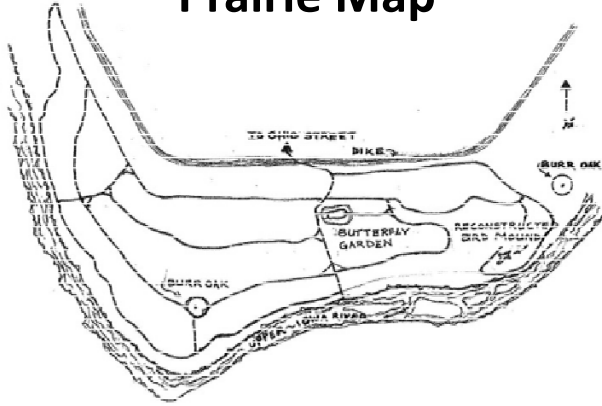


Decorah Community Prairie Map



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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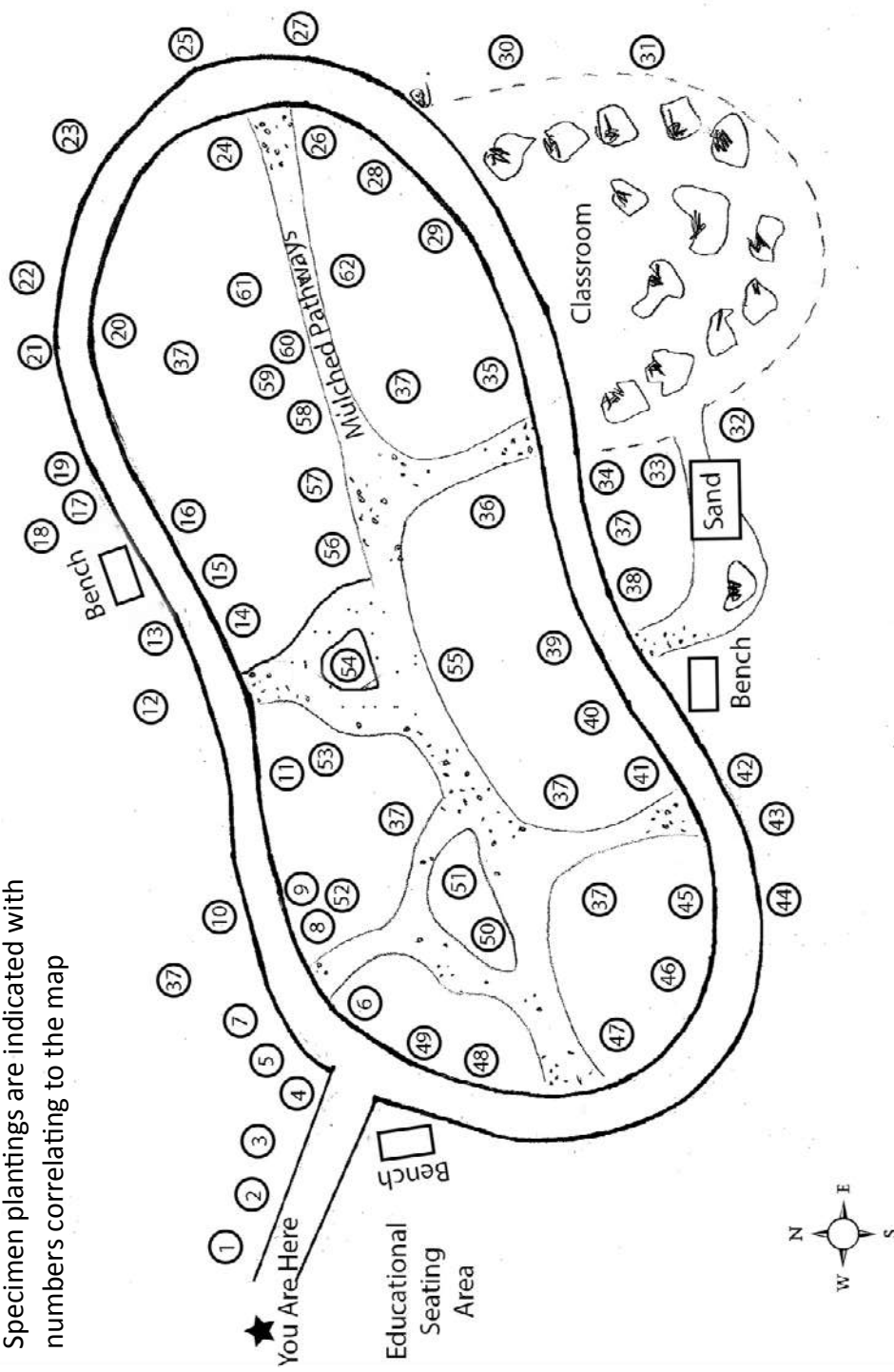
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Butterfly Garden

Specimen plantings are indicated with numbers correlating to the map



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

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