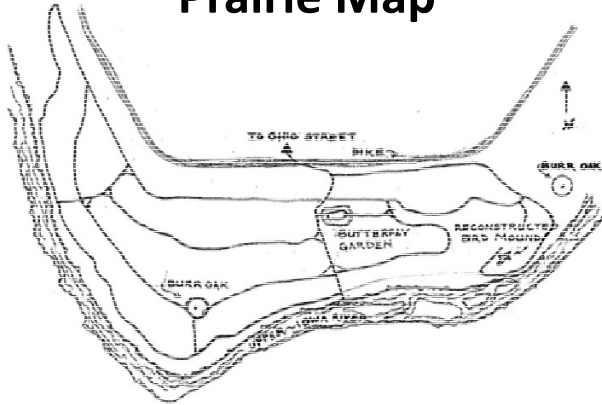


Decorah Community Prairie Map



History of the Butterfly Garden

When the prairie was planted in 2002, initially to protect the water quality of the Upper Iowa River, an additional \$15,000 was donated to the City of Decorah to establish a butterfly garden.

The butterfly garden was created to introduce visitors to the native plants of the prairie, to provide a place of enjoyment, and to help preserve our native butterflies and other pollinators who through the ages have required specific native plants.

This prairie garden provides a quiet wildness within the center of the city. Its paved walkway and benches offer access for the elderly, disabled, and small children.

Butterfly Garden Volunteers

Dedicated volunteers annually donate their time spreading mulch, identifying plants, planning for additional species, removing unwanted aggressive plants, organizing volunteers, and assisting with the promotion of the prairie.

Volunteers meet at the Butterfly Garden during the season (May to October) every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00. You are invited to bring your tools and join them.

If your Tuesdays are full, consider joining their Adopt-A-Plant Program. You come at your own time and are responsible for the care of a 6' x 8' plant plot during the entire season.

For more information on volunteering, call (563) 382-1453.

DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY PRAIRIE AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN

From 5th Avenue (which can be accessed from Pulpit Rock Road or College Drive), go south on Ohio Street until you reach the gravel drive that goes up and over the dike to the parking lot by the butterfly garden.

FOR MAPPING PURPOSES

Enter the address to Aase Haugen Homes (104 Ohio Street), which is the closest neighbor to the butterfly garden access.

Create Your Own Butterfly Garden

Sunny Location – Rock Outcroppings

Include a spot in the garden where sunlight will reach the ground early in the day. Large rocks, exposed soil, or even pavement are all surfaces that will warm up in morning sunlight.

Moisture – Puddling Stations

Water is needed by butterflies, but not in large volumes. Nectar, dew, and tree sap provide butterflies with moisture, but puddles and moist dirt or sand are also popular water sources.

Plant Diversity

Select plants that will feed butterflies and their caterpillars throughout the season. An offering of a variety of colors, fragrances, and shapes attracts them. Plant diversity in the garden results from choosing plants of different types; such as shrubs, trees, perennials, and even vines.

Shelter

Trees and shrubs give valuable shelter where butterflies can roost at night or hide from predators.

Decorah Community Prairie Butterfly Garden



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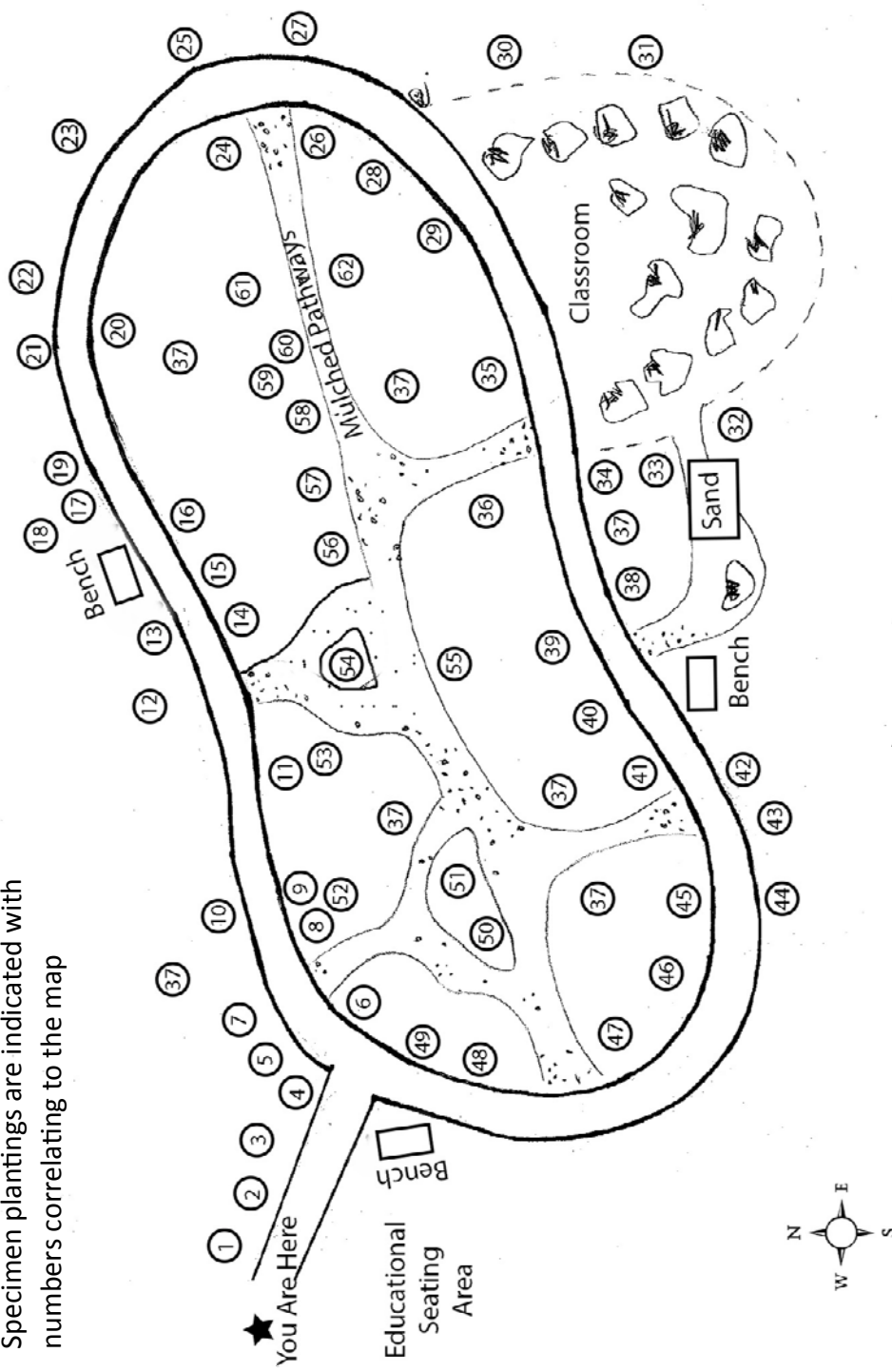
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Butterfly Garden

Specimen plantings are indicated with numbers correlating to the map



1	Showy Sunflower	Helianthus laetiflorus
2	Canada Wild Rye Grass	Elymus canadensis
3	Canada Tick Trefoil	Desmodium canadense
4	Yellow Coneflower	Ratibida pinnata
5	Tall Coreopsis	Coreopsis tripteris
6	Heart Leaved Alexander	Zizia aptera
7	Wild Quinine	Parthenium integrifolium
8	Golden Alexander	Zizia aurea
9	White Prairie Clover	Petalostemum candidum
10	Prairie Rose	Rosa carolina
11	White Nodding Onion	Allium cernuum
12	Big Bluestem Grass	Andropogon gerardi
13	Indian Grass	Sorghastrum nutans
14	Purple Prairie Clover	Petalostemum purpureum
15	Rough Blazingstar	Liatris aspera
16	Wild Bergamot	Monarda fistulosa
17	White Wild Indigo	Baptisia leucantha
18	Joe Pye Weed	Eupatorium maculatum
19	Partridge Pea (annual)	Cassia fasciculata
20	Culver's Root	Veronicastrum virginicum
21	Indian Grass	Sorghastrum nutans
22	Blue Vervain	Verbena hastata
23	False Indigo Bush	Amorpha fruticosa
24	Prairie Smoke	Geum triflorum
25	Big Bluestem Grass	Andropogon gerardi
26	Sky Blue Aster	Aster azureus
27	Rigid Goldenrod	Solidago rigida
28	Showy Goldenrod	Solidago speciosa
29	Swamp Milkweed	Asclepias incarnata
30	Ironweed	Vernonia fasciculata
31	Canada Anemone	Anemone canadensis
32	Prairie Dock	Silphium terebinthinaceum

33	Rattlesnake Master	Eryngium yuccifolium
34	Cup Plant	Silphium perfoliatum
35	Ohio Spiderwort	Tradescantia ohioensis
36	Ox Eye Sunflower	Heliopsis helianthoides
37	Prairie Mixture	
38	Side-oats Grama Grass	Bouteloua curtipendula
39	New Jersey Tea	Ceanothus americanus
40	Heath Aster	Aster ericoides
41	Leadplant	Amorpha canescens
42	Pale Purple Coneflower	Echinacea pallida
43	Meadow Blazingstar	Liatris ligulistylis
44	Compass Plant	Silphium laciniatum
45	Brown Eyed Susan	Rudbeckia triloba
46	Great St. John's Wort	Hypericum pyramidatum
47	Common Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum
48	Common Milkweed	Asclepias syriaca
49	Blue Eyed Grass	Sisyrinchium angustifolium
50	Oldfield Goldenrod	Solidago nemoralis
51	Prairie Blazingstar	Liatris pycnostachya
52	Smooth Blue Aster	Aster laevis
53	Little Bluestem Grass	Andropogon scoparium
54	Prairie Dropseed Grass	Sporobolus heterolepis
55	New England Aster	Aster novae-angliae
56	Virginia Mountain Mint	Pycnanthemum virginianum
57	Prairie Coreopsis	Coreopsis palmata
58	Prairie Phlox	Phlox pilosa
59	Blue Flag Iris	Iris versicolor
60	Butterfly Weed	Asclepias tuberosa
61	Foxglove Beardtongue	Penstemon digitalis
62	Sweet Black-Eyed Susan	Rudbeckia subtomentosa
63	Black-Eyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta