

TRAIL GUIDE



PADD^{LE}CK RIVER PRESERVE

129 Trails End • Aurora, Ohio



WHAT'S BEHIND PADDOCK RIVER PRESERVE...

Paddock River Preserve is situated on 194 acres of land that were once part of the Aurora Country Club. The Preserve is named for Harold "Pappy" Paddock, Sr., who was a prominent figure in the history of the property as an early owner of the club and a well-known golf course architect. His stewardship helped ensure that the acreage remained undivided from the early 1940's until 2012, when the City of Aurora was able to buy the land.

The property falls within the Chagrin River Watershed and contains the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River. It is close to other protected areas and parklands and was recognized as vital to the survival and enrichment of our local environment. The Ohio EPA helped fund the purchase and worked with cooperating agencies including the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to preserve the land and restore the Aurora Branch and its headwater tributaries through the Water Resources Restoration Sponsor Program. As a result of these efforts, the Preserve has been carefully restored to a more natural state.

...AND WHAT'S AHEAD.

Already a crown jewel in the City of Aurora's park system, Paddock River Preserve is destined to provide generations of exploration and enjoyment for area residents and visitors. The land includes rolling hills and steep ravines, woodlands, meadows, floodplain pools and creeks which provide valuable natural habitat. Due to restoration with native vegetation, as well as careful land and watershed management practices, there will be even more resources to help ensure that native birds and animals survive and thrive. As the trees, shrubs, and prairie grasses continue to grow and the waters become cleaner, the environment will become richer for wildlife and the experience more enriching for visitors.

IMAGINE WHAT'S ON THE TRAIL...

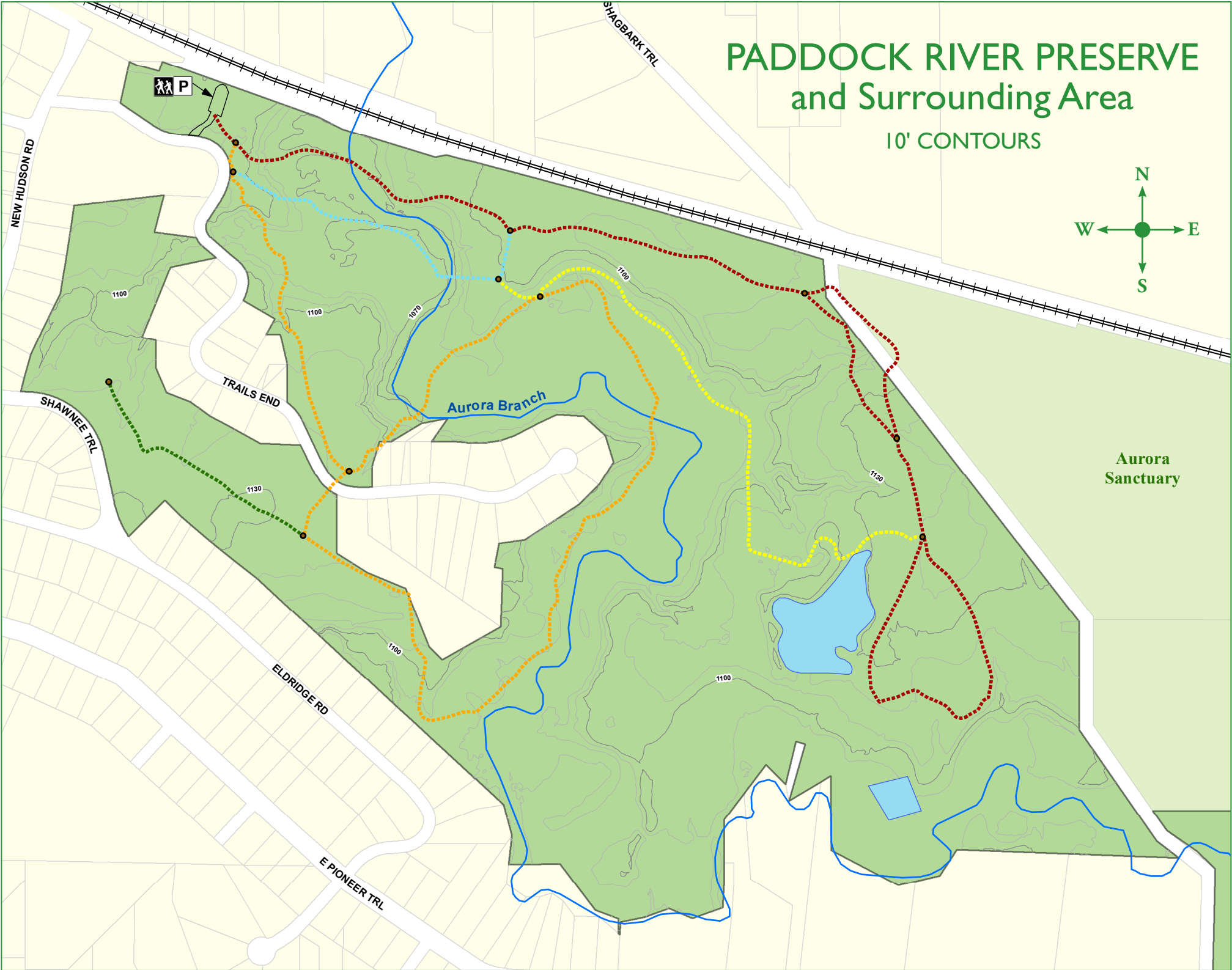
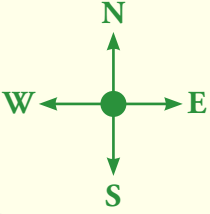
The work of our park experts and preservation stewards has resulted in greatly improved and more accessible habitats for a number of birds and animals, and there are abundant wildlife watching opportunities at Paddock River Preserve. Our trails run through wooded areas and wetlands as well as meadows and open spaces, and all quarters are full of wildlife you may be lucky enough to encounter. The park is contained in the National Audubon Society's designation of the Chagrin River Corridor Important Bird Area and over 70 species of birds have been recorded thus far. Many other animals make their homes here as well, and depending on the season you may encounter salamanders, frogs, snakes, and mammals like beavers, bats, squirrels, fox, coyotes, and deer.

Open for trail map.



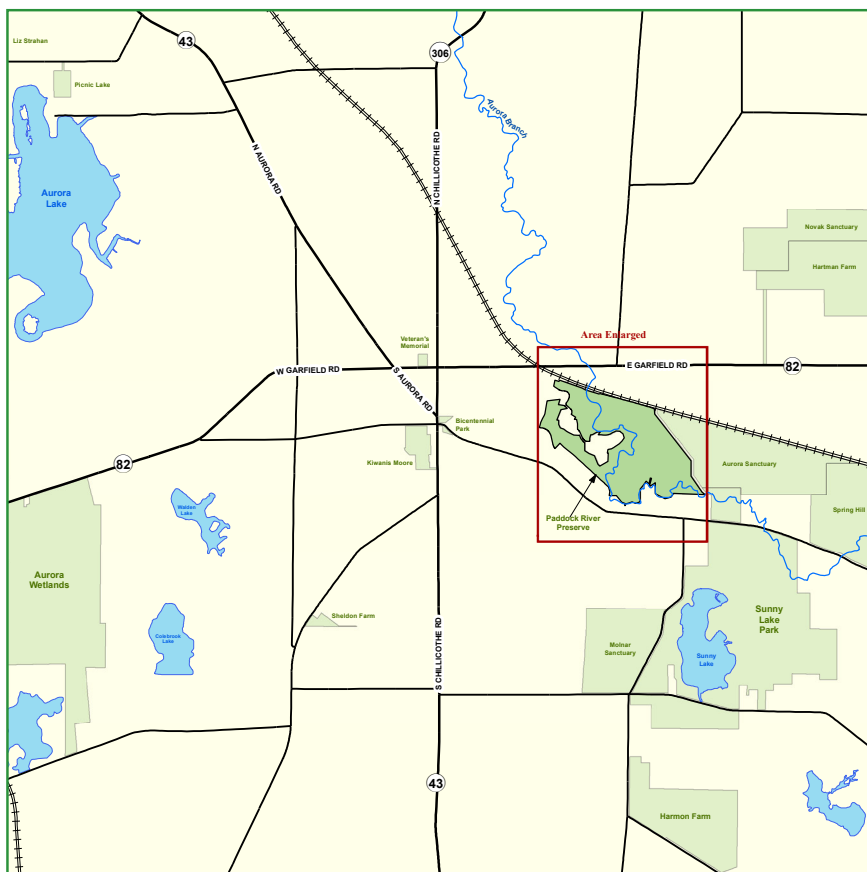
PADDOCK RIVER PRESERVE and Surrounding Area

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TRAILS

- Cardinal Loop (1.31 mi.)** Originating at the parking area, this loop trail begins with a steep slope and then transitions to an easy, level path with views of the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River. You might catch a glimpse of a river otter!
- Oriole Trail (1.29 mi.)** This loop trail starts near the parking area with strenuous hills. The trail levels out, following the path of the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River and passing through mature forest.
- Blue Heron Pass (.28 mi.)** A short path that connects the Cardinal Loop, Oriole Trail and Goldfinch Way. There are steep hills and a great view of the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River.
- Goldfinch Way (.55 mi.)** A connector trail with moderate hills at both ends. The gravel path offers views of wetland areas and forest.
- Hummingbird Path (.21 mi.)** This short loop trail is an easy hiking trail that meanders through a managed meadow.



PARK RULES

- The park is open during daylight hours unless otherwise indicated.
- No person shall knowingly harm any part of the park, including structures and natural features.
- Removal or introduction of natural features, living or nonliving, is prohibited.
- No dumping or littering; all waste including pet waste must be disposed of properly.
- All pets must be leashed and kept under control at all times.
- Alcohol, other intoxicants, and illegal substances are prohibited.
- Fires and fireworks are prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are prohibited, unless as permitted for handicapped accessibility where conditions allow.
- Commercial activities are prohibited unless otherwise permitted by Aurora Parks and Recreation.
- Disorderly conduct, including excessive loudness, loitering and indecency, is prohibited.
- Visitors must stay on designated trails.
- Trespassing onto adjacent property is prohibited.
- Parking is limited to designated areas during open park hours.
- Contact Aurora Police Department at 330-562-8181 or Aurora Fire Department at 330-562-7171 if you need assistance.
- Aurora Parks and Recreation can be reached at 330-562-4333 M-F from 8 am – 4:30 pm if you have questions or comments about the park.



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PRESERVE.**



BEFORE



AFTER

PRESERVED AND RESTORED WITH SUPPORT FROM



The city removed a dam, restored over 1.3 miles of the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River and its headwater tributaries, and restored over 17 acres of golf course to forested stream corridor and floodplain.



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