

TRAILS MAP

A trail system spans the various habitats and ecosystems that exist at the Fernald Preserve.

HOURS

Public roads and trails: Monday – Sunday, 7 a.m. – dusk.

Visitors Center: Wednesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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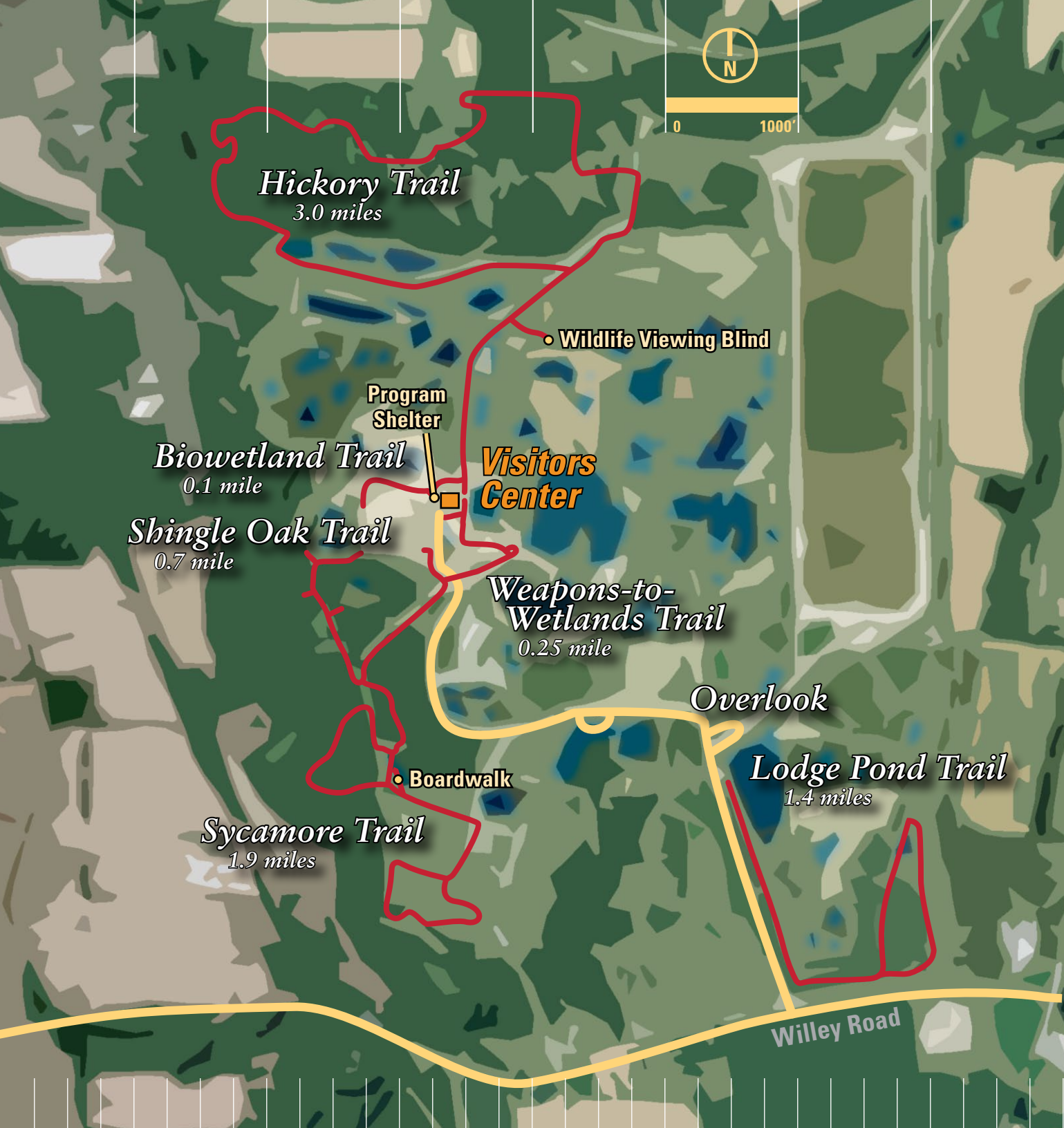


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A network of trails developed at the U.S. Department of Energy's Fernald Preserve allows visitors to enjoy and observe nature while offering a unique and up-close look at various habitats and ecosystems that exist throughout the site.

The Fernald site is a former uranium-processing facility that has undergone environmental cleanup to meet standards established by neighbors and surrounding communities. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Ohio EPA approved the standards to be protective of human health and the environment.

Ongoing ecological restoration is accomplished using vegetation native to southwestern Ohio. The Fernald Preserve contains 395 acres of forest, 354 acres of prairies and grasslands, 60 acres of open water, 81 acres of wetlands, and 33 acres of savanna.

Over 7 miles of trails meander through the Fernald Preserve. Trails range in length, difficulty, and highlights. Short, flat, gravel trails around the Visitors Center offer views of the building's biowetlands, the former production area, and memorial trees recognizing the contributions made by the Fernald site employees during the Cold War. Longer trails with uneven terrain begin at the Visitors Center and extend toward the north and south boundaries of the site. Several overlooks, a viewing blind, and a boardwalk provide additional opportunities to observe a diverse array of plants, birds, and other wildlife.