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## READY FOR PRIME TIME

Creating a public nature garden is a never-ending project, but you can mark milestones along the way. In 2011 we hired Cindy Tyler, a landscape architect, to help change the PGT from wild fields and forests to a more inviting, comfortable place to explore and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Last year we finished adding key parts of the design to make the PGT fully ready for visitors. Here are some highlights of those new features.

### Paved Paths



## Stone Viewing Spots at the Ponds



## Overlook Platforms along the Trails

Creek Overlook:

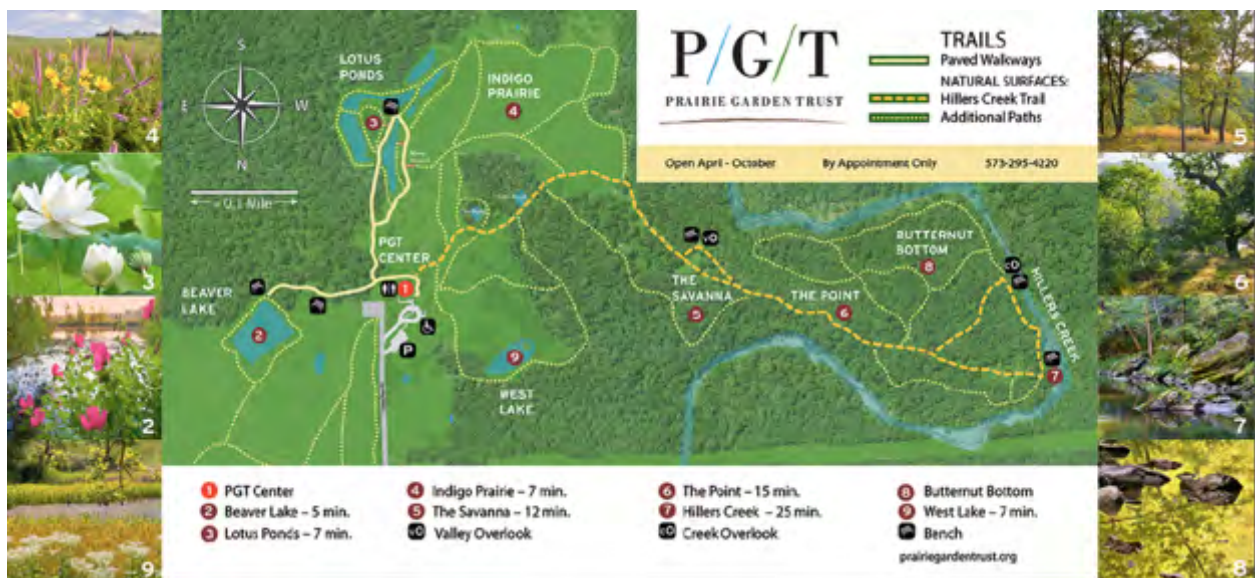


Valley Overlook:



## FINDING YOUR WAY

No more guessing which way to go! If your last visit was a few years ago and you had trouble trying to find your way on unmarked trails, now you can rest easy. We have a map! And wayfinding signs!



## WHEN & HOW TO VISIT

We're open by reservation April 1 through October 31. Just call or email to let us know when you'd like to visit on your own or to join us for an event. Although we don't always have staff at the PGT Center, the restrooms will be open and the map available on the porch to get you started on your stroll around the property. If you plan to hike down to Hillers Creek you'll need sturdy walking shoes/boots, but paved trails to Beaver Lake and the Lotus Ponds are easily accessible.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE AT PGT

On August 21, 2017 the central path of the solar eclipse moved directly over the Indigo Prairie at the PGT. We started getting calls months earlier when people saw the path and realized that the PGT was a perfect spot for viewing. Over 120 people joined us from eight states.



## SPRING BIRD WALK

We'll be looking for warblers and other birds on Saturday, April 28 starting at 7 a.m. This annual event is by reservation only, so let us if you'd like to be there. Beginners and experts, young or old are welcome to join us as we explore the ponds, woods and prairies for colorful spring birds.

The PGT is a designated "birding hotspot," so the chance of good sightings is high. Only steady thunderstorms will stop us. It's a relaxed walk that usually lasts about 3 hours, but you can make it a shorter visit if you need to leave early.



## SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK

Botanist Tim Smith will lead the Spring Wildflower Walk on Saturday May 19 starting at 9 a.m. This is a bit earlier in the season than last year in the hope that we'll see more of the woodland spring flowers. Tim always makes it great fun to learn something new about Missouri blooms.



## SECOND SATURDAY STROLLS

We are starting a new event at the PGT called “Second Saturday Strolls.” It’s for anyone who’d like a guided introduction to the nature of the area. The walks start at 9 AM at the PGT Visitor Center on the second Saturday of each month, April through October.

Henry Domke will lead the walks. As an observer of nature here for over 40 years, Henry knows as well as anyone where you’ll find the best places to go to see seasonal highlights of blooms, birds or butterflies.

The strolls will be held rain or shine. The walk won’t be strenuous, but we do suggest wearing boots or sturdy shoes. Like our other events, the walk will likely run 2 to 3 hours.

If you’d like to join Henry on a walk, make a reservation by phone or email. The 2018 dates are for the Second Saturday Strolls are:

April 14  
May 12  
June 9  
July 14  
August 11  
September 8  
October 13

