



# Thorn Creek Woods TRAILS for hiking and nature study

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**Nature Center Trail** travels 1/2 mile loop through young, developing forest and shrubby, successional old fields - wonderful habitat for bird watching.

**Woodland Trail** of 1-1/2 mile crosses Thorn Creek at the north bridge and meanders through floodplain forests, mesic and dry-mesic upland forests and pine plantations.

**Owl Lake Trail** is a 1-1/4 mile round trip spur taking you from the pine plantation on the **Woodland Trail** to and around Owl Lake, a marsh that developed on and around a glacial pothole.

**Wetland Trail** excursion off the **Owl Lake Trail** is a 1/4 mile round trip to an observation platform overlooking a large wetland complex.

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

*Note that there is a section of Woodland Trail which is closed due to the removal of south bridge.*

