

TRAILS MAP

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

HOURS

Preserve Site: Monday – Sunday, 7 a.m. – dusk.

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



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Fernald Preserve

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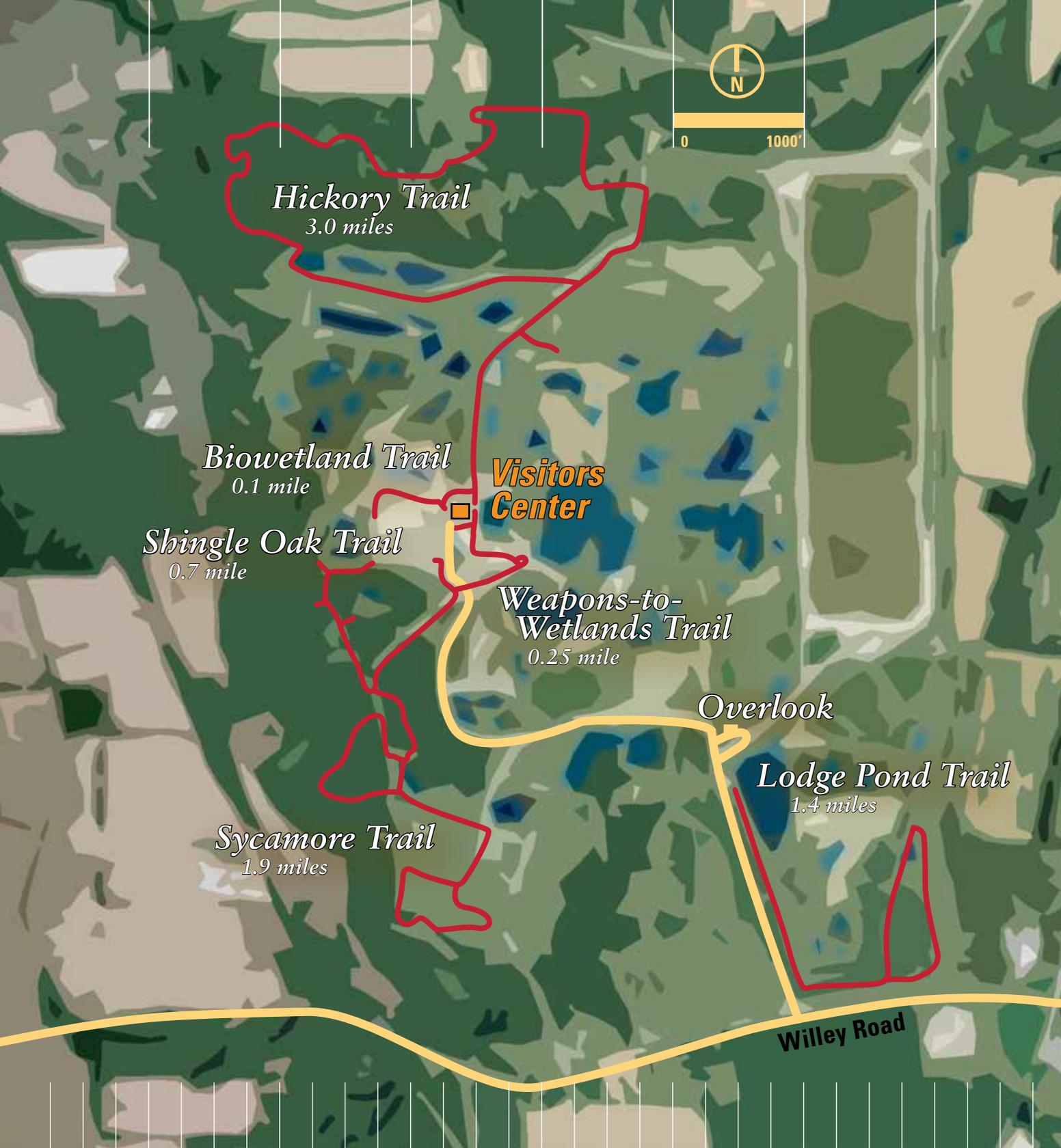


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A network of trails has been developed to facilitate nature observation at the U.S. Department of Energy's Fernald Preserve. The trail system covers the various habitats and ecosystems that exist at the preserve.

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

The site's ongoing ecological restoration is being accomplished using vegetation that is native to southwestern Ohio. The Fernald Preserve contains 400 acres of woodlots, 354 acres of prairies and grasslands, 140 acres of open water and wetlands, and 33 acres of savanna.

Over 7 miles of trails meander through the Fernald Preserve. These trails range in length, difficulty, and highlights. Shorter, 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 and its employees during the Cold War years. Longer trails with uneven terrain are north and south of the Visitors Center. Several overlooks and a viewing blind provide additional opportunities to observe a diverse array of plants and animals.