

# TRAIL MAP



*It's where I belong...*



## Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary

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- Building or structure
- Wetland area
- Forested area
- Grass field
- Open water
- Prairie area
- Bridge

### Trails at Hunt Hill

- Barred Owl (0.3 mile)
- Bear (2.0 miles)
- Bog (0.1 mile)
- Crane (0.5 mile)
- Deer (0.4 mile)
- Frances Andrews (0.2 mile)
- Kinglet (0.8 mile)
- Old Highway (0.8 mile)
- Porcupine (0.3 mile)
- Red Oak (0.8 mile)
- Vole (0.8 mile)
- Connector trails

### Other Information

**Hours:** Trails are open to the public anytime during daylight hours.

**Fees:** There is no fee to hike the trails. Donations to maintain the trails are greatly appreciated and can be placed in any white box attached to the kiosks around camp.

**Kid Attractions:** Check out the Nature Playground located behind the farmhouse and look for hidden items along the Barred Owl Trail.

**Trail Restrictions:** Our trails are for hiking only. Please no bikes, atvs, or horses on our trails.

**Dogs** are allowed as long as they are leashed and any droppings are picked up and thrown into the dumpster located in the upper parking lot of camp.

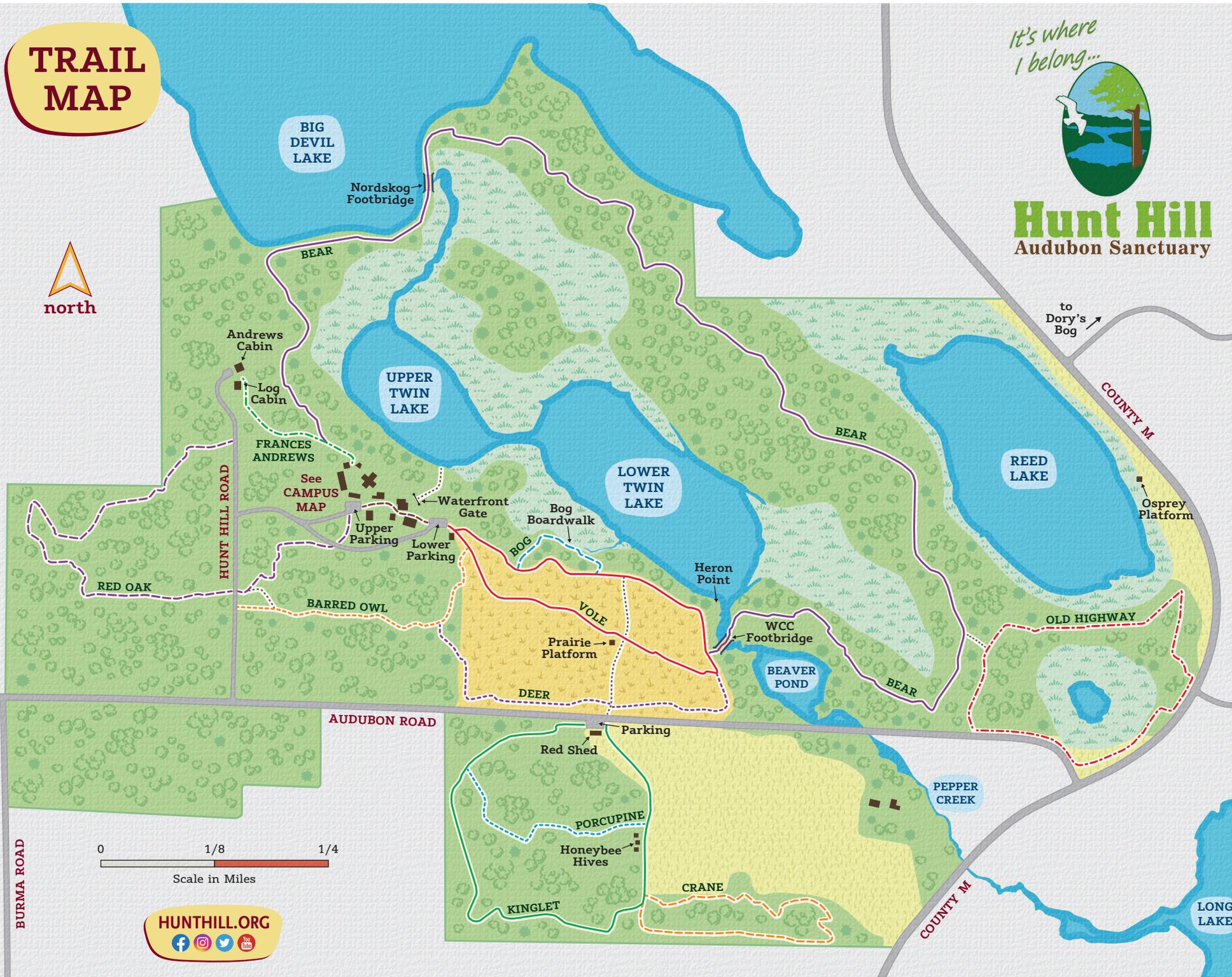
**Trail Signage:** Brown signs are located at each trailhead and intersection. White blazes designate trail paths.

**Uneven Trails:** Most trails will have roots or rocks sticking out. Please watch your step and wear appropriate footwear.

**Restrooms:** The west side of the Richard Grand Recreation Hall has a restroom open year-round.

**Accessibility:** Have mobility limitations that keep you from enjoying Hunt Hill? If so, an all-terrain wheelchair can be borrowed from the Brill Area Sportsman's Club and used on a select trail at Hunt Hill. Or, with advanced notice, Hunt Hill staff offers short trail rides by golf cart.

**Winter Use:** Trails are not groomed in the winter. Volunteers hike the trails weekly to pack them for snowshoe use. Snowshoes are available to use for free at Hunt Hill. They are stored on the screen porch, located just left of the front door of the farmhouse. No formal checkout is required.



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## About Hunt Hill

Donated by Frances Andrews in 1954 to the National Audubon Society (NAS), Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary was run as an adult summer environmental studies camp until 1986 when it was closed. A group of people started the Friends of Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (FOHHAS) to save the camp. In 1989 FOHHAS got a free lease of the property from NAS and reopened Hunt Hill. Since 1989, the volunteer Board of FOHHAS has expanded community engagement, improved buildings and focused on programs for all ages. In 2017, NAS gave the property to FOHHAS which is now locally owned and operated.

Hunt Hill protects nearly 600 acres of diverse Wisconsin habitats including: glacial lakes, cutover and old growth forest, restored prairie, marshland, and bogs. There are seven miles of trails that explore these pristine areas.

Hunt Hill offers a wide variety of programs. Learn more about these by grabbing a program guide, or online at [hunthill.org](http://hunthill.org). Main campus facilities are available for private and group rentals.

Hunt Hill is a 501(c)(3), supported through donations, memberships to FOHHAS, endowments, program fees and countless volunteer hours. If you enjoyed your experience at Hunt Hill, we hope you'll consider leaving a donation in the white box attached to the kiosk, becoming a member of FOHHAS (forms located in the kiosk), volunteering, or all of the above!

## Hunt Hill Campus

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| <b>A</b> Amphitheater        | <b>N</b> Picnic Tables                 |
| <b>B</b> Barn – Dining Hall  | <b>O</b> Playing Field                 |
| <b>C</b> Circle of Chairs    | <b>P</b> Playscape                     |
| <b>D</b> Coop Storage        | <b>Q</b> Public Restroom               |
| <b>E</b> Cross Dorm          | <b>R</b> Richard Grand Recreation Hall |
| <b>F</b> Donor's Grove       | <b>S</b> Screen Porch                  |
| <b>G</b> Farm House – Office | <b>T</b> Shower House                  |
| <b>H</b> Firepit             | <b>U</b> Solar Panels                  |
| <b>I</b> Information Kiosk   | <b>V</b> Square Dorm                   |
| <b>J</b> Library             | <b>W</b> Trailhead                     |
| <b>K</b> Long Dorm           | <b>X</b> Upper Parking Lot             |
| <b>L</b> Lower Parking Lot   | <b>Y</b> Waterfront Gate               |
| <b>M</b> Nature Store        | <b>Z</b> Larry's Shop                  |

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## Trail Descriptions

### Barred Owl Trail (0.3 mile)

This is a wide trail with a few small hills. The hike will take you past interesting sights such as an animal track pit and a refrigerator tree (a hawthorn tree whose thorns are used by shrikes to store prey – usually bugs)! This trail is also the **Discovery Trail**, where 8-15 themed items are hidden each month. Can you spot them all?

### Bear Trail (2.0 miles)

Hunt Hill's longest trail is really worth the hike. It takes you over two footbridges and through the deep forest where you will experience views of our 4 glacial lakes. This trail is accessed from the Frances Andrews or Vole trails. We recommend starting the hike via the Frances Andrews Trail so you start the hike going down the big hill!

### Bog Trail (0.1 mile)

Heading downhill, hikers are transported to a wetland wonderland. The bog is a very interesting habitat with a lot of unique plants – including orchids and carnivorous plants. Visit in the fall to see just what Aldo Leopold wrote about in 'Smoky Gold', a chapter out of a *Sand County Almanac*. To protect the bog and our visitors, we ask that everyone stays on the elevated bog walk. On this trail you will also find the smallest fern at Hunt Hill – the Oak fern.

### Crane Trail \* (0.5 mile)

Access this trail by walking the field edge or by making it part of the

Kinglet Trail loop. This trail follows the fence line through the woods, reaches a wonderful overlook and then cuts downhill to meander along the field edge. The overlook is a great place to watch for Sandhill Cranes.

### Deer Trail (0.4 mile)

Following the southern edge of the prairie, this trail is flat, aside from one hill that connects it to the Barred Owl Trail. Along the path, visitors can watch bluebirds tending to their nests and young in the many bluebird houses, observe woodpeckers at the large dead tree and look for monarch caterpillars on the milkweed.

### Frances Andrews Trail (0.2 mile)

Named after the amazing woman who donated this very land, this trail will take you up to the two cabins the Andrews family built in the early 1900's. Today these cabins are available for rent through Airbnb™. This trail also brings you to the start of the Bear Trail.

### Kinglet Trail \* (0.8 mile)

This trail follows the fence line and is a great trail to look and listen for woodland birds (like the Scarlet Tanager, Broad-winged Hawk, Ovenbird, Red-eyed Vireo, kinglets and woodpeckers) that call this dense forest habitat home. There is one large hill along this trail and in the spring it can get a bit wet in the low land areas.

### Old Highway Trail (0.8 mile)

Visitors can park along Audubon Road, just west of Hwy M, to access

this trail. The trail follows the original path of WI State Hwy 11, US Hwy 5, Hwy M and past an old dump site. A short section of trail does follow the roadside of Hwy M. To learn more about the history of these roads, view the 'Hunt Hill Connection' book available in Hunt Hill's Library.

### Porcupine Trail \* (0.3 mile)

Follow this trail to find the porcupine den tree while enjoying spring woodland wildflowers like Hepatica, Spring beauty and Trillium.

### Red Oak Trail (0.8 mile)

This trail hikes you through a world of ferns. In the spring watch for Jack-in-the-pulpit. Before crossing the driveway to access the west half of the trail, look for the "nurse-stump". On the west side of Hunt Hill Road, hikers will discover a large glacial kettle (a giant hole) which is a result of glaciation over 10,000 years ago. Outstanding 200-year-old oaks and white pines can be seen along with trees with the insides charred.

### Vole Trail (0.8 mile)

Welcome to our wildflower-filled prairie! This trail follows a ridge along the forest edge overlooking the lakes and offering sweeping prairie views. Heron Point is an enjoyable spot to sit, look over the lake and watch for birds such as the Common Loon, Golden-winged Warbler, ducks, herons, and listen for Sandhill Crane. The trail cuts back and into the middle of the prairie where it passes the prairie platform, great for observing butterflies, and the frost pocket. There are a number of mid-sized steep hills along this trail.

\* A small parking area is available between the Red Shed and Audubon Road. Please do not block the gate.

