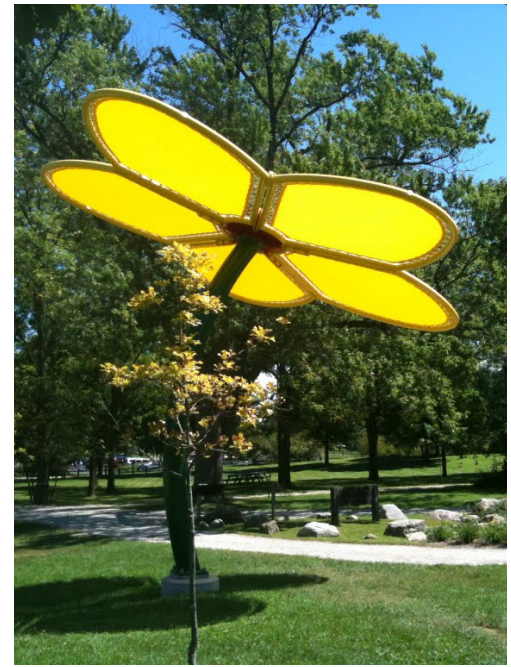


County Farm Park and Britton Woods Nature Area

County Farm Park is located on the east side of the City of Ann Arbor. This 141 acres of county land was bought from Claudius Britton in 1836 for \$1200. A poor house and insane asylum was built in 1837 and used until 1917 when a brick hospital was constructed and named the Washtenaw Infirmary. The infirmary stood until 1967 when it was ordered to be closed or modernized. In 1972, the infirmary was vacated (and eventually razed) and Project Grow began using 8 acres of land for their gardens. The Parcour exercise trail was constructed in 1976 (the fitness equipment was replaced in 2000). In 1991, the Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center opened in the northeastern corner of County Farm Park, where the infirmary stood years ago.



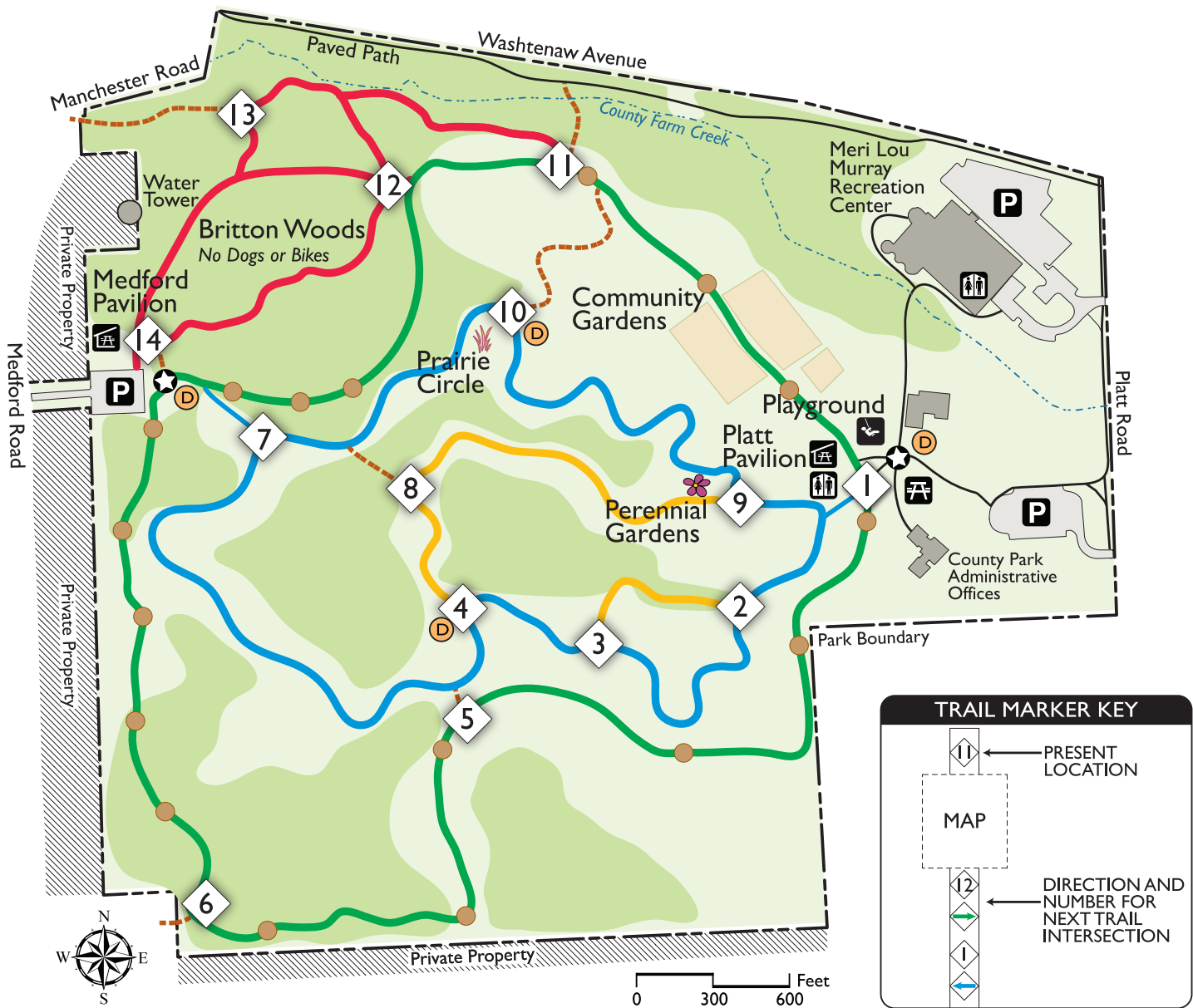
Britton Woods Nature Area is a 18-acre woodlot, named after the last private farmer to own County Farm Park. This area is an interesting mixture of upland and floodplain tree species. Oaks, hickories, and cherry reflect the upland nature of this wooded knoll, while maple, ash, ironwood, and hornbeam reflect the floodplain soils deposited by a glacial water course. Together with trillium and other wild flowers, Britton Woods is a reflection of the Ann Arbor landscape in presettled times.



County Farm Nature Area was primarily used as agricultural land, it has since renaturalized with lush fields, dense hedgerows, and brushy cover. In this renewed habitat, known as "Old Field Succession", rabbits, pheasant, woodchucks, and skunks, as well as numerous bird species, are to be found. There is even a rare sighting of fox and deer some years. As with all WCPARC parks, the plants, animals, fruits, and flowers of County Farm Park are protected against picking and collecting.



Text adapted from: Washtenaw County Government Webpage. "County Farm Park". <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks_recreation/cfp>



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| Trail Head | Fitness Trail
1.4 mi, natural surface | Connector Trail | Picnic Tables |
| Trail Intersections | Fitness Station
18 along the Fitness trail | Paved Trail | Picnic Pavilion |
| Inner Loop
0.6 mi, crushed stone | Nature Trail
0.4 mi, natural surface
<i>No Dogs or Bikes</i> | Toilets | Playground |
| Outer Loop
1.1 mi, crushed stone | | Dog Waste Station | Parking |



County Farm Park Trail Map
127 Acres
parks.ewashtenaw.org

