

Pleasant Grove Park

Trail Map

Multi-use Trail System



Map Legend

- Park Entrance
- Pleasant Grove House Museum
- Community Garden
- Picnic Shelter(s)
- Library
- Public Safety/Sheriff
- Dog Park
- Horse Trailer Parking
- Restrooms
- Trailheads & Information
- Parking
- Bike Repair Station
- Amphitheater Stage
- Sandy Beach
- Playground
- Scenic Overlook
- Park Boundary Line
- Bridge
- Soccer Fields
- Ball Fields

Trails

- Beech Grove
- Birding
- Brush Arbor
- Burke Heights Loop
- Burke Ridge
- Cedar Creek
- Center Woods
- Trail Connector
- Cross Hill
- Deep Creek
- Discovery
- Hadens
- Heritage Trail
- Horseshoe
- North Hill
- Quail Meadow
- Reds Trail
- Rivanna Overlook (RO)
- River Anne
- River Bluff
- Park Access Road
- Rock Brook
- Sandy Beach

4,000 Feet

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PARKS & RECREATION

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PARK RULES

- Park and Trails Open During Daylight Hours
- No Open Fires
- No Camping\Overnight Stays
- Horses Remain on Designated Equestrian Trails
- Hunting is Prohibited
- Fishing Permitted with Proper License
- No Vehicles Allowed on Trails or Open Spaces
- Dogs Must Remain on a Leash at all Times, Except in Designated Off Leash Areas. (DOLA)

STAY ON TRAILS

Staying on trails is a simple way to protect the park and trails. Shortcutting trails causes erosion and damages trailside plants. Walk and ride on designated trails, but not when muddy. If you MUST leave a trail, protect vegetation by stepping on rocks, gravel or other non-vegetated surfaces. Avoid Hiking and riding on areas that are closed for re-vegetation or signed as sensitive. *This trail system is maintained in large part with volunteer labor. To get involved, please call 589-2016.*



LEAVE NO TRACE

Visitors to Pleasant Grove Park are fortunate to find such wonderful outdoor recreation opportunities close to home. Pleasant Grove Park is a gift we will pass on to future generations. You play a critical role in protecting this gift. Please pick up any trash or litter you see along your trails and dispose of it properly.

Please observe the 24/1 rule: Please wait 24 hours to use trails for every inch of rainfall. Riding or hiking a muddy trail causes unnecessary widening and erosion. Enjoy responsibly!

Emergency - Dial 911
Look for closest trail marker.
Give dispatcher trail marker info.

Explore Pleasant Grove Park

Trail Guide



A great adventure - for people and wildlife

Many of Pleasant Grove Park's trails go through multiple habitats. Here's a quick guide to these habitats and trails:



Cooper's Hawk

section of the River Anne Trail at the Rivanna

River also has an untended grassy field.

For the shrubs and small trees habitat, see the first few hundred yards of Reds and Heritage Trails along the hill descent from the Pole Barn at Reds Trailhead. Also, take the portion of the River Anne Trail as it abuts the Rivanna River.

Pine/Transition Forest habitats are the most prevalent habitats at Pleasant Grove Park. Reds Trail exhibits this habitat on the hill descent after the shrubs and small trees and before the mixed hardwoods at the bottom. Brush Arbor and Hadens Trails also offer good examples of the pine transition forest habitat. Near the Dog Park the Horseshoe Trail is your best bet for this habitat. While at the Library, Beech Grove Trail leads to Rock Brook Trail that



Box Turtle

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River Otter

The park also has a Butterfly Garden near the Pleasant Grove House Museum.



Monarch

Wild Plants and Flowers You May See

- Black-eyed Susan
- Yarrow
- St John's Wart
- Common Milkweed
- Native Grass
- (switch grass, little and big bluestem, Indiangrass, etc.)
- Christmas Fern
- May Apple
- Skunk Cabbage
- Daisy Fleabane
- Bulbous Buttercup
- Sumac
- Tickseed
- American Beautyberry
- Small Bluet
- Chicory
- Wild Comfrey
- Johnny Jump-up
- Plantain
- Jimson Weed
- Wild Garlic
- Spring Beauty
- Ragweed
- Common Sneezeweed

To view a mature hardwood forest habitat, walk the North Hill Trail starting at the large picnic shelter near the Museum. Also, Reds Trail after its descent into the bottom land from the pole barn offers a mixed hardwood forest habitat.

The Heritage, Burke Heights Loop and River Anne Trails provide excellent views of the River habitat.

Pleasant Grove Park serves many purposes, one of which is to provide park visitors with access to nature. The Rivanna River and the adjacent forests and fields abound with wildlife, both plants and animals. The many habitats at Pleasant Grove are managed for wildlife richness and the park's many trails provide abundant opportunities to view this wildlife in its natural setting.

Foundation also was the main catalyst in helping to create and design the Eastern Trailhead, Dog Park entrance, and ADA accessible Julie King Sandy Beach Trail leading to the scenic Rivanna River.

PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

Planning ahead is the easiest way to protect outdoor places and yourself during your visit. Bring waste containers if you are walking a dog, wear proper footwear, as the terrain can be challenging, and bring plenty of fluids.

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

Pleasant Grove Park is home to a variety of wildlife. Observe wildlife from a distance, never feed them human food or leave scraps behind.

Animals that become reliant on find food on their own and can easily become malnourished. Many animals

Traveling off-trail may cause added stress to animals and damage habitat. Keep wildlife wild by staying on trails

and not approaching, harassing or feeding them.

WELCOME

PARK HISTORY

The county purchased 969 acres of farm land in 1994 when members of the Historical Society suggested that it would be an ideal location for a park and public trail system. From that Foundation was formed and created the first trails at the park.

The Foundation continues to work with Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation on the trails today which have grown to 22 miles of trails for everyone to enjoy. The Heritage Trail

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Habitat and Wildlife You May See

Untended Grassy Fields

- Cottontails
- Voles
- **Quail** 
- Field Mice
- Hawks
- Turkey Vultures
- Foxes
- Song Birds (sparrows, indigo buntings, etc.)



Shrubs and Small Trees

- Song Birds (catbirds, towhees, etc.)
- Quail
- Deer

Pine/ Transition Forest

- Deer
- Turkey
- Mature Hardwood Forest
- Squirrels
- Deer
- Turkeys



- Rivanna River
- River Otters
- Ducks
- **Beaver** 
- Fish
- Osprey



Wild Plants and Flowers

Please note that many plants and flowers are seasonal, so to experience these fully you should schedule multiple visits.

Call

The facility hours of operation vary from season to season so please call 434-589-2016 for more information or to schedule a group visit.

- Monday to Friday from 8 am- 5pm
- Saturday from 12 pm - 4 pm
- Sunday from 12 pm - 4 pm

room to learn more about Fluvanna's exhibit galleries or visit our reading the 1854 home, browse the

Western Trailhead. Visitors can tour and Welcome Center is located at the The Pleasant Grove House Museum

HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS

share our trails. Please respect others and

visitors. Please respect others and slow down and yield to slower moving speeds, have an extra responsibility to

Bikers, because they travel at higher courtesous, offer a friendly greeting. others on trails, slow down and be

Hikers yield to Horses. When passing bikers yield to hikers and horses. The yield sequence on the trails is

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