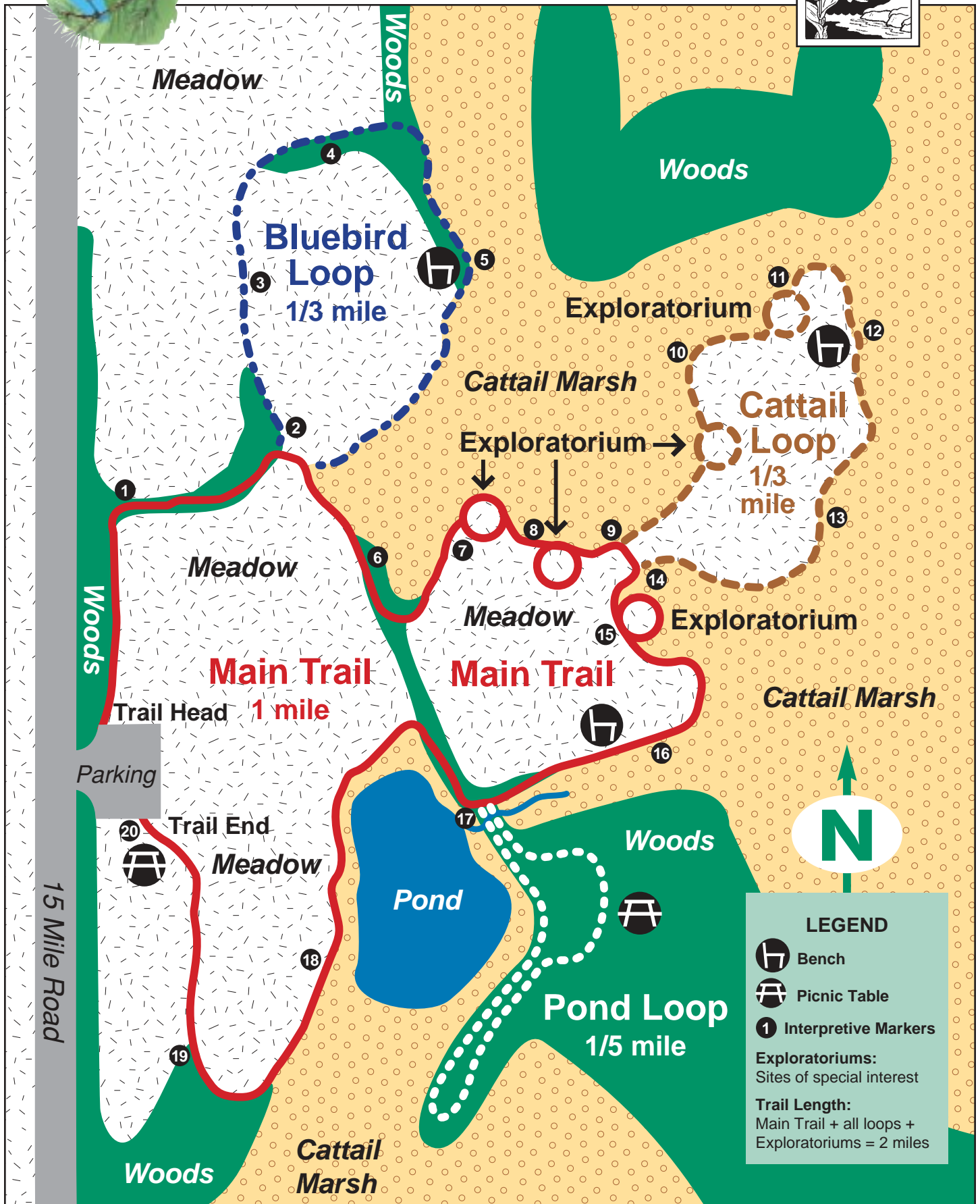
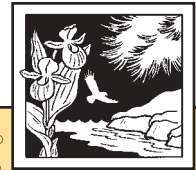




MICHIGAN AUDUBON SOCIETY BAKER SANCTUARY
MEADOW AND MARSHLAND TRAIL
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BAKER SANCTUARY AND ENVIRONS

Baker Sanctuary Lodge

At the public entrance to the property is the Baker Sanctuary Lodge, built in 1948 by volunteers and upgraded in 1962. The lodge is electrified and has running water. It offers kitchen and rest room facilities as well as rustic overnight accommodations for up to 16 people. The great room, ideal for meetings, has a stone fireplace at one end with the kitchen facilities at the other. Still visible are the 130 year-old tamarack beams from the original log cabin which stood on the site. The Baker Lodge is available, by prior arrangement, to MAS-approved groups as a meeting and educational center.

Iva E. Doty Native Wildflower Trail

Near the Lodge is the head of the Doty Native Wildflower Trail. This mile-long trail, with an extensive boardwalk, winds through a wet meadow, past a quiet pond and woodland creek and along the edge of a flood plain forest. A wide variety of flowering plants can be identified with the help of a self-guiding brochure, available at the Doty Shelter near the head of the trail. This trail was built and is maintained by a separate endowment established by Iva E. Doty.

Meadow and Marshland Trail

The Meadow and Marshland Trail, accessible from 15 Mile Road between T Drive North and Q Drive North, was established in the spring of 1996 for hiking, cross country skiing, and nature observation. In 1998 a controlled burn was conducted as part of a prairie restoration project.

The Meadow and Marshland Trail is a mowed trail of easy to moderate difficulty. It twists and turns for 2 miles across rich rolling Michigan meadows and marshland edges while taking advantage of the ample shade provided by many trees along the trail. Throughout the spring and summer, an abundance of wildflowers and the fauna they attract can easily be found. At numerous points along the trail circular "exploratoriums" provide convenient vistas in a shady resting spot that are fun areas to explore. Deer, turkey, pheasant, grouse, fox, coyote, hawks, frogs, turtles, butterflies, bluebirds and other species frequent the area surrounding the trail.

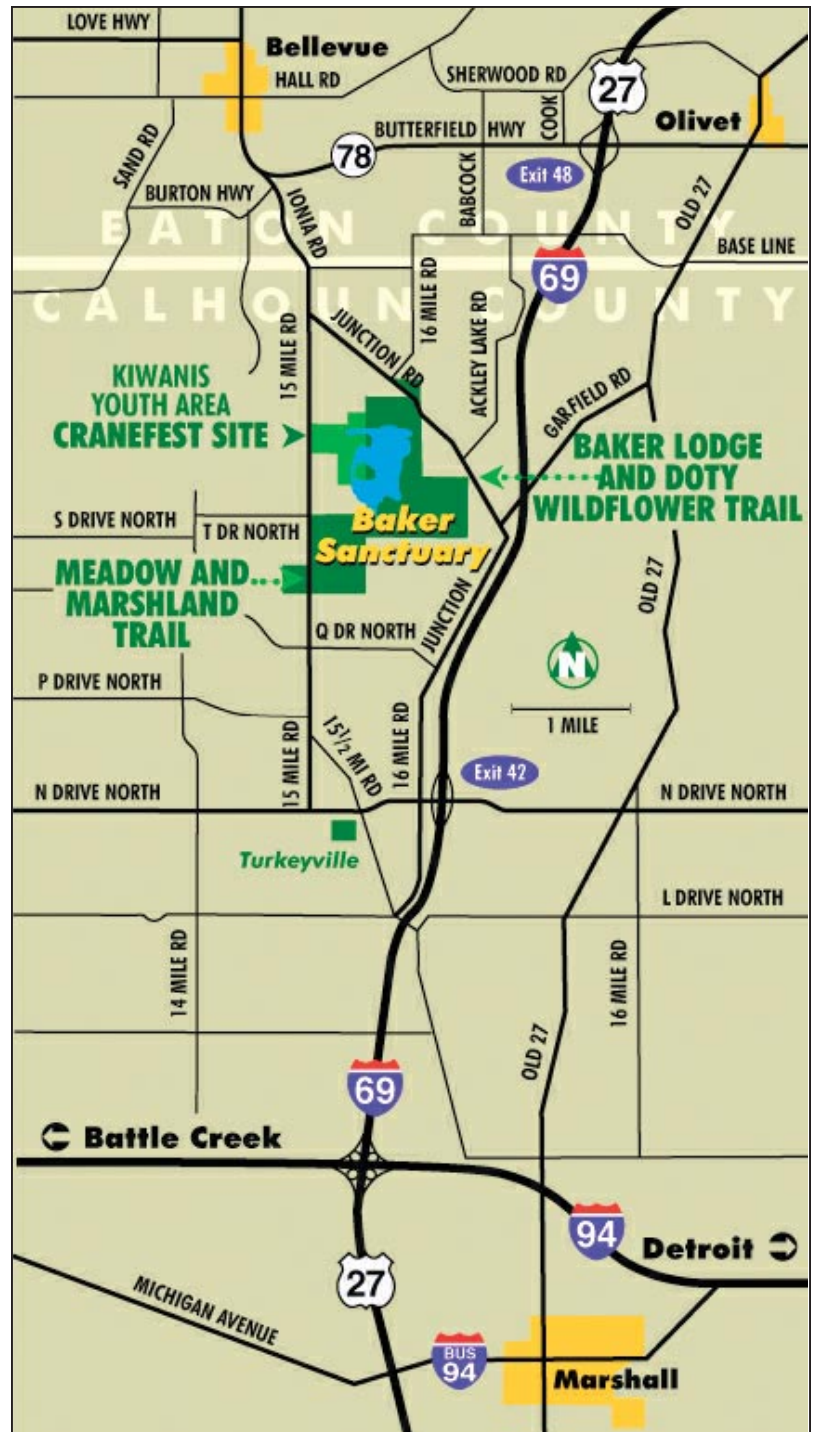
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Visitors' Guidelines

Michigan Audubon Society encourages educational activities and research, with written permission, on sanctuary lands. Hunting, trapping, fishing, horse-back riding, fires, domestic pets and motor vehicles are prohibited. No collecting of any kind is allowed. Visitors need special permission to leave marked or mowed trails and areas.

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