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THE
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GUIDE
TO
GLEN
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DELAWARE COUNTY
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

FOREWORD

As one of the many services of the Park and Recreation Department, this Nature Guide has been issued to the Nature Lovers of Delaware County, in the hope that it will give added pleasure to all who seek the quiet and intimate contact with the great out-of-doors.



Samuel L. Smedley
President

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Our trail begins at the Trail Sign located near the right hand entrance to the Park at State Street. Immediately surrounding in this section are located the following trees -- WILD CHERRY, RUSSIAN PEA, RUSSIAN OLIVE, FRANKLINNAE, APPLE, ENGLISH WALNUT, DOGWOOD; CALIFORNIA REDWOOD(Sequoia), BLACK WALNUT and a group of AILANTHUS (tree of Heaven). Continuing along the path we come to more BLACK WALNUT, WILD CHERRY, also, WHITE OAK, WHITE ASH, OSAGE ORANGE, STYRAX-OBASIA, DEVIL'S WALKING STICK, and a tree (Monkeys-Cannot-Climb).

We have now passed the outdoor stage and on our right are plantings of PINE and HEMLOCK. Directly behind these is a fine specimen of CHESTNUT-OAK. On this same hillside there is to be found BITTERSWEET, EUROPEAN CRANBERRY, SNOWBERRY, BAYBERRY and others;also,WAY-FARING tree.

Now we continue a little farther to a right hand turn in the path and from here there is a good view of the LAKE, used for FISHING and SKATING in season. Here at the turn are

located several varieties of OAK trees (Red-Scarlet-Black), also, a large SASSAFRAS tree.

Just beyond the turn on the right hand bank are found patches of PIGEON WHEAT MOSS (1) and clumps of LOW BUSH BLUEBERRY (2); also, located on the hillside in this section during the spring are CROWSFOOT or BIRDSFOOT VIOLETS (3). Farther up the hillside are DOWNY LEAF VIOLETS (4) and TRAILING ARBUTUS (5).

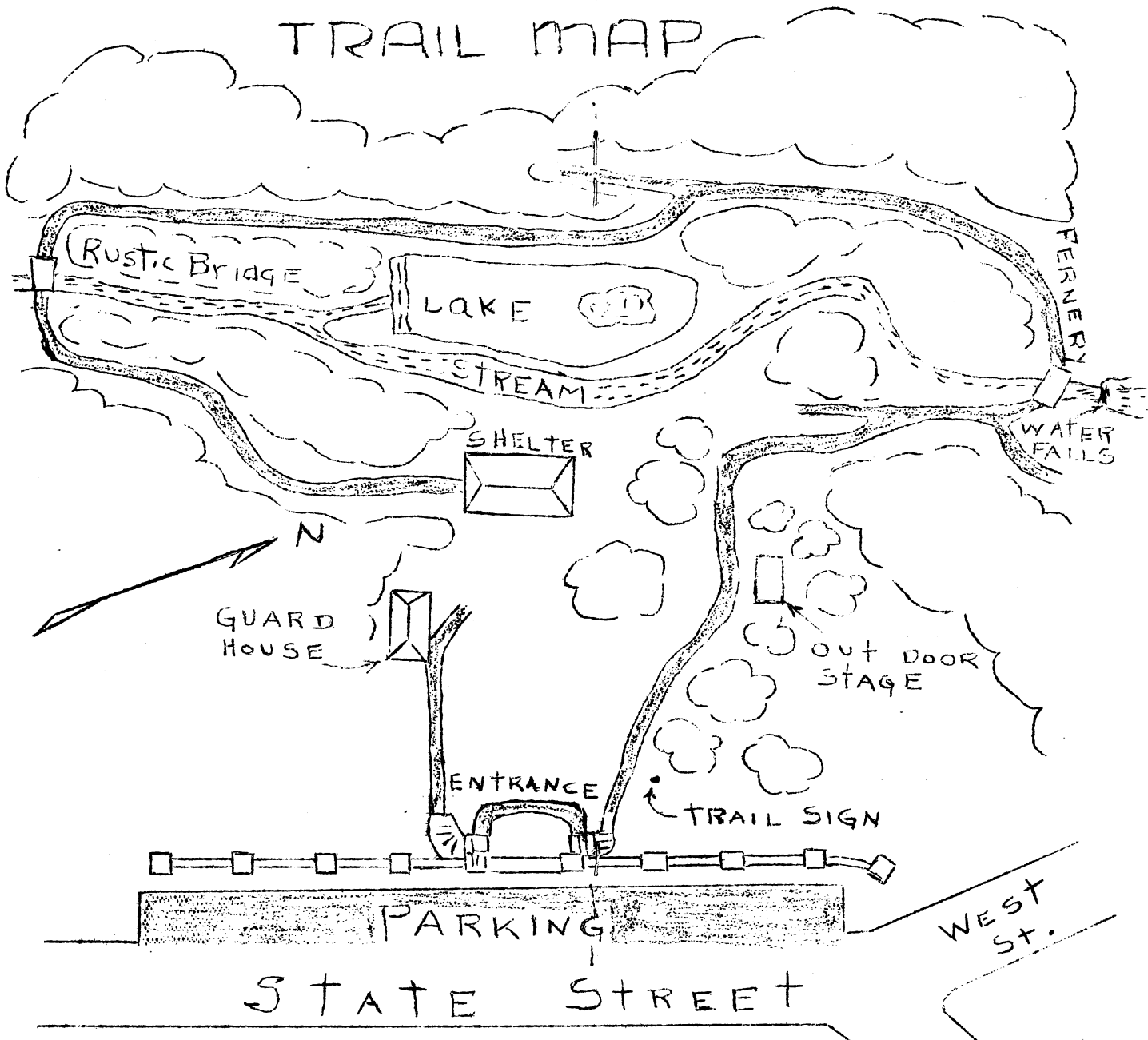
We have now reached the valley and continuing along the path by the side of the stream we come to another group of trees (SILVER BIRCH, RED MAPLE, TULIP POPLAR). Beyond these at a junction of a side path we find RHODODENDRONS (6), SWAMP ROSES (7) and SKUNK CABBAGE (8). Continuing a little farther we now pass a clump of PARTRIDGE BERRY (9). Located at the junction of the Third Street Entrance path just opposite an old stump, as we come to a group of BEECH Trees and to the right of the path are HORN BEAM or IRON WOOD Trees.

At this point we have arrived at an arched rustic bridge which commands a beautiful view of the Falls. Following over the bridge and along the path we find a FERNERY containing several varieties of Ferns. On our left at this point is a planting of CULTIVATED and WILD IRIS (10), also, to be found here are SPIDERWORT (11) and BONESET (12). Continuing on our right are WILD COLUMBINE (13), BERGOMOT (14), PLANTAIN LILY (15) and on the right and left are SPICE BUSHES (16).

This brings us to a small SPRING where we may refresh ourselves with a cool drink of water. At this point opposite the spring, MINT (17) may be found, also, more BERGOMOT (Osage Tea).

As we stroll along a little farther we find in season BLOODROOT (18), JACK-IN-THE PULPIT (19). At this point for those who wish there is a set of steps leading to a path to the upper

TRAIL MAP



section of the park where there is a large planting of young SUGAR MAPLE trees. For those wishing to follow the trail, we continue straight on and on our right at the proper season of the year we find WILD AGERATUM (20), WILD GERANIUM (Cranesbill) (21), GOLDEN ROD (22) and CARDINAL FLOWER (23). We now arrive at another junction of our main path.

Turning left at this point we go down the steps leading to the lake, turn right and follow the path on the west side of the lake. If we go quietly we can see a few LARGE MOUTH BASS and BLUE GILL SUNFISH; here about the lake can also be seen a number of MALLARD DUCKS and CANADIAN GEESE. Also, on the right hand side of this path at the proper season, WILD OXALIS (24) and TRILLIUM may be seen.

We have now reached the lower end of the lake and proceeding straight ahead taking the path through the meadow

along this section of the path are located numerous specimens of plant life, among them are JOE PYE WEED (25), THISTLE (26), RED STAR (27), BLUE EYED GRASS (28), BUTTERCUPS (29), and DAISIES (30); also, WILD RASPBERRIES and BLACKBERRIES.

Continuing a little farther we now reach the lower end of the path with a very fine view of meadowland our SMALL CHILDREN'S WADING POOL. Just before bearing left on the left side of the stream is an ODDITY OF NATURE -- NINE TREES growing from ONE CENTRAL ROOT of a SYCAMORE tree.

We now bear left over another rustic bridge and continue along the trail; here on either side are any number of Wild Plants, among them SWEET FERN (31), TURTLE HEAD (32), INDIAN PIPES (33), LAUREL (State Flower) (34), WILD AZALEA (35), INDIAN PIPES (36), TRAILING ARBUTUS (37), also, TRILLIUM and GROUND PINE (37), and large bushes of MAPLE VIBERNUM (38).

Now we have arrived at the small shelter and here our Trail

ends; let us rest and discuss
our walk.

NOTE: All flowers, ferns,
bushes and shrubs mentioned in
this guide are marked with
stakes bearing corresponding
numbers.

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This guide has been pre-
pared as a seeing eye for
nature lovers, in order that
they may enjoy the abundance
of shrubs, flowers, trees and
wild life found in this lovely
Glen.

Glen Providence is also
a natural haven for migratory
birds. More than ninety spec-
ies have been seen here during
a year. A complete list of
birds that frequent this area
can be obtained at the guard
house (cabin).

Arrangements may be made
for a conducted tour through
Glen Providence by applying to:-
(phone - Media 1633).

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Supervisor
Glen Providence Park.

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County are very fortunate
in possessing one of the
most natural Arboretums
and Wildlife Sanctuaries
to be found anywhere in
the country." --

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