

HARTMAN RESERVE NATURE CENTER



BLACK HAWK COUNTY
CONSERVATION BOARD

PURPOSE

Hartman Reserve Nature Center is owned and operated by the Black Hawk County Conservation Board.

The Nature Center is dedicated to the preservation and protection of this unique natural area and to the promotion of a better understanding of our environment.



DESCRIPTION

Hartman Reserve Nature Center is a pristine woodland of 80 acres in the heart of metropolitan Black Hawk County, a remnant of a once extensive river bluff forest. This unusually high quality woodland shelters plants and animals found only in undisturbed places.

The Interpretive Center, perched on the bluff above the Cedar River flood plain, houses displays and exhibits which help explain the local environment. The Center is entwined with the forest by a web of trails and bridges. The trails of the Reserve are open every day from sunrise to sunset. They provide for quiet recreational pursuits, such as, photography, walking, skiing and bird watching.

HISTORY

The original Hartman Reserve was purchased in 1938 by the YMCA. It was named the John C. Hartman Reserve to honor the man who made its purchase possible. Mr. Hartman was publisher of the Waterloo Daily Courier and well known for his interest in natural history. The Reserve was used for residential camping and other programs until the early 1970's. It was purchased in 1976 by the Black Hawk County Conservation Board in order to establish an environmental education center.



"The closer the young are kept to nature, the better and happier men and women they will become."

John C. Hartman
June 27, 1938

RULES

Because this forest is first and foremost a biological reserve, certain activities are necessarily restricted. We ask that all visitors be respectful of this unique natural area by observing the following rules:

1. Please stay on the trail so as not to trample and disturb the forest.
2. Enjoy the many interesting things found in the forest but do not take them home — leave the forest in the forest!
3. The following are not allowed: camping, hunting, motorized vehicles, horse riding, bicycling and consumption of alcohol.

PROGRAMS

To promote a better understanding of our environment the Nature Center offers a regular schedule of educational and recreational activities for the citizens of Black Hawk County.

At the Nature Center

A varied program of activities for adults, children and families is offered throughout the year. These public activities feature seasonal events, such as, apple cidering, snowshoeing, skiing, maple syrup making, spring flower walks and volksmarches. In addition to these annual seasonal activities, many special programs are offered which may include presentations by guest naturalists, performances by visiting artists, field trips and other activities.

The Nature Center can also provide customized programs for your group or youth organization on a reservation basis. These naturalist-led sessions include an introduction to the Nature Center and may feature one of our seasonal activities. If your adult group needs a program for a meeting, the Nature Center can provide a speaker for a variety of subjects.



In the Parks

The Nature Center is the focus of the Black Hawk County Conservaton Board's environmental education program. However, the Nature Center's naturalists also conduct school field trips, general public programs and special events in other county parks managed by the board.

With the Schools

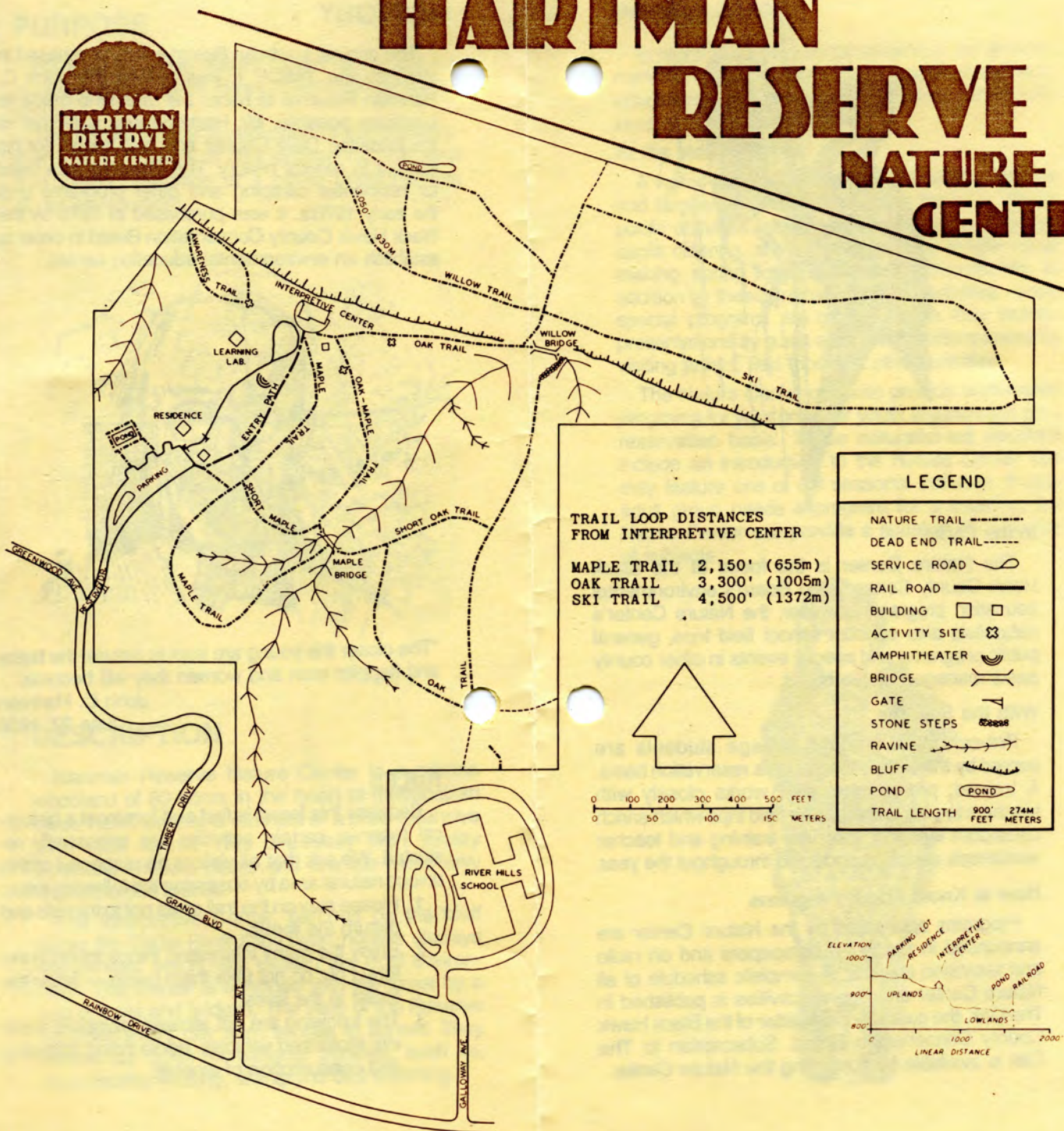
Pre-schoolers through college students are served by the Nature Center on a reservation basis. A trained, professional staff works closely with teachers to plan and organize field trips which enrich classroom learning. Inservice training and teacher workshops are also conducted throughout the year.

How to Know About Programs

Programs sponsored by the Nature Center are announced in the local newspapers and on radio and television stations. A complete schedule of all Nature Center and Board activities is published in *The Oak*, the quarterly newsletter of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board. Subscription to *The Oak* is available by contacting the Nature Center.

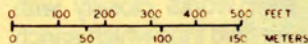


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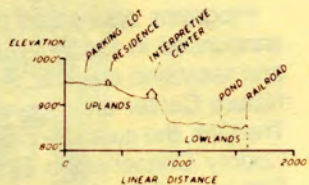
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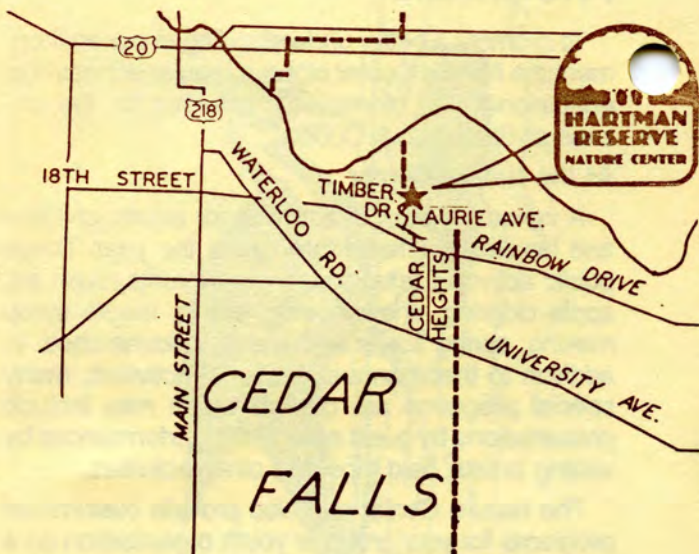
MAPLE TRAIL	2,150'	(655m)
OAK TRAIL	3,300'	(1005m)
SKI TRAIL	4,500'	(1372m)



LEGEND

NATURE TRAIL	-----
DEAD END TRAIL	-----
SERVICE ROAD	~~~~~
RAIL ROAD	=====
BUILDING	□ □
ACTIVITY SITE	⊗
AMPHITHEATER	⌒
BRIDGE	⌒
GATE	⌒
STONE STEPS	⌒
RAVINE	⌒
BLUFF	⌒
POND	⌒
TRAIL LENGTH	900' 274M FEET METERS





DIRECTIONS:

The Nature Center is located in Cedar Falls just three blocks north of Rainbow Drive. Follow the signs that begin at the intersection of Rainbow Drive and Laurie Avenue.

INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS

The Interpretive Center is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. From Labor Day to Memorial Day, the Center is also open from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. The Center is closed on major holidays.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613
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