

PROGRAMS



Enjoy guided hikes, field trips, kayaking, snowshoeing, golf cart tours and more for adults, families and children. Free drop-in programs are offered throughout the year. School field trips, scout programs, birthday parties and Nature Day Camp provide opportunities for children to connect with nature.

NATURE PRESCHOOL

Nature Preschool offers 3- and 4-year old children a high quality learning environment that meets their developmental needs while initiating them into a life-long, meaningful relationship with the natural world.



ANNUAL EVENTS



- **Maple Syrup Day** (March)
- **Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour** (April)
- **Native Plant Sale** (May)
- **Homestead Sundays** (June-Aug)
- **Fall Harvest Festival** (Oct)
- **Nature at Night** (Oct)
- **Nature Art Show & Sale** (Dec)

Become a member and save!
Receive discounts on programs, store purchases and special events!

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About CNC



19+ Miles of Trails

Open year-round, dawn-to-dark daily
Free and open to the public



Visitor Center
8-5 Mon-Sat
12-5 Sun & select holidays

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve & New Year's Day

MISSION: To connect all people with nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences.

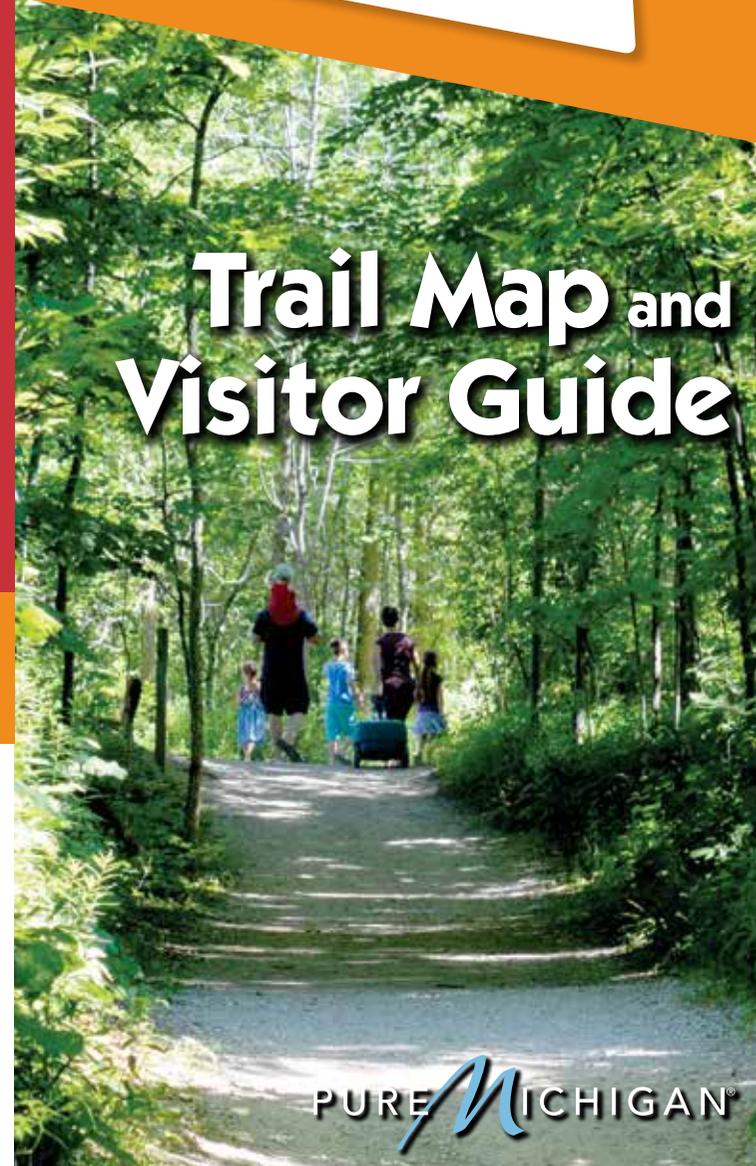
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Trail Map and Visitor Guide



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VISITOR CENTER

Located near the confluence of the Pine and Chippewa rivers, Visitor Center features include:



- **Ecosystem Gallery** – Hands-on exhibits and a live reptile and amphibian exhibit
- **River Overlook** – Spectacular views of the Pine River
- **Wildlife Viewing Area** – Observe animals through one-way glass
- **Nature Discovery Area** – Activities, books and games
- **Bur Oak Theater** – Short interpretive videos
- **Naturalist Station** – A naturalist is available to answer questions in person, by phone or online
- **Nature Center Store** – Books, toys, gifts and more

HOMESTEAD



Step back in time at the 1870s Homestead Farm! From June-August, buildings are open free of charge every Sunday afternoon, with staff and volunteers on hand to lead hands-on activities.

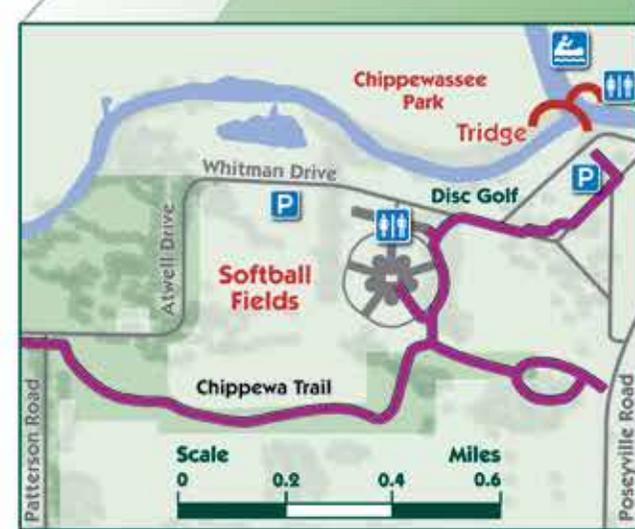
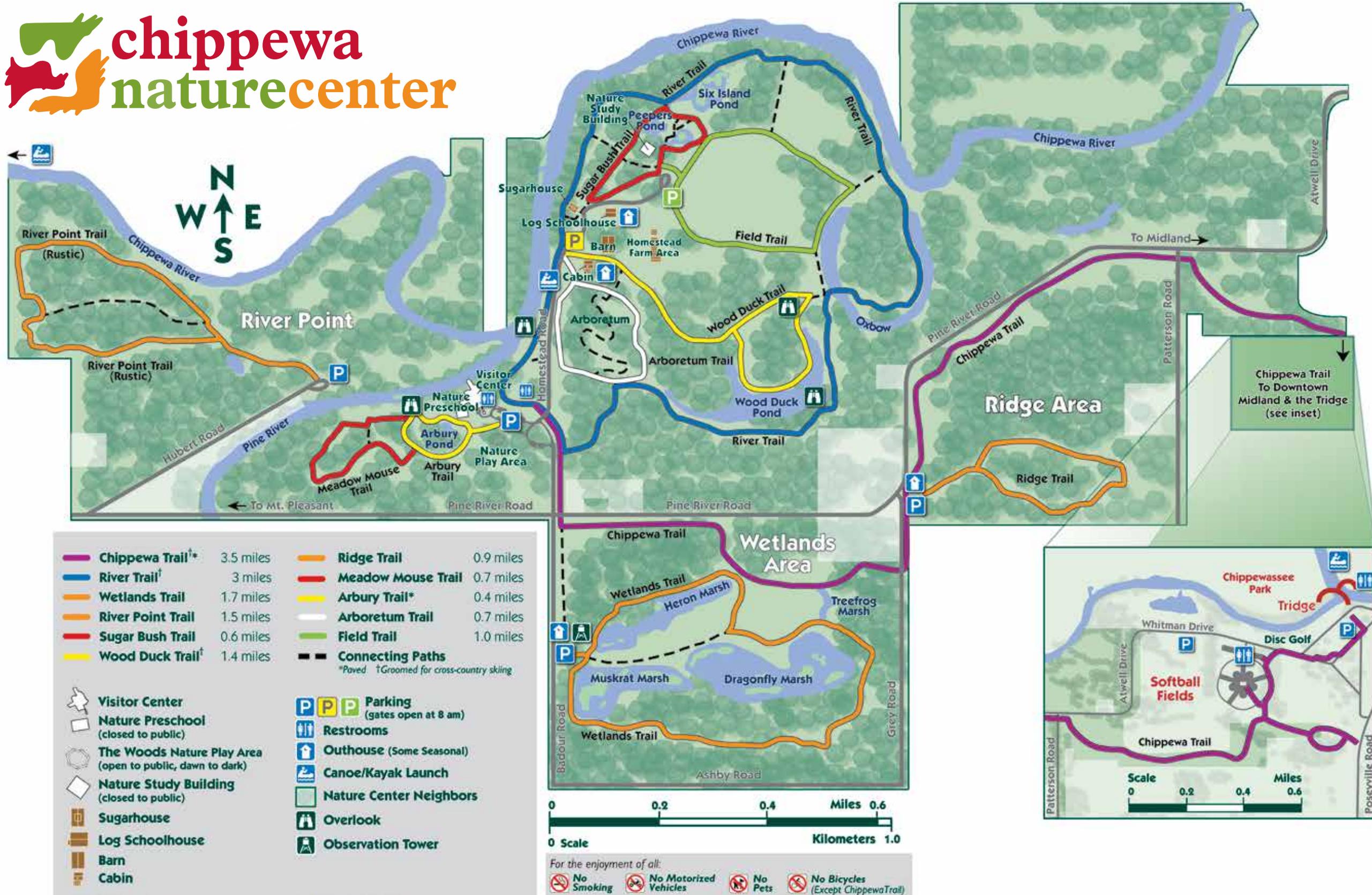
- Log cabin
- Farm animals
- One-room Log Schoolhouse
- Timber frame barn
- Heirloom gardens

Visit the Sugarhouse weekends in March to see a maple sap boiling demonstration.

NATURE PLAY AREA

Located off Arbury Trail, children are invited to build forts, make mud pies, balance on logs and pump water in this natural area. A sound garden, stage and mini cabin welcome visitors to play dawn-to-dark daily.





CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCHES

Canoe/kayak launches are located on Homestead Road, and at 141 W. Chippewa River Rd, (universally accessible) and are open dawn-to-dark May 1-Oct 15. A universally accessible launch is also available at the Tridge.



WETLANDS OBSERVATION TOWER

The lower level of this 2-story observation tower is universally accessible, with a ramp leading to a viewing platform. Visitors can access the upper level by stairs.



POISON IVY

Come in contact with poison ivy? Flush affected areas with soapy water as soon as possible.

For the enjoyment of all:

- No Smoking
- No Motorized Vehicles
- No Pets
- No Bicycles (Except Chippewa Trail)