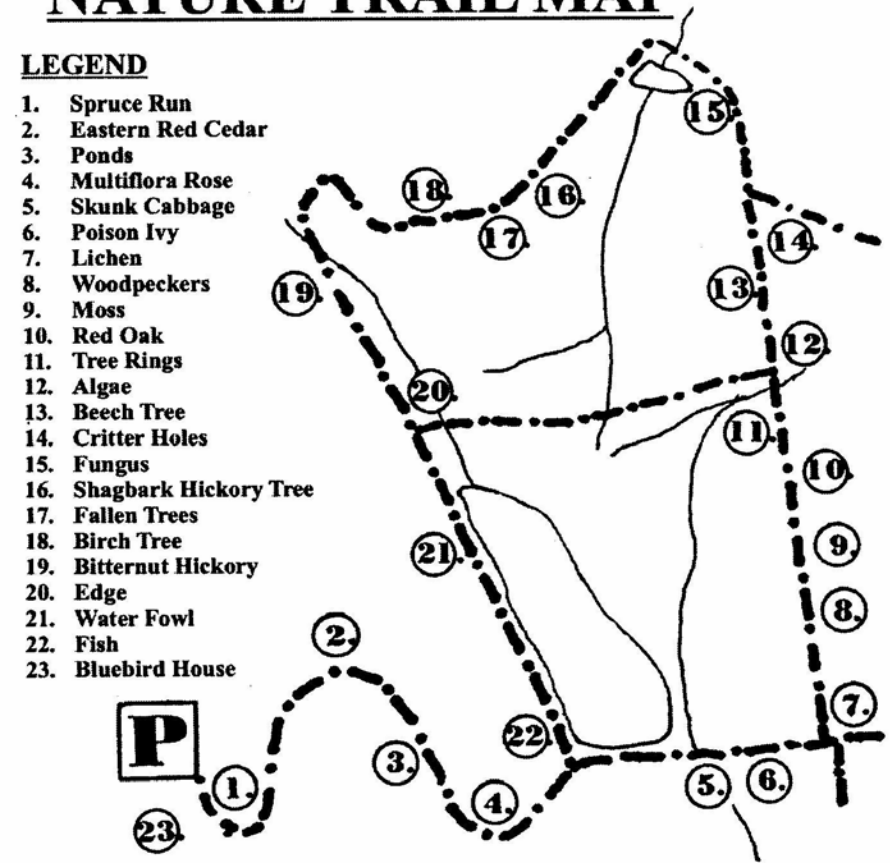
HOFFMAN PARK
NATURE TRAIL MAP



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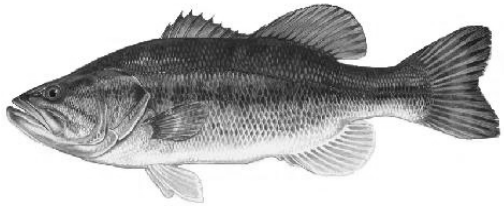
This guide includes 23 nature stops and travels around the "Big Loop" from the parking lot, down Hairpin Lane, to Powerline Road, to Lower Lane, to Manny's Pond Road and back to Hairpin. The total distance is 1.7 miles, but you can shorten it to 1.2 miles by making a left onto Middle Lane after stop #12.

Sunfish do not get very large. At most they will grow to 10 inches. They are green with reddish-orange and white on their underside. There are several species of sunfish at Hoffman Park. The most common are Bluegill and Pumpkinhead.



Large-mouth bass typically weigh from 1.5 to 8 pounds and can grow up to 22 inches long. They are brown, or a golden brown to green on their back while their underside is a creamy white color.

**** Follow Hairpin Lane back to the parking lot. #23 is placed under the red cedar at the gate entering the parking area.****

23. BLUEBIRD HOUSE Bluebird houses are made with holes exactly 1 ½ inches in diameter. Any smaller, and the bluebird would not be able to fit into it, but any larger, and a starling, sparrow or cowbird may get in. The female typically is the one to build a nest inside the bird-box before she lays her eggs. Starlings and house sparrows have made it almost impossible for bluebirds to nest successfully without human assistance.