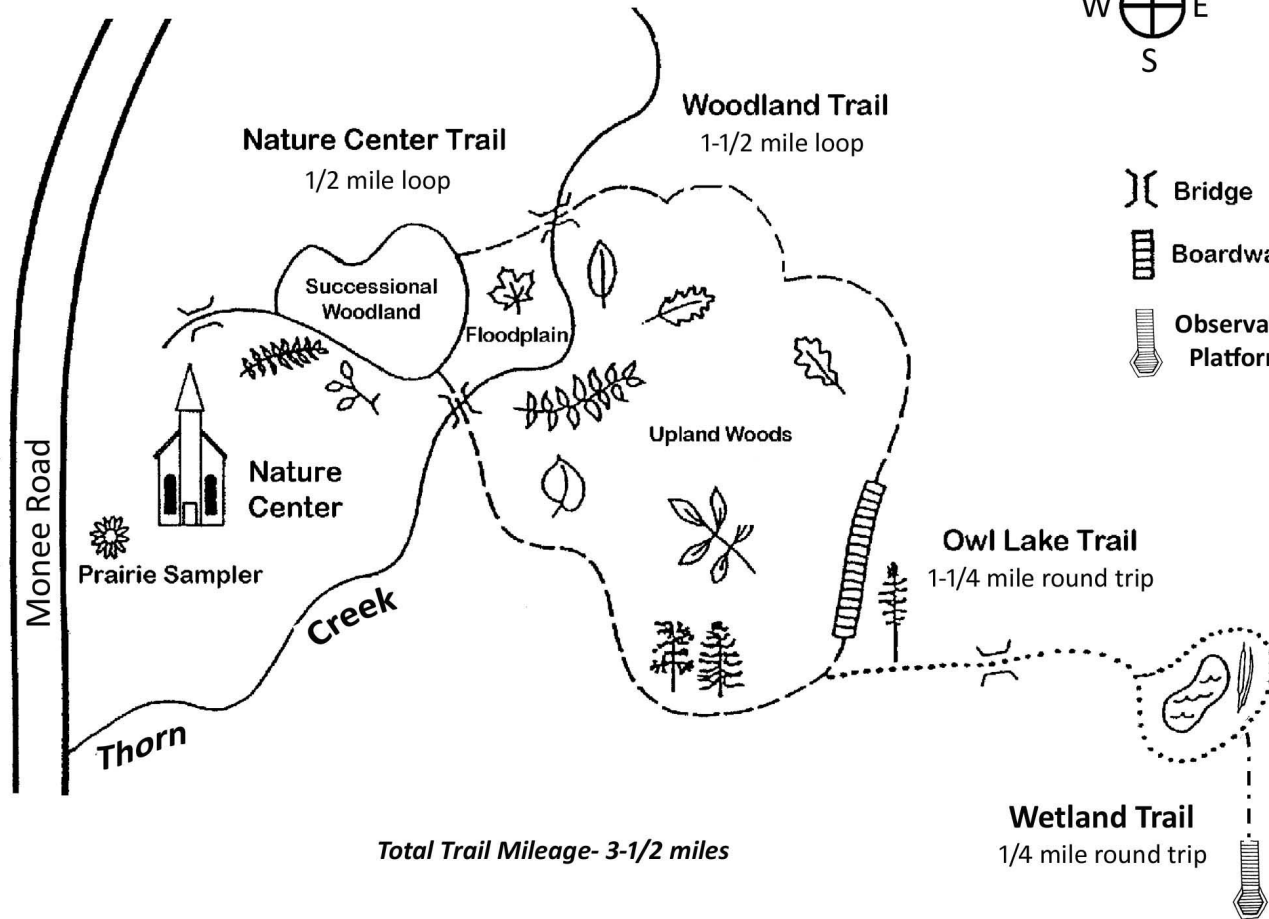
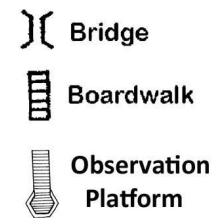


# Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve

## Trail Map

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### Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve and its Trails

Thorn Creek Woods Nature Preserve is a 985 acre oak-hickory woodland dotted with vernal ponds and dissected by Thorn Creek and its tributary streams. Natural surface trails meander through woodland, floodplain forest, scenic ravines and pine plantations.

The Nature Center Loop Trail travels through young developing forest and shrubby, successional old fields—wonderful habitat for bird watching.

Crossing Thorn Creek twice, the Woodland Trail loops through floodplain forests, mesic and dry-mesic upland forests and pine plantations.

Continue through the tunnel of pines and on to Owl Lake, a

marsh that developed on and around a glacial pothole. A short walk on the Wetland Trail leads to an observation platform overlooking a large wetland complex.

A walk to the Wetland Trail observation platform and back around the trail loops is a 3-1/2 mile nature adventure, open to the public year round, dawn to dusk.