

Points of Interest

Elderberry Trail

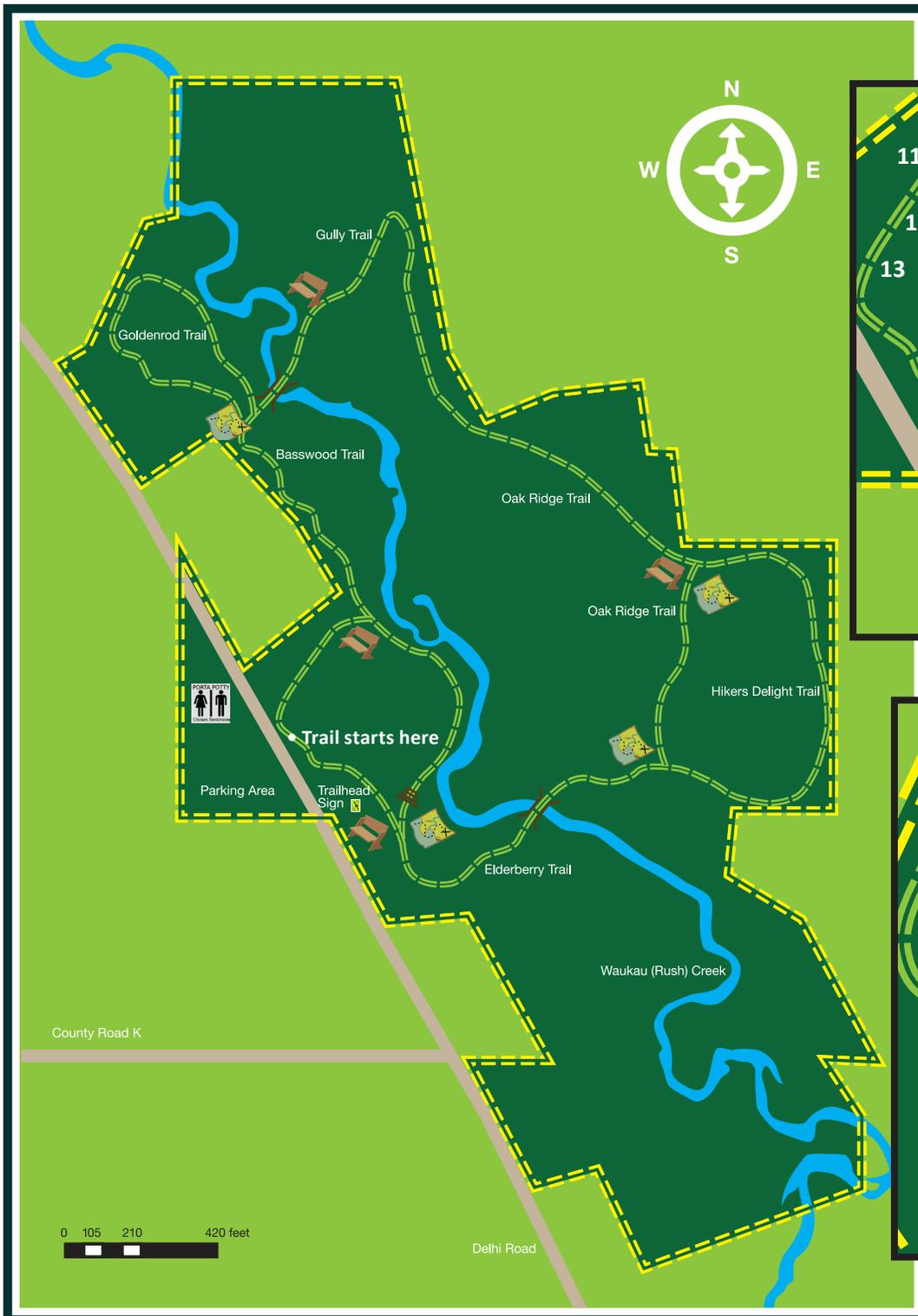
- 1— White Oak
- 2 — Waukau Creek past & present and map
- 3 — Bitternut Hickory
- 4 — Songsters of the Park
- 5 — Animal Tracks
- 6 — White Ash
- 7 — Nutrient Cycle
- 8 — Prickley Ash
- 9 — Poison ivy
- 10 — Northern Red Oak
- 11 — Forest edge
- 12 — Smooth Sumac
- 13 — Box Elder

Goldenrod Trail

- 14 — Thorns Galore
- 15 — Fall Flowers
- 16 — Decaying Trees
- 17 — Reptiles and Amphibians
- 18— Fish of the Creek
- 19 — Birds of the Floodplain
- 20 — Plant Galls

Key

-  Bench
-  Bridge
-  Portapotty
-  Steps
-  Trail Map



No ADA access. Photos available on website.

About the Preserve

This scenic 64-acre preserve is found north of the Village of Waukau on Delhi Road off County Road K. The site includes Waukau Creek, the only flowing stream in Winnebago County. Densely wooded,



steep-walled ravines slope into a broad creek floodplain. Wildflowers abound throughout

the entire preserve creating a natural palette of color that changes with the seasons. Self-guided nature trails with interpretive signs teach hikers more about this diverse area.

The trails are rustic, so common sense and care should be taken when hiking. In the winter, self-guided, non-groomed cross-country ski trails make the preserve a special place to visit.



Waukau Creek connects the Waukau Creek Nature Preserve with an additional 28 acres of county property located 1/2 mile away off Highway 116. This land, which formerly belonged to the Department of Natural Resources, contains a rough fish-holding pond with regulation devices that control its water level and divert the flow of the creek. Many species of fish can be caught in this pond.



Dogs are not allowed within the preserve.

History of the Preserve

Waukau Creek Natural Area was dedicated on May 18, 1974, thanks to the efforts of Max Carpenter, a longtime Winnebago County Board supervisor and area resident who always treasured the natural beauty of the area. It was officially dedicated to Carpenter on June 18, 1981.

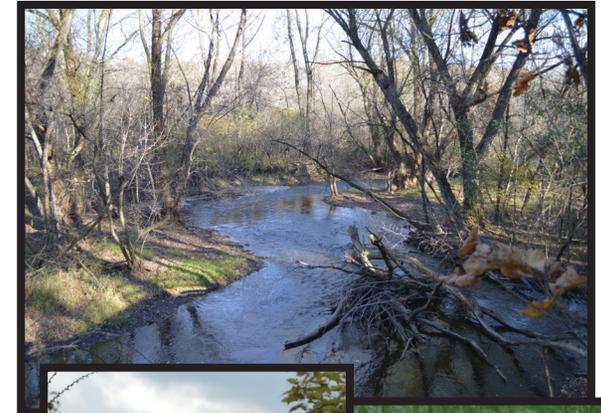
Originally this area was the site of an early-day sawmill that was later replaced by a woolen mill. The mill purchased its raw wool from local sheepherders and provided employment for many women throughout the community. The grassy meadows and sparkling creek were often the location of church picnics and Sunday afternoon outings. Waukau Baptist Church and the local Methodist church also used the waters of Waukau Creek for baptismal ceremonies.

Directions

From Highway 41, take Highway 91 west. Turn right on Highway 116. Continue on Highway 116 through Waukau. When K turns to the east, continue straight on Delhi Road. Continue until you see the nature preserve sign on your right.



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