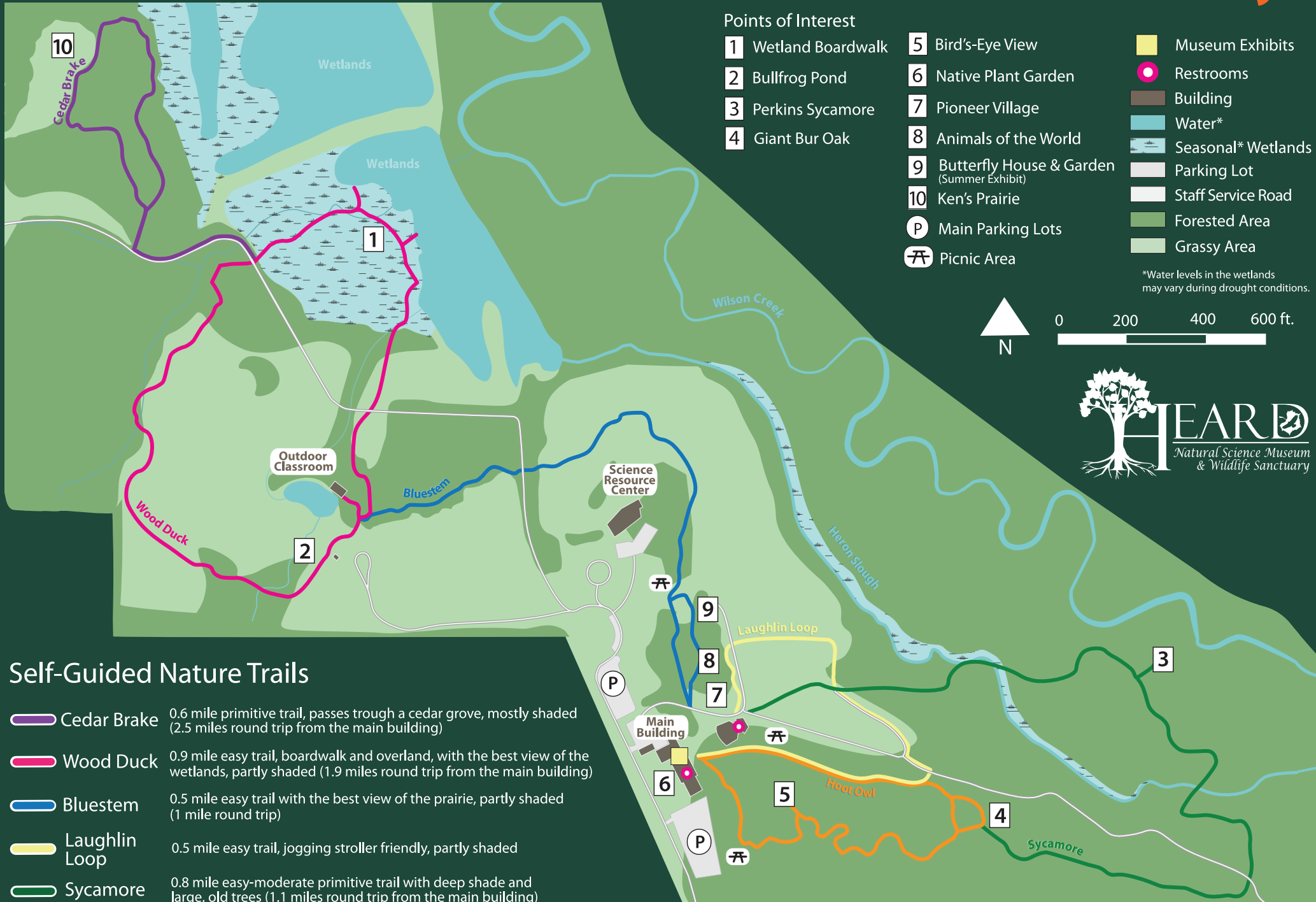


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Self-Guided Nature Trails

- Cedar Brake 0.6 mile primitive trail, passes through a cedar grove, mostly shaded (2.5 miles round trip from the main building)
- Wood Duck 0.9 mile easy trail, boardwalk and overland, with the best view of the wetlands, partly shaded (1.9 miles round trip from the main building)
- Bluestem 0.5 mile easy trail with the best view of the prairie, partly shaded (1 mile round trip)
- Laughlin Loop 0.5 mile easy trail, jogging stroller friendly, partly shaded
- Sycamore 0.8 mile easy-moderate primitive trail with deep shade and large, old trees (1.1 miles round trip from the main building)
- Hoot Owl 0.5 mile easy to moderate trail, a combination of hilly upland and bottomland terrain, mostly shaded

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Points of Interest

- 5 Bird's-Eye View
- 6 Native Plant Garden
- 7 Pioneer Village
- 8 Animals of the World
- 9 Butterfly House & Garden (Summer Exhibit)
- P Main Parking Lots
- ⌘ Picnic Area
- Museum Exhibits
- Restrooms
- Building
- Water*
- Seasonal* Wetlands
- Parking Lot
- Staff Service Road
- Forested Area
- Grassy Area

*Water levels in the wetlands may vary during drought conditions.

Have You Heard?

This nature preserve is part of the Blackland Prairie (the most endangered ecosystem in North America). Less than 1% remains.

The Heard Wildlife Sanctuary is a delicate nature preserve set aside for both native animals and plants.



Bringing nature and people together to discover, enjoy, experience, restore and preserve our priceless environment.

Founded in 1967 by Bessie Heard at the age of 80, the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary is a private 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. She foresaw the need to preserve a place where future generations could enjoy nature. We offer a variety of programs and events, including:

General Admission

- 289-acre nature preserve
- 6 nature trails
- Birding
- Butterfly garden & (seasonal) house
- Indoor & outdoor exhibits
- Live animal exhibits
- Native plant gardens
- Nature store
- Picnic areas
- Seasonal exhibits

Volunteer Opportunities

- Animal care
- Bird banding
- Education programs
- Exhibit docents
- Gardening
- Ropes course
- Special events
- Trail guides

Venue Rentals

School, Family & Group Programs

- Adult workshops
- Animal presentations
- Birthday parties
- Canoe programs
- Field trips
- Guided nature trails
- Overnight stays
- Preschool & homeschool classes
- Ropes course
- Night hikes
- Scout programs
- Special events
- Summer camps
- Teacher workshops

*Please note that some activities are only available by reservation or seasonally.

Over 220 birds species have been observed at the Heard and 61 species have been documented nesting at Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary.

Heard Members enjoy free general admission and a variety of other benefits. As a private, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, portions of payments for memberships may be tax-deductible as a charitable contribution. Consult your tax advisor.

Need assistance or to report a problem? Call (972) 562-5566.

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See reverse side for full map.

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