


# Welcome!

Welcome to Adell Durbin Park and Arboretum, Stow's first fully developed City Park. Scattered among its 34 acres are tennis courts, picnic areas, playground equipment and three hiking trails.



The seven buildings at Adell Durbin were built from chestnuts killed in the park when blight swept the area in the 1930's. Campbell Lodge was named for Homer Campbell, who donated the park to the city in 1939. He requested the park to be named for his mother-in-law, Adell Durbin. Denning Lodge was named for retired Park Supervisor, John Denning, who planted most of the flora which have made Adell Durbin Park an Arboretum. Available for rental are Campbell and Denning Lodges, for more information, phone the Stow Parks and Recreation office at 689-2759.

This brochure is to be used as a guide for the three trails in the park. Hikers should walk with care. The trails were planned to create a minimum of disturbance to the natural community and can trip an unwary foot. Poison ivy exists along the trails and provides cover and food to wildlife. Only humans develop a rash from contact with any part of the plant. By remaining on the trail, you will not encounter this plant with its own remarkable defense system. Remember: Leaves of three let it be! Enjoy yourself every season!



## HIKER'S TRAIL

(1.2 Miles - Red Arrow)

The Hiker's Trail is a self-guided nature trail. Stops have been provided to indicate points of interest. This trail is more rugged than either of the shorter ones; sturdy shoes are recommended.

- FRUITS AND NUTS:** Below your feet, notice remnants of tree fruits and nuts along the hill. Crabapple trees provide bird and insect food while the black walnuts are adored by squirrels. At the steps near Denning Lodge is an Ohio Buckeye tree, with dark, gloomy-looking branches and nuts with a spiky hull and smooth, shiny "buck's eye" nut. Scratch-n-sniff the yellow-green-brown walnut coverings - the oil is used in cleaning preparations.
- WITCH HAZEL:** This shrubby tree intrigues many. Identify it by the uneven base of its leaves and the yellow, fingerlike flower projections covering its branches near Halloween! Witch Hazel is a common ingredient in home remedies and astringents.
- THE LEDGE:** As you travel this hill, see a falling tree uprooting and taking a piece of the ledge with it. Search around for animal homes - squirrel leaf nests high in the tree canopy, chipmunk holes, and cone shaped ant-lion dens very close to the ledge wall. The ant-lion, or doodlebug, waits for unwary ants to stumble into its trap, and then it pounces.
- SCRAWLED UPON BEECH TREE:** Sadly, here is a defaced beech. With its smooth bark, it has always been tempting to lovers with a knife. Trees carved in this manner can more easily be attacked by bark borer insects and

