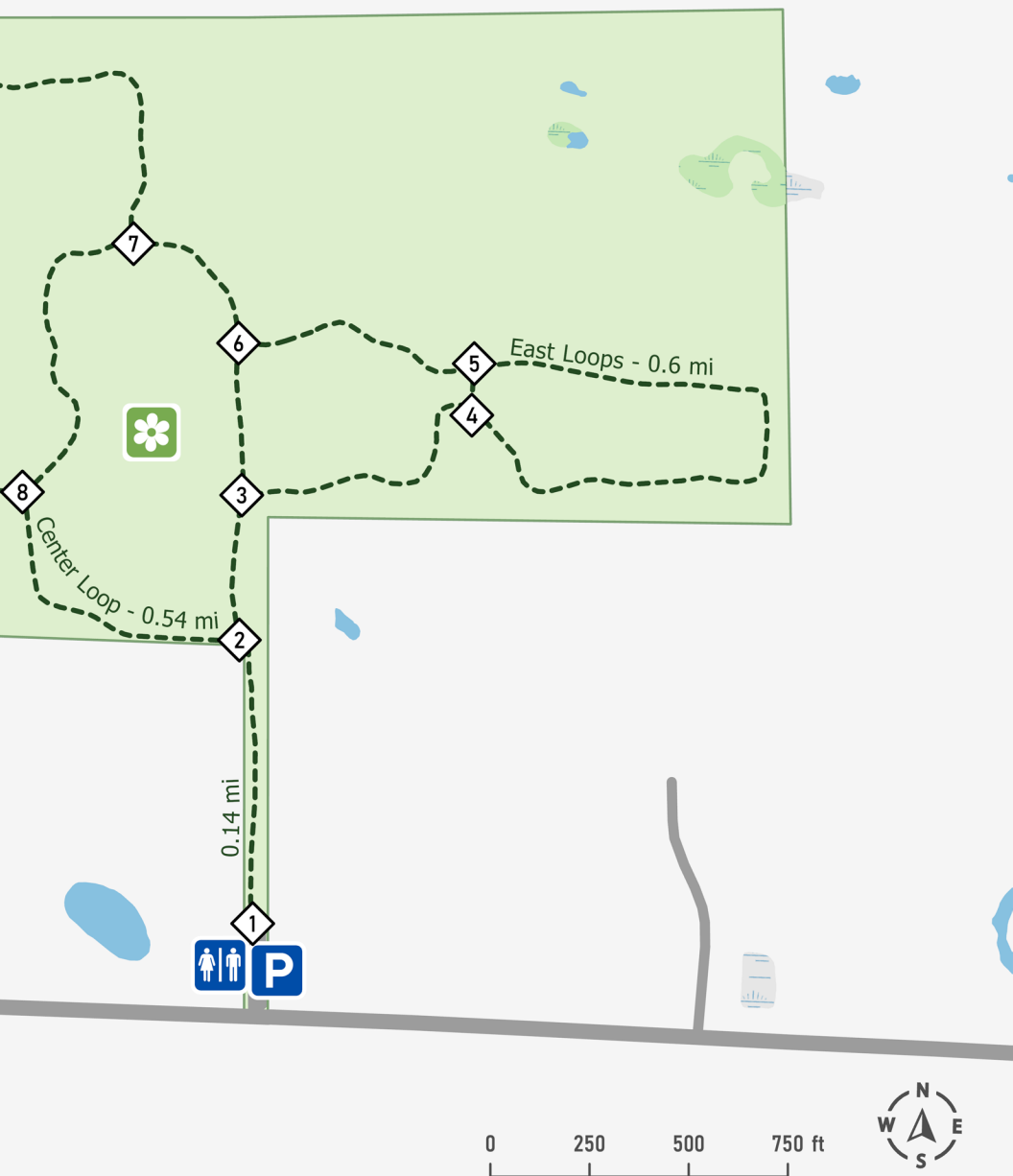
CHARLES ILSLEY PARK

Unpaved trails: 2.1 miles

120 acres

1479 E Predmore Road, Oakland Township, MI 48363

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Charles Ilsley Park offers over 2 miles of mowed trails through planted prairies, woodlands, and wetlands—perfect for hiking, skiing, horseback riding, and spotting wildlife. Its rolling terrain and diverse habitats make it a scenic and peaceful destination.

Connector Trail

Addison Oaks County



Romeo Rd Lot
635 W Romeo Rd

North Connector - 0.7 mi

0.15 mi

South Loop
0.9 mi

CRAN



0 500 1000 ft

Predmore Rd



Historic
District





CRANBERRY LAKE PARK

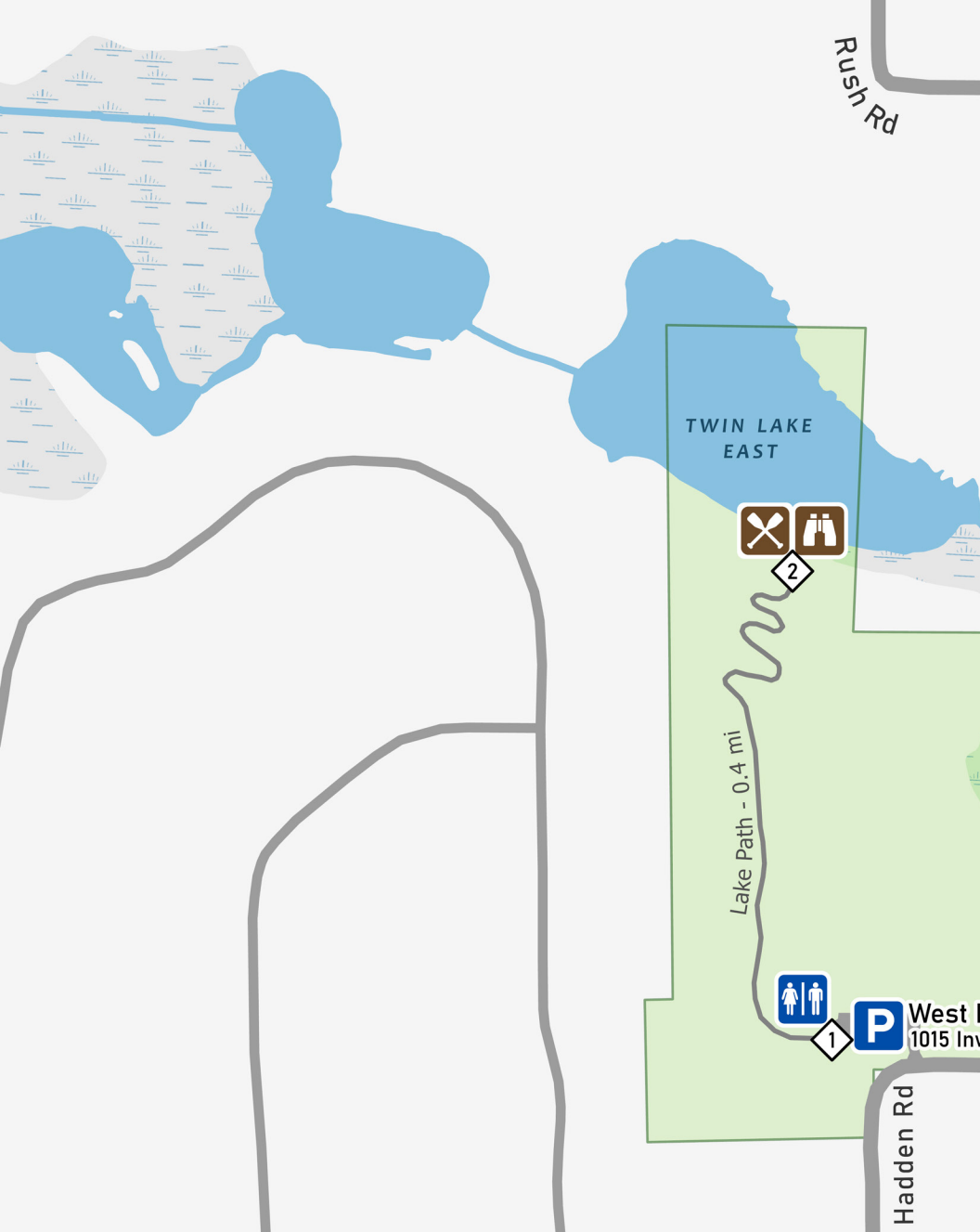
Limestone & unpaved
trails: 2.1 miles

388 W Predmore Road,
Oakland Township, MI 48363

213 acres

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Cranberry Lake Park features over 2 miles of trails winding through forests, wetlands, and meadows along the lake's western shore. Visitors can explore diverse habitats and enjoy the park's rich natural and cultural history, including a 19th-century farmstead.

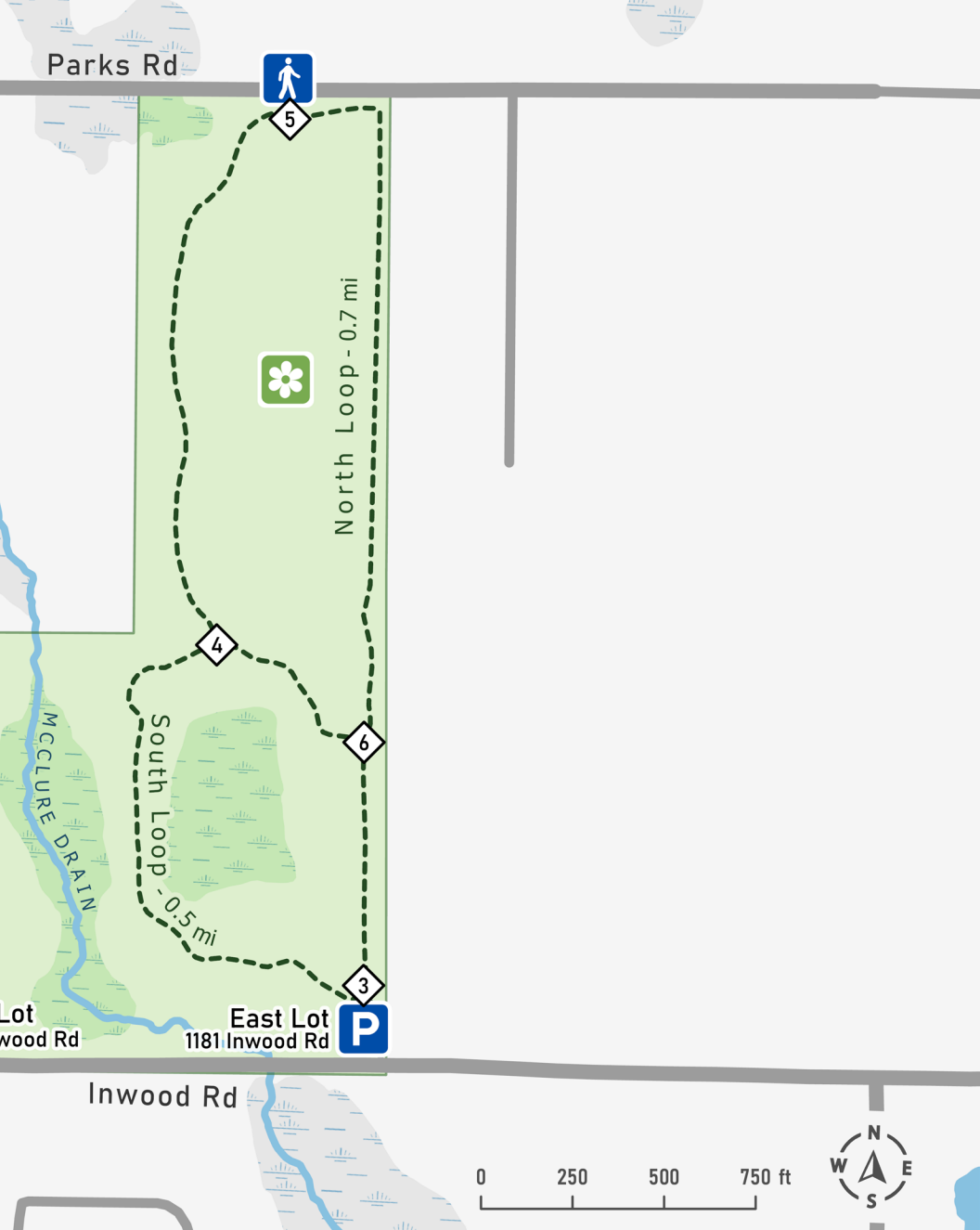


DRAPER TWIN LAKE PARK

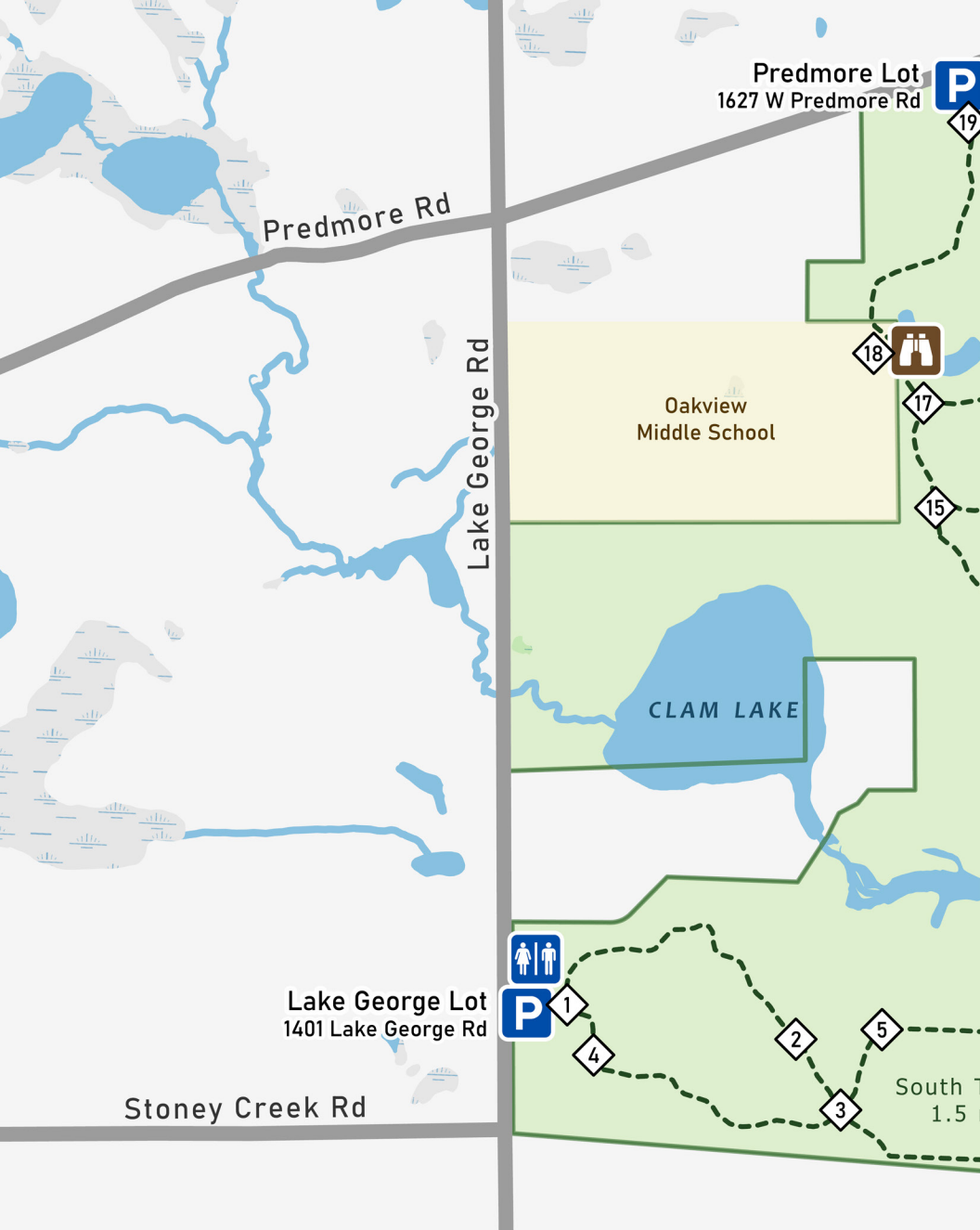
Limestone & unpaved trails: 1.6 miles 90 acres

West Lot: 1015 Inwood Road, Rochester, MI 48306

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Draper Twin Lake Park offers peaceful trails, a fishing dock, and a kayak launch along the south shore of Twin Lake East. Visitors can explore rolling terrain, wetlands, and prairie plantings on over 1.6 miles of mowed and crushed limestone paths.



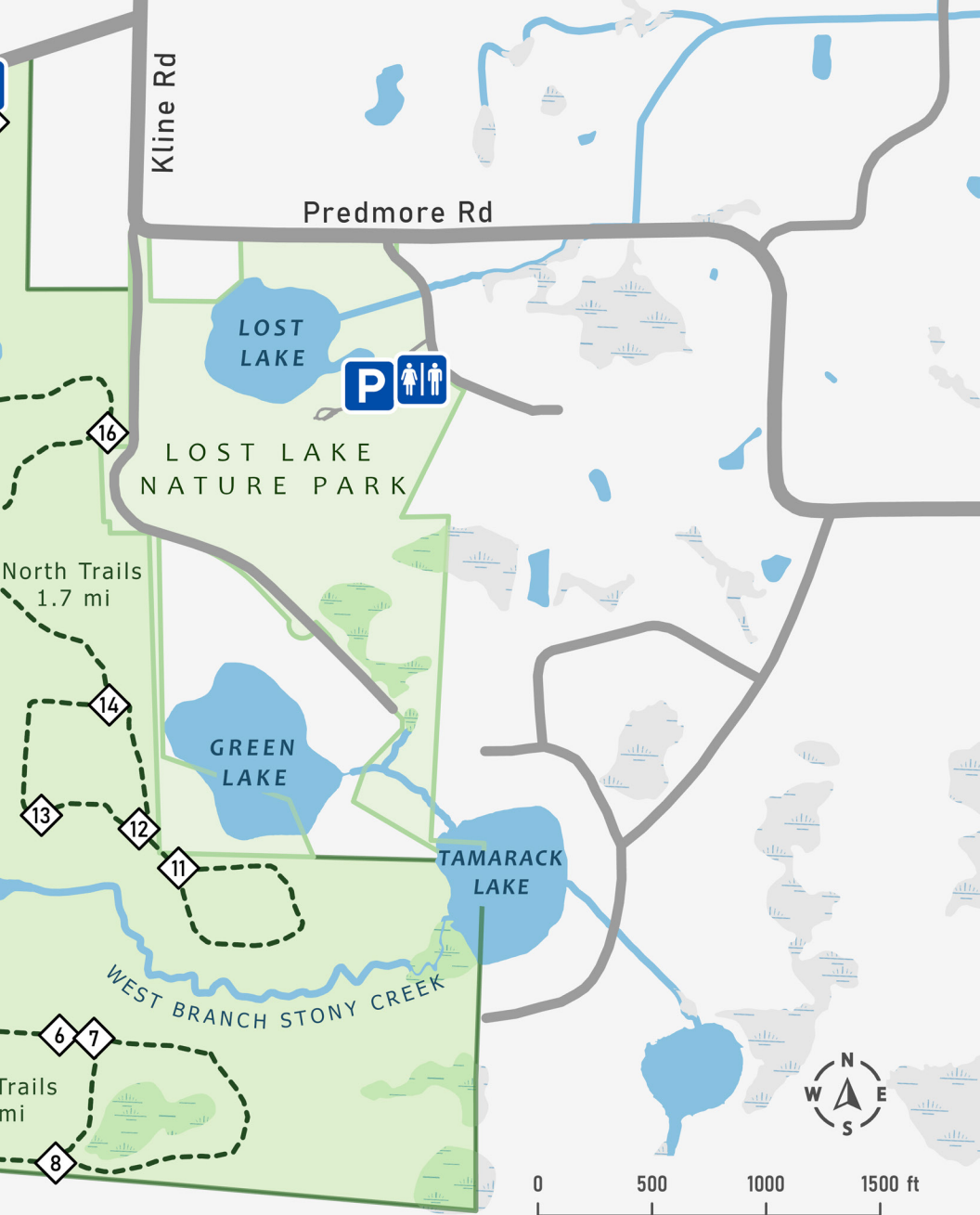
FOX NATURE PRESERVE

Unpaved trails: 3.2 miles

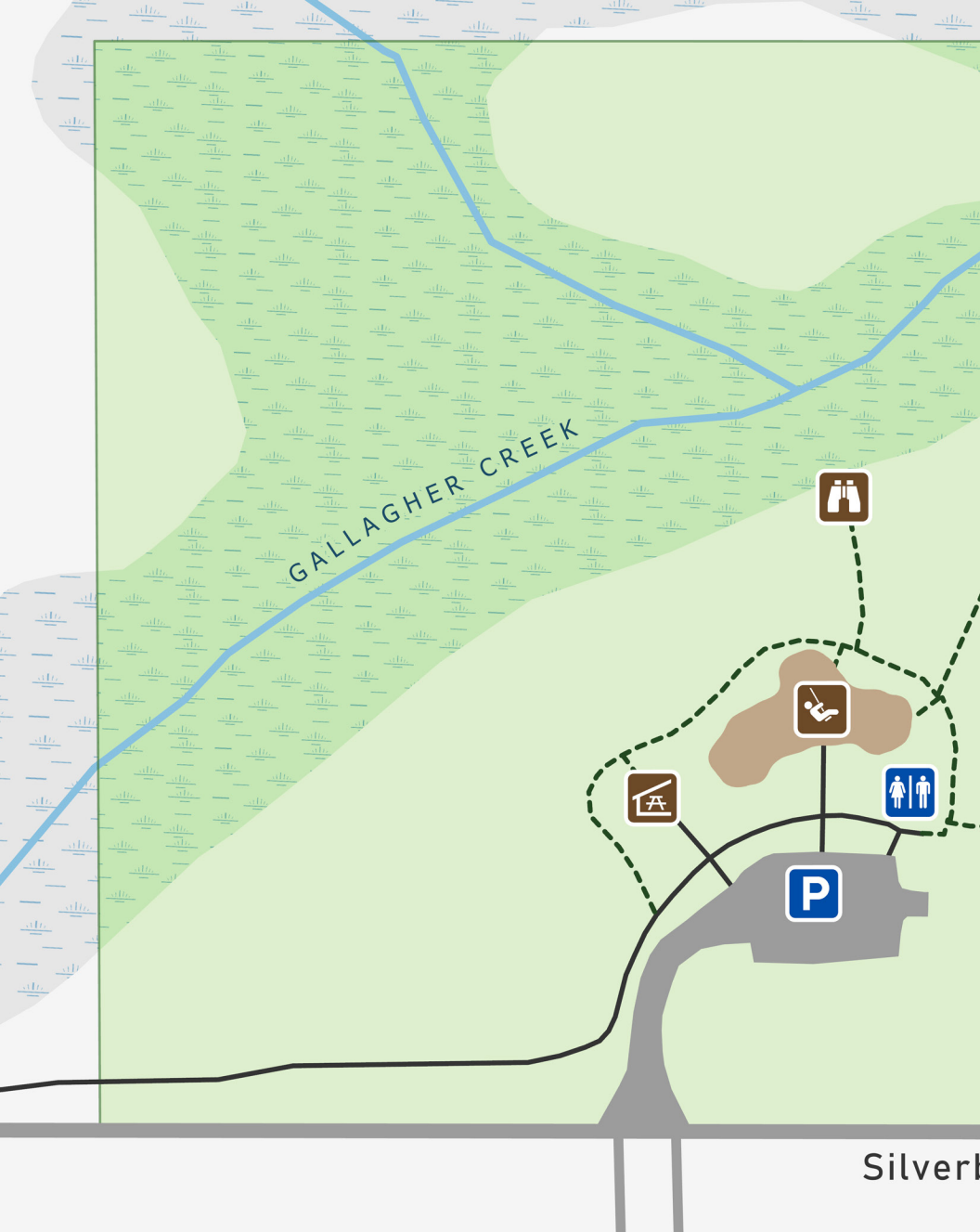
234 acres

1401 Lake George Rd, Oakland Twp, MI 48363

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Fox Nature Preserve features 3.2 miles of scenic mowed trails through fields, woodlands, and wetlands, with views of lakes and the West Branch of Stony Creek. This diverse natural area includes rare habitats like prairie fen and tamarack swamp.



Silverbell

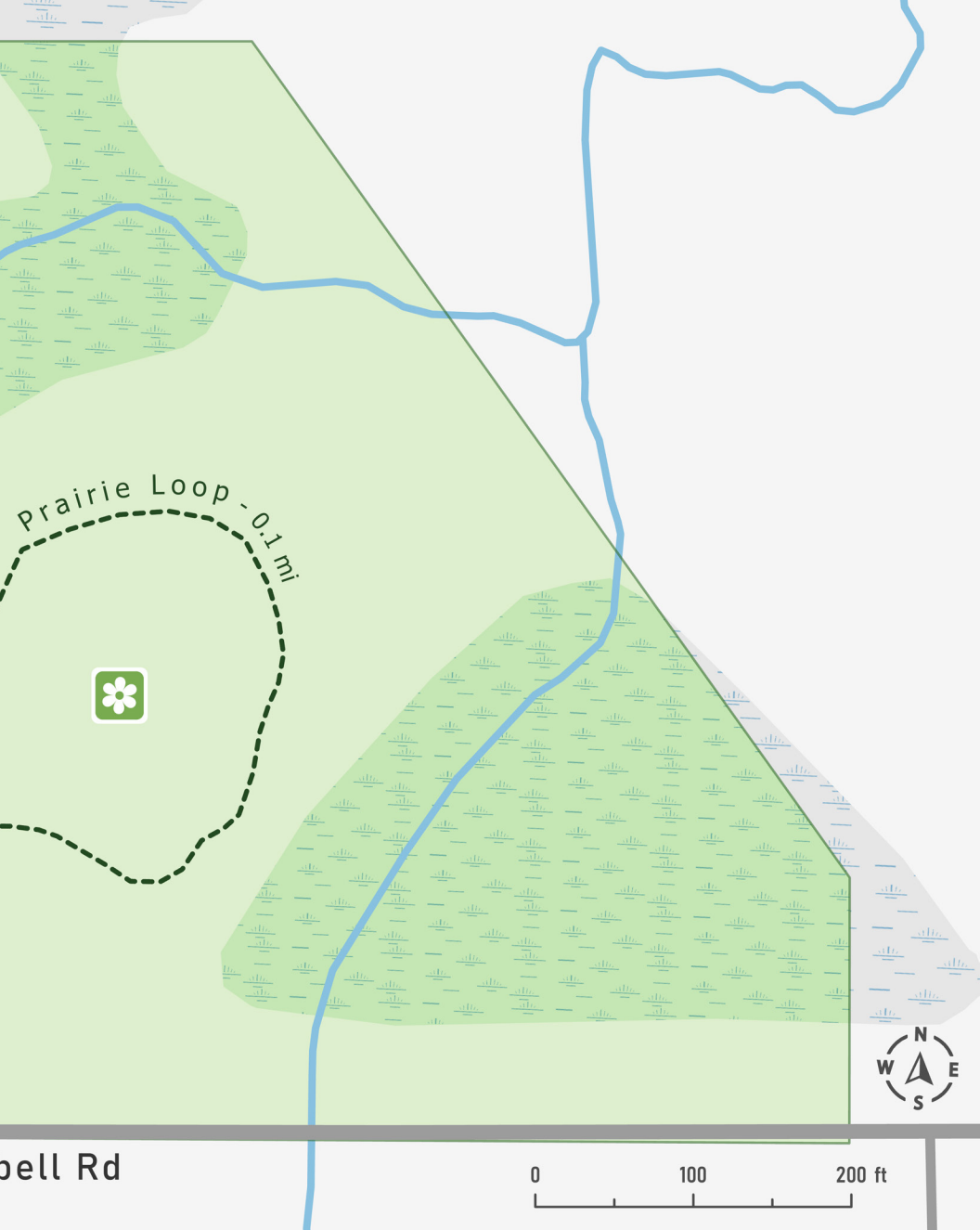
GALLAGHER CREEK PARK

Paved & unpaved trails: 0.4 miles

15 acres

2780 Silverbell Road, Rochester, MI 48306

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bell Rd

Gallagher Creek Park features prairie plantings, wetlands, and a short trail leading to an overlook of the creek's headwaters. With a playground, picnic area, native wildflowers, and a pavilion, it's a perfect spot for families and nature lovers alike.

Kline Rd

Predm

LOST LAKE



0 150 300 450 ft

Turtle Creek Ln

Oak Woodl

LOST LAKE NATURE PARK

Unpaved trails: 0.3 miles

58 acres

846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland Township, MI 48363

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ore Rd



Lost Lake Nature Park offers picnic spots by the 6-acre lake with dock fishing, scenic oak woodlands, and diverse wetlands. The park features a nature center with scheduled programs and a warming shelter at the sledding hill. Visitors can enjoy wildlife viewing, winter sledding, dragonfly watching, and a hike to one of the township's highest points on the oak woodland trail loop.

**Nature center open to programs only.*

MARSH VIEW PARK

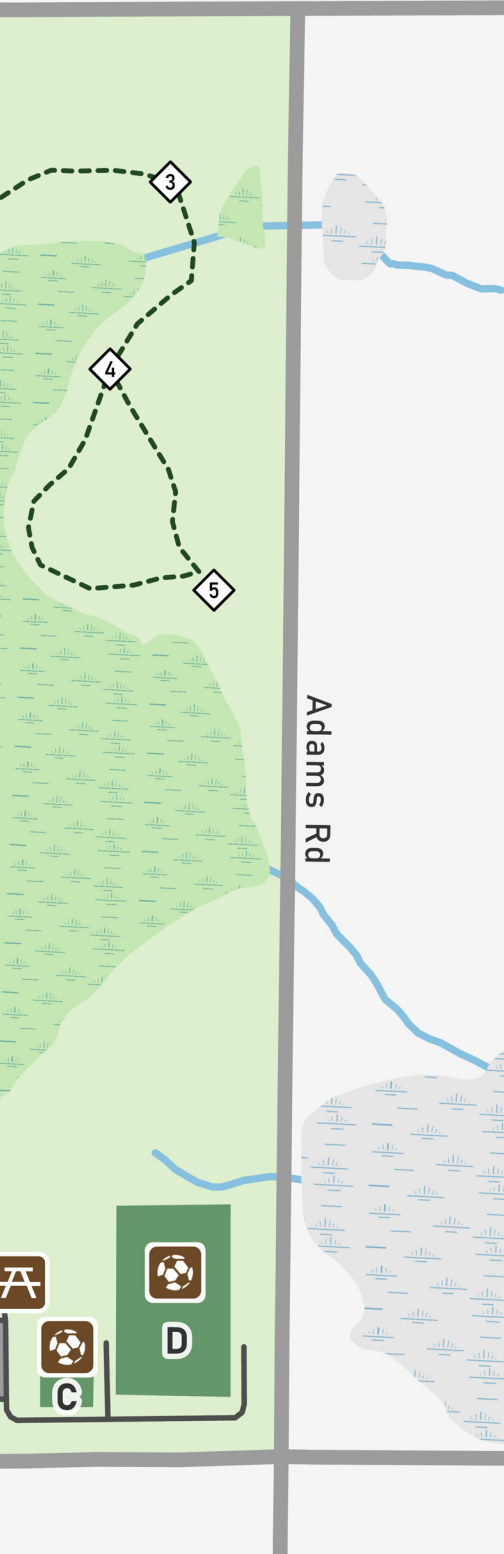
Unpaved trails: 1.2 miles

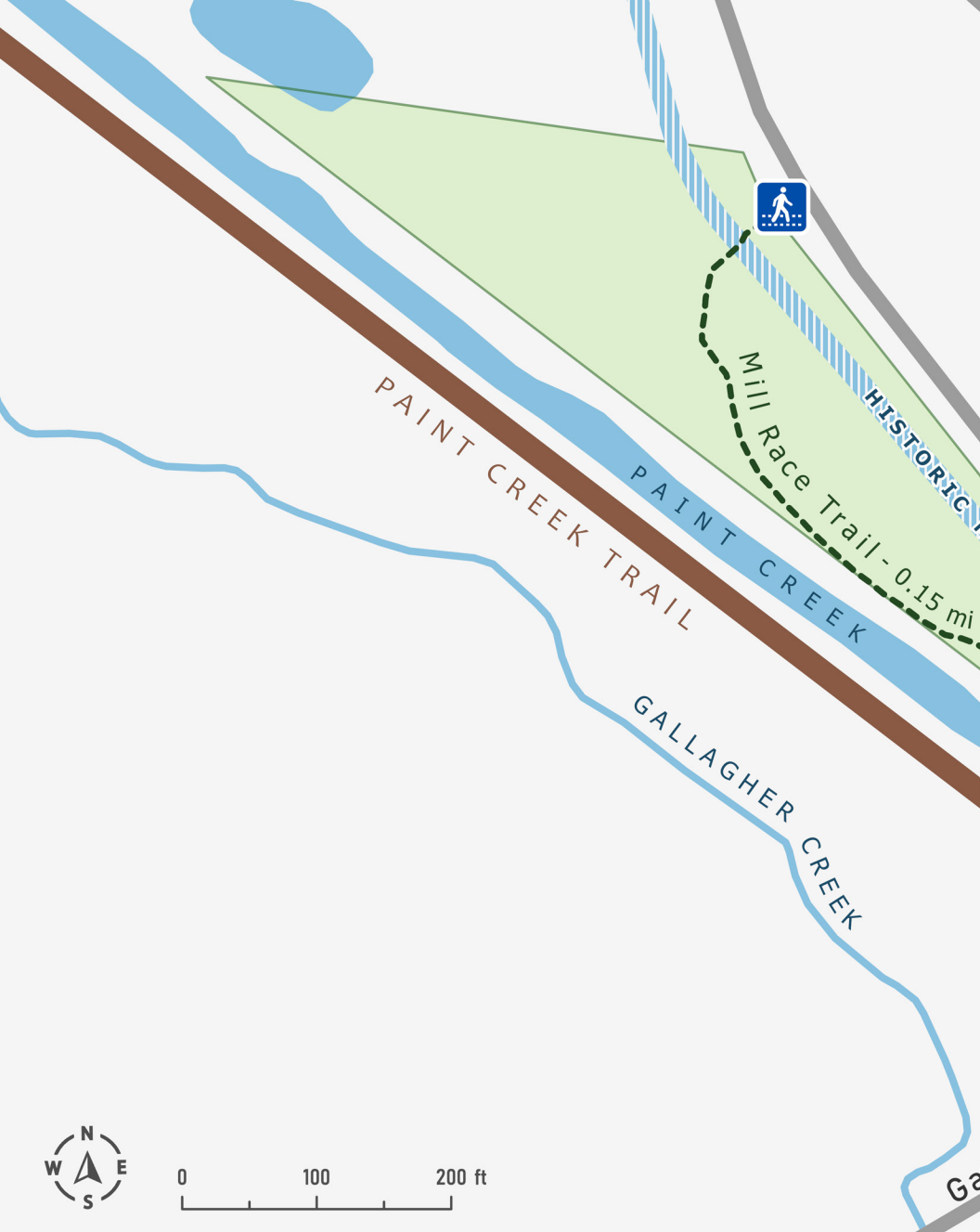
3100 E Clarkston Road,
Oakland Twp, MI 48363

96 acres

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Marsh View Park offers a wide range of recreational activities with athletic fields, an archery range, basketball court, and picnic pavilion. Visitors can also enjoy peaceful walking trails, scenic overlooks, and modern amenities in a spacious natural setting.



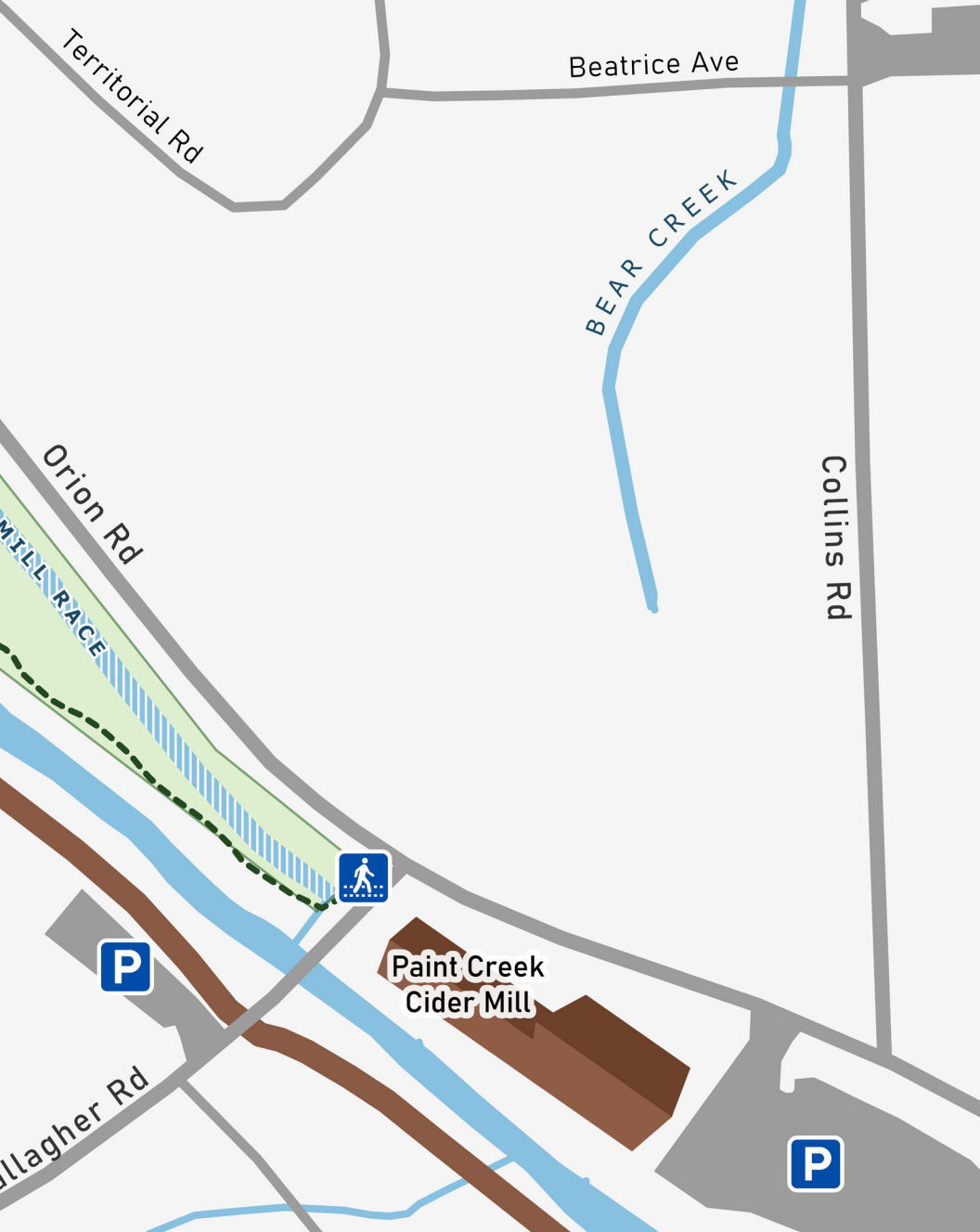


MILL RACE TRAIL

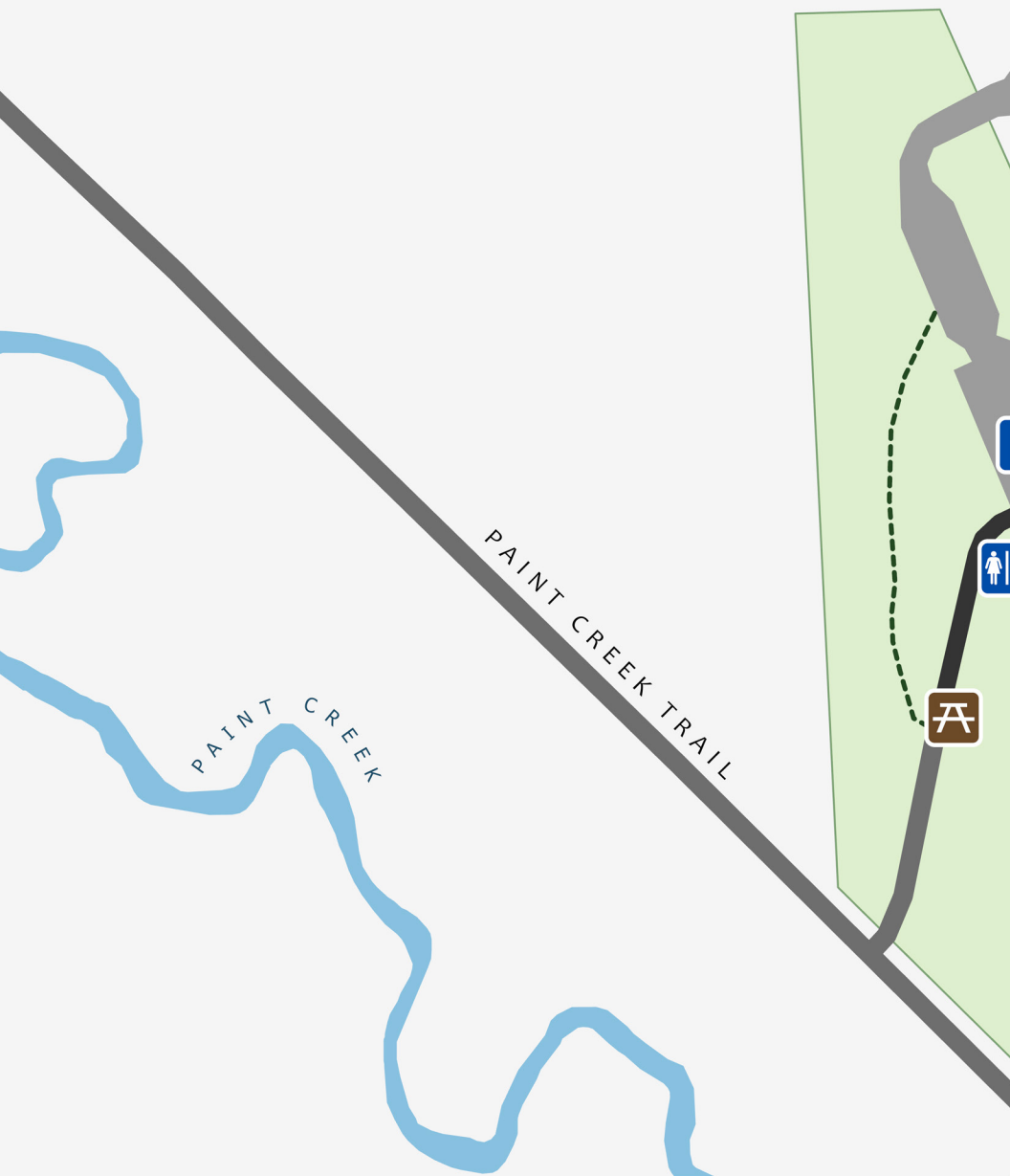
Unpaved trails: 0.15 miles 2.5 acres

4400 Orion Road, Rochester, MI 48306

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Mill Race Trail is a 0.15-mile path along the historic mill race connecting Gallagher Road to the Paint Creek Cider Mill. It provides a safe, scenic pedestrian route between Goodison and the cider mill without walking on busy roads.



PAINT CREEK JUNCTION PARK

Trailhead for the Paint Creek Trail

2210 Orion Rd, Oakland Township, MI 48363

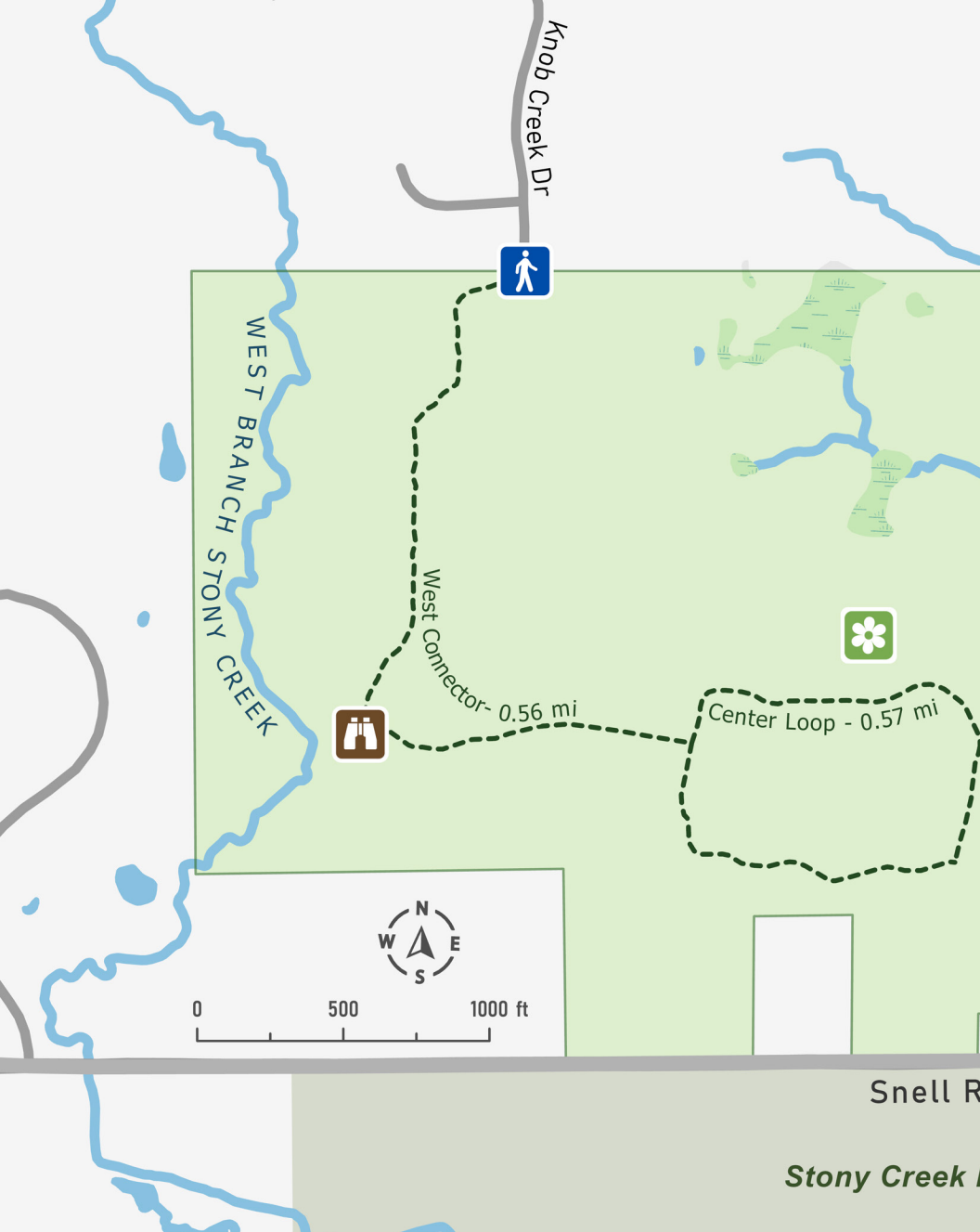
5.5 acres

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For a full map of the Paint
Creek Trail, scan here or visit
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Paint Creek Junction Park is a northern trailhead for the Paint Creek Trail. Amenities include vault toilets, a hand pump well, and ample parking that includes handicap parking and horse trailer parking.



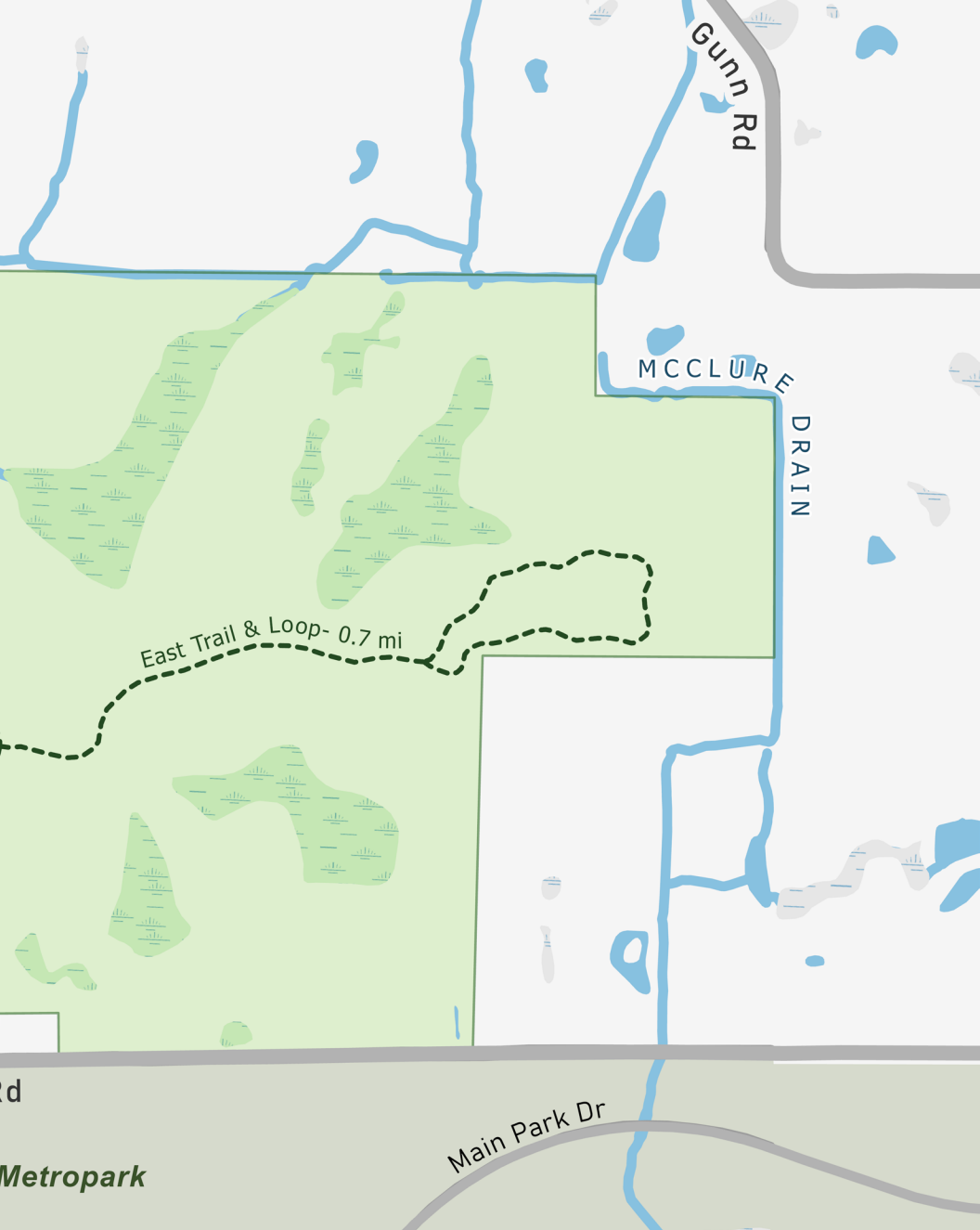
STONY CREEK RAVINE NATURE PARK

Unpaved trails: 1.8 miles

268 acres

1280 Knob Creek Drive, Rochester, MI 48306

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Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park protects 268 acres of oak forests, restored wetlands, prairie plantings, and a scenic stream valley, with nearly two miles of trails. Antlerless archery deer hunting is allowed seasonally by permit. In 2026 and 2027 expect trail closures during construction of a new parking lot and trailhead off Snell Rd, and accessible trails connecting to Stony Creek Metropark.



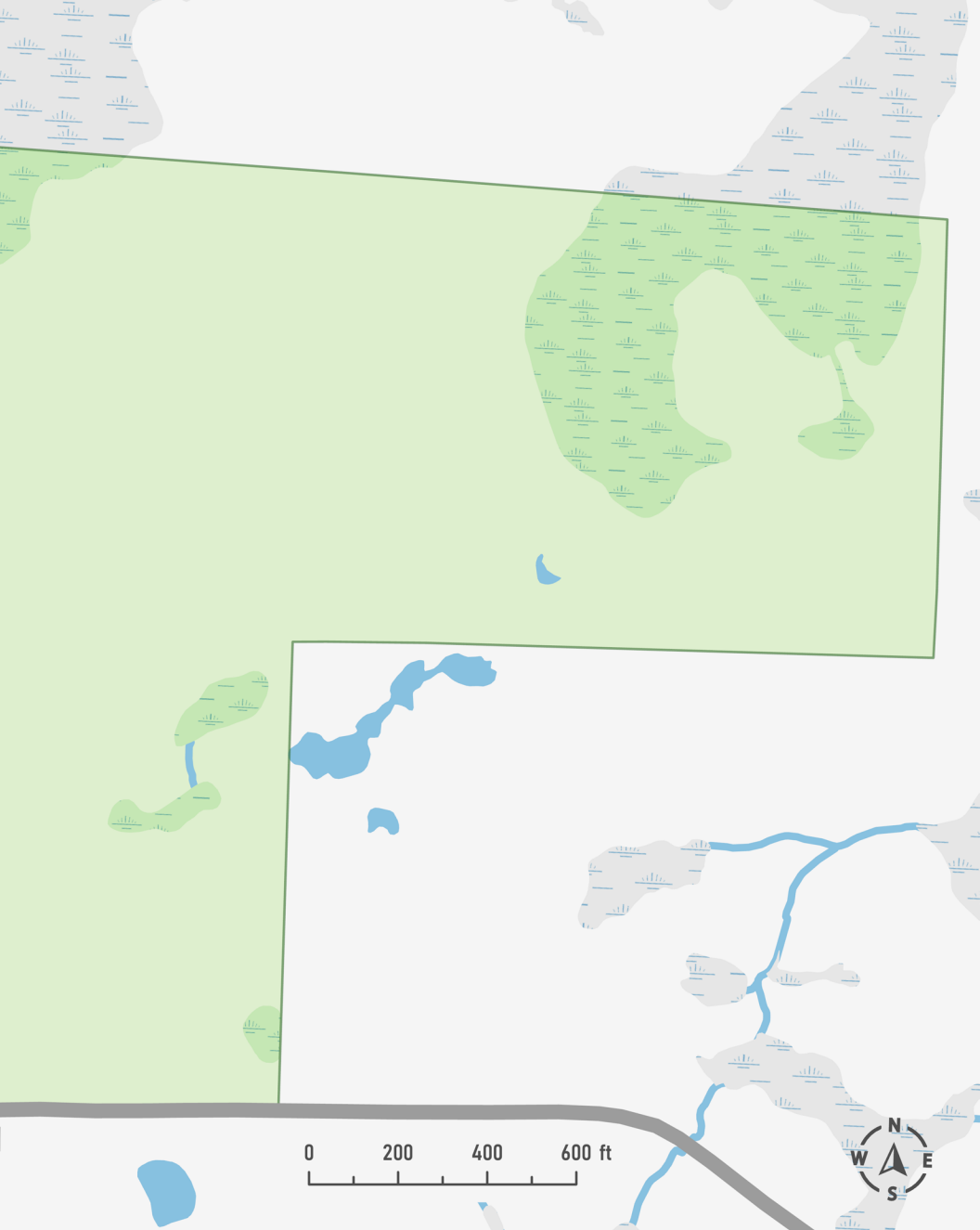
WATERSHED RIDGE PARK

Unpaved trails: 1.4 miles

170 acres

1880 W Buell Road, Oakland Township, MI 48363

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Watershed Ridge Park protects 170 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and open fields along the watershed divide between Stony Creek and Paint Creek. 1.4 miles of trails wind through prairie plantings and woodlands with scenic views of wetlands. Ongoing conservation efforts in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service support wetland restoration, grassland bird habitat, and pollinators.

Adventure Awaits!



- **Stay on marked trails** – Protect natural areas and sensitive habitats
- **Leave no trace** – Do not pick plants, disturb wildlife, or remove natural materials
- **Follow yield hierarchy** – Hikers yield to horses, cyclists yield to hikers
- **Pass on the left** – Announce yourself (“On your left”)
- **Keep groups to one side of the trail**



- **Fire and alcohol are prohibited**
- **Stay hydrated** – Water is not available at most trailheads
- **In an emergency, call 911** and reference nearest park address
- **Cell service may be limited** – Keep this Trail Guide on you or download park map in advance



Be Trail Ready:



- **Ticks are active spring through fall –** Wear long sleeves and pants, use repellent, check yourself and pets after every park visit



- **Dogs must always be on a leash no longer than 6 feet**
- **Always clean up after your pet –** Bag dispensers and waste stations are available at almost all parks



- **Horses are permitted on designated trails only –** Check individual park pages for horse-accessible locations





**Scan here for an interactive
map of all of our parks!**

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<https://oaklandtwpmi.gov/parks-recreation/>

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