

RYE NATURE CENTER TRAIL MAP

Legend

- Turtle Trail (.66 mi.)
- Bunny Trail (.38 mi.)
- Deer Trail (.31 mi.)
- Tree Trail (.28 mi.)
- - - Dragonfly Trail (.43 mi.)
- Ridgeway Trail (.25 mi.)
- - - Unmarked trail
- Service Road
- Driveway
- Pond
- Temporary Pond
- Swamp
- Buildings
- Lawn/Garden

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Welcome to the Rye Nature Center!

We have many trails and natural points of interest for you to visit: a rock quarry, turtle pond, gentle brooks, and wildflower glades. After your hike, make sure to stop by the nature center to sign up for a program and meet our animal ambassadors. Our Educational Garden, native wildflower garden, and natural playground are also destinations you won't want to miss.



The Turtle Trail – The Turtle Trail is blazed white-on-green with a turtle symbol. This is the longest trail in the park at .66 miles but you can extend it to a full mile by continuing on the Tree Trail. Walking the trail counter-clockwise from the parking area will bring you to Nanderwhere Pond, home to turtles, frogs, and dragonflies. Shortly after you will see an 8' high fence protecting four acres from deer activity. We expect to see a dramatic difference in vegetation inside the enclosure in the upcoming years. The trail continues along the fence or you can exit the park onto Theodore Fremd Avenue by going through the enclosure. The Turtle Trail continues through deciduous forest, crosses the service road, and then enters a small meadow. The Deer Trail will parallel this trail briefly before the Turtle Trail turns left and emerges behind the Nature Center.

The Deer Trail — The Deer Trail is blazed white-on-red with a deer hoof symbol. The deer trail begins near the Educational Garden fence and runs for approximately 1/3 of a mile. Read Pond, home to snapping turtles and wood ducks, is visible at the beginning of the trail and a rocky overlook. The Deer Trail and Turtle Trail run in tandem briefly before the deer trail ends behind the nature center.

The Ridgetop Trail — This trail is blazed gray-on-black with a rock outcrop symbol. The trail begins at an intersection with the Turtle Trail, slightly south of Nanderwhere Pond. The Ridgetop Trail circles one of the highest points in Rye, aptly named Ridgetop. Many unblazed trails wind around the area giving it the nickname "The Maze."

The Bunny Trail — White-on-orange blazes with a rabbit symbol mark the 4/10 mile Bunny Trail. Highlights of the trail are The Quarry – a great place to take a few minutes to look for quartz crystals and other minerals – and Nanderwhere Pond. The trail begins and ends along the entrance road. Please use caution when walking along the road.

The Tree Trail — A green tree on a white background is the blaze for the quarter-mile Tree Trail. Before this was a park, the hillside and floodplain through which this trail goes were the lawn and gardens of the Parsons Estate. Specimen trees from the early 1900s remain, including black walnut, American elm, sycamore, and cottonwood.

The Dragonfly Trail — The Dragonfly Trail is a scenic alternative to the sidewalk along Boston Post Road. It is blazed with a yellow dragonfly on blue background and runs for nearly half a mile. The trail begins between the Central Avenue Bridge and a house on the west side of the brook. It ends at the overflow parking area for the high school. Along the way are several scenic spots overlooking the Blind Brook. *Please use caution when crossing roads.*

Check out our Storybook Trail starting behind the garden!

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