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## THE BATH NATURE PRESERVE

4160 Ira Road  
Bath Township, Ohio  
Trail Map and Information  
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## TAMARACK BOG

In October 2013, The Bath Township Board of Trustees signed a mitigation agreement to restore the Tamarack Bog which has been degrading. The bog will be restored and monitored over a ten year period. This restoration includes the installation of a board-walk for all to use to observe the progress at the restoration of the site.



Adjacent to the Regal Beagle shelter is a brick wood-fired oven, built around 1925. It was used to bake bread and wild game. Re-cently the oven has been re-fired. It is used during community events by residents who are master craftsman at baking with this unique system.

## SOMETHING OLD IS NEW



The Bath Nature Preserve offers the public a variety of activities such as an equestrian trail, two ponds for catch and release fishing, sled riding, and cross country skiing.

The Bath Nature Preserve's diverse habitat and physical features range from open fields of grassland/old-field habitat to old growth forests and wetlands, which include a tamarack bog, five ponds, and two creeks.

## HISTORY

The Bath Nature Preserve is a 410-acre parcel, which was formerly part of the Raymond Firestone Estate. It was funded by a bond issue that passed in March 1996 and purchased on October 1997 by Bath Township.

The Bath Nature Preserve was open for public use in August of 2001.

In 2002, Bath Township signed an agreement with the University of Akron in which the university conducts academic programs, research, and studies pertaining to the biology and ecology of the property.

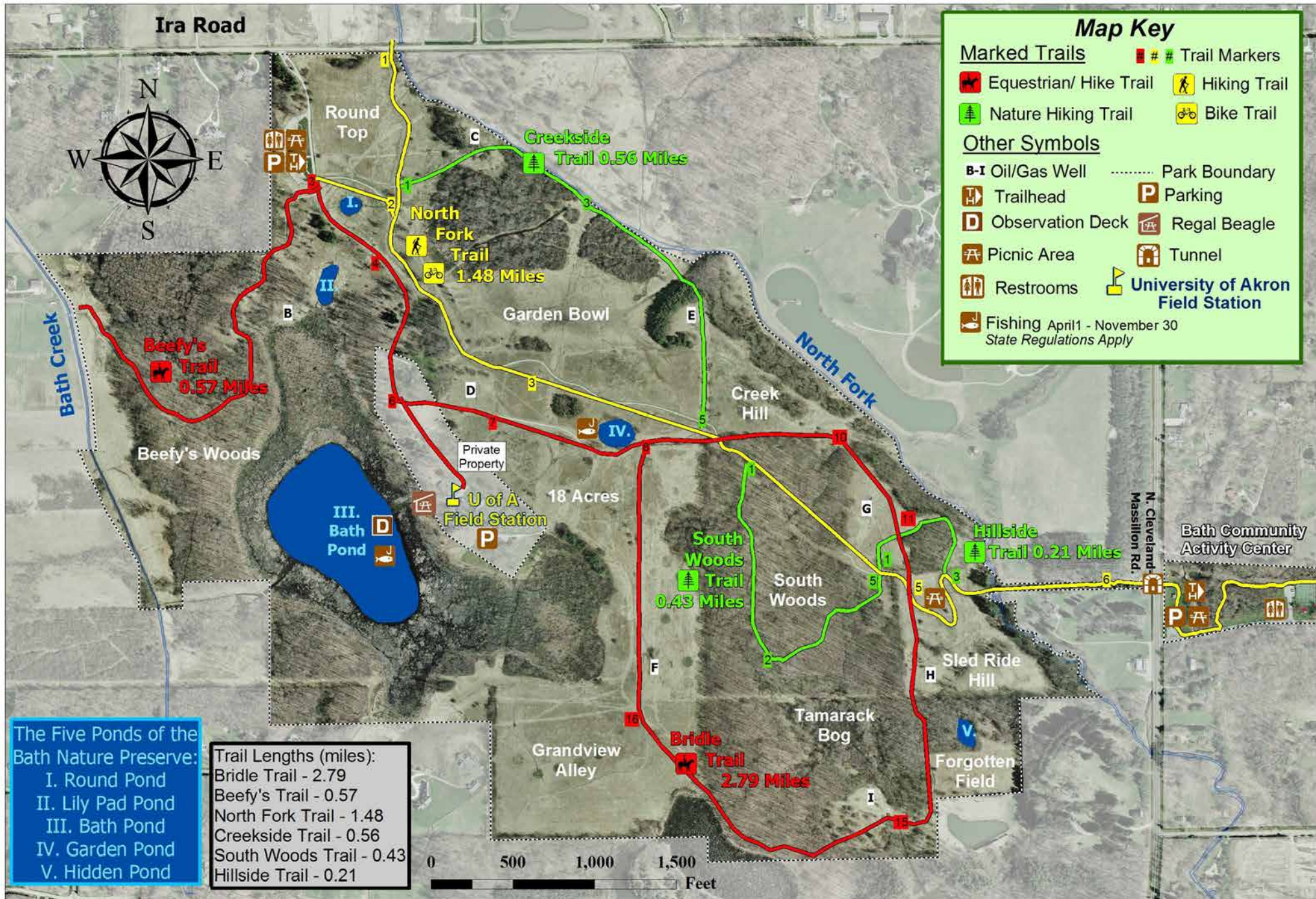
## HISTORY

The summer of 2003 saw the completion of the underpass and the start of the North Fork Trail. The trail was completed in 2005 linking Bath Community Activity Center and the Bath Nature Preserve.

In 2006 the North Fork Trail was awarded the rating of Superior by Ohio Parks and Recreation Association for Park Area Development.

In 2013 the Observation and Fishing Deck was installed on Bath Pond. This gives all park visitors a chance to enjoy the serene beauty of this natural body of water.

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