

Indian Springs Metropark  
James Clarkson  
**Environmental  
Discovery Center**



**Trail Map & Guide**



A unit of the  
Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority

**[www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com)**

## Welcome

Southeast Michigan historically had a diversity of habitats, from prairies to wetlands to woods. The Environmental Discovery Center is a gateway into the complexity and beauty of these places, recreated here for you to study, enjoy and appreciate.

## Discovery Center Building

Indoor displays introduce you to the ecosystems outside the building, describing the flora and fauna and their interrelationships. Interpreters are available to answer questions during open hours.

## Discovery Trails

Trails short and long encircle the pond, wander through the prairies and lead you to the sedge fen, native plant garden and oak openings. Start your exploration from the parking lot or building, and be sure to look at the trail map inside this brochure for detailed information about the sights along the way.

## Please Remember

1. All natural things, non-living, living or dead, must be left where they are. No collecting.
2. Walk slowly and quietly and remain on trails. Running and jogging is not permitted on trails.
3. Bicycles, pets, motorized vehicles and horses are not permitted on trails. Please use the hike-bike trail or horse trails provided.
4. Picnicking is not allowed within the habitat restoration area. Picnic tables are provided at other designated sites within the park.
5. No fishing or hunting in park.
6. This area is inhabited by the eastern massasauga rattlesnake. If you see a snake, please do not disturb it.

## Building Hours

### LABOR DAY – MEMORIAL DAY

Daily ..... 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

### MEMORIAL DAY – LABOR DAY

Daily ..... 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

## Trail Hours

Trails are open during the posted park hours.

## The Discovery Trails

All distances and times are approximate and are round-trip from the EDC building.

### **P** POND PROMENADE

367 YARDS, 6 MINUTES

This short walk around the pond will take you past a small marsh, the Discovery Pond, tallgrass prairie and the wooded edge of a vernal pond.

### **T** TURKEYFOOT TRAIL

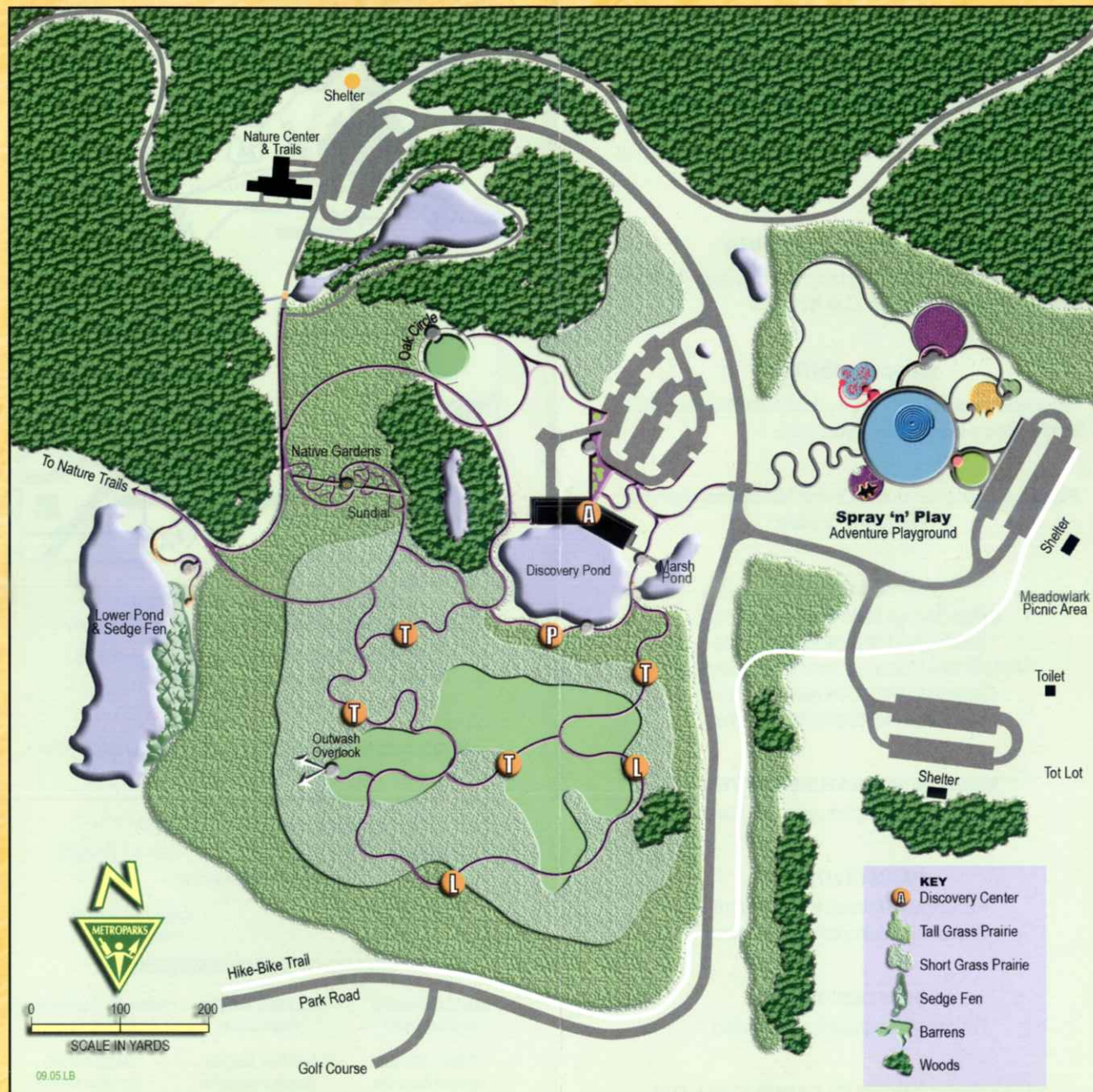
905 YARDS, 15 MINUTES

Wander past tall prairie grasses and imagine what it was like to be a pioneer in the Midwest.

### **L** LUPINE LOOP

1,285 YARDS, 30 MINUTES

Stroll through the prairies and observe the diversity and beauty of nature.



## The Interpreters Invite You to Participate in Nature Walks, Special Events & Workshops

Special events and workshops are offered periodically throughout the year. For more information call the Indian Springs Metropark Environmental Discovery Center at 248-625-6640.

### Group Appointments

Group appointments for programs are available Tuesday through Friday, year-round. Call for topics.

### Accessibility

For special accessibility needs, please contact the EDC at least 72 hours in advance of your visit.

Please visit our other Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority interpretive facilities:

### NATURE CENTERS

Indian Springs Metropark near Clinton  
Kensington Metropark near Milford  
Metro Beach Metropark near Mount Clemens  
Oakwoods Metropark near Flat Rock  
Stony Creek Metropark near Romeo

### MUSEUM AND NATURE CENTER

Lake Erie Metropark near Gibraltar

### FARM CENTERS

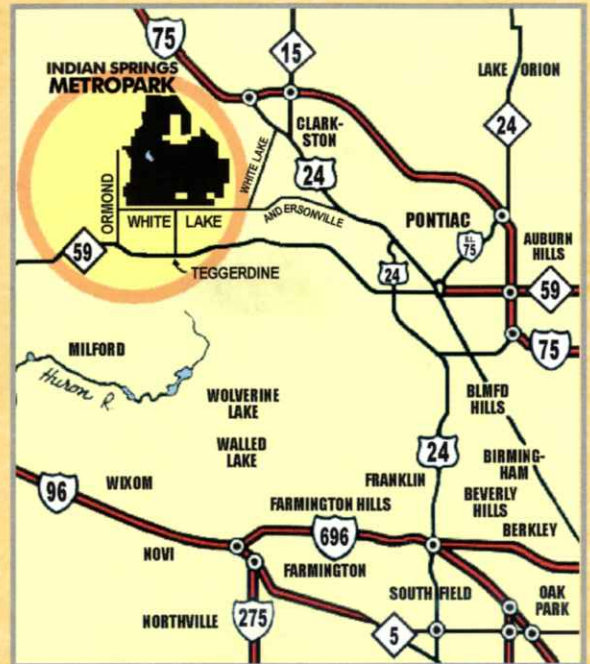
Kensington Metropark near Milford  
Wolcott Mill Metropark near Romeo

### HISTORIC MILL

Wolcott Mill Metropark near Romeo

### METROPARKS MOBILE LEARNING CENTER

Kensington Metropark near Milford  
*(Visits communities by appointment)*



### Indian Springs Metropark Environmental Discovery Center

5175 Indian Trail, White Lake, Michigan 48386  
Phone: 248-625-6640

### HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

13000 High Ridge Drive  
Brighton, Michigan 48114-9058  
Phone or TTY: 810-227-2757 or 1-800-47-PARKS  
[www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com)

GARY C. BARTSCH  
Director

JAMES J. BRESCIAMI  
Deputy Director

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JAMES CLARKSON  
Oakland County

WILLIAM E. KREGER  
Wayne County

ANTHONY V. MARROCCO  
Macomb County

JOHN C. HERTEL  
Governor Appointee

HARRY E. LESTER  
Governor Appointee

JAMES YOUNG  
Livingston County

ROBERT W. MARANS  
Washtenaw County

