

## 8. LIFE IN A POND

Here, the trail comes to Echo Pond. This pond was built to provide water to irrigate the Arboretum plants. Ponds undergo succession also. Gradually, silt will fill up the pond. Grass will grow in the mud, then shrubs, which will be replaced by trees. Eventually after many years, a climax forest will replace the pond.

Different animals and plants make their homes here in the pond, although members of the forest community visit. Water plants and algae use sunlight energy to produce food for the fish, frogs, turtles and insects which live in the pond.

### Can you observe . . .

- Plants growing at the edge of the pond?
- Animals swimming in the water?
- Animals coming to the surface to breathe?
- Animals flying over the water looking for food?
- Animals on the bank basking in the warm sun?

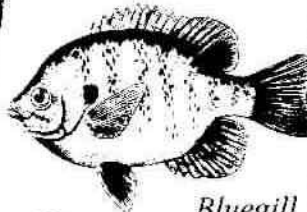


Frog

Kingfisher



Cattail



Bluegill

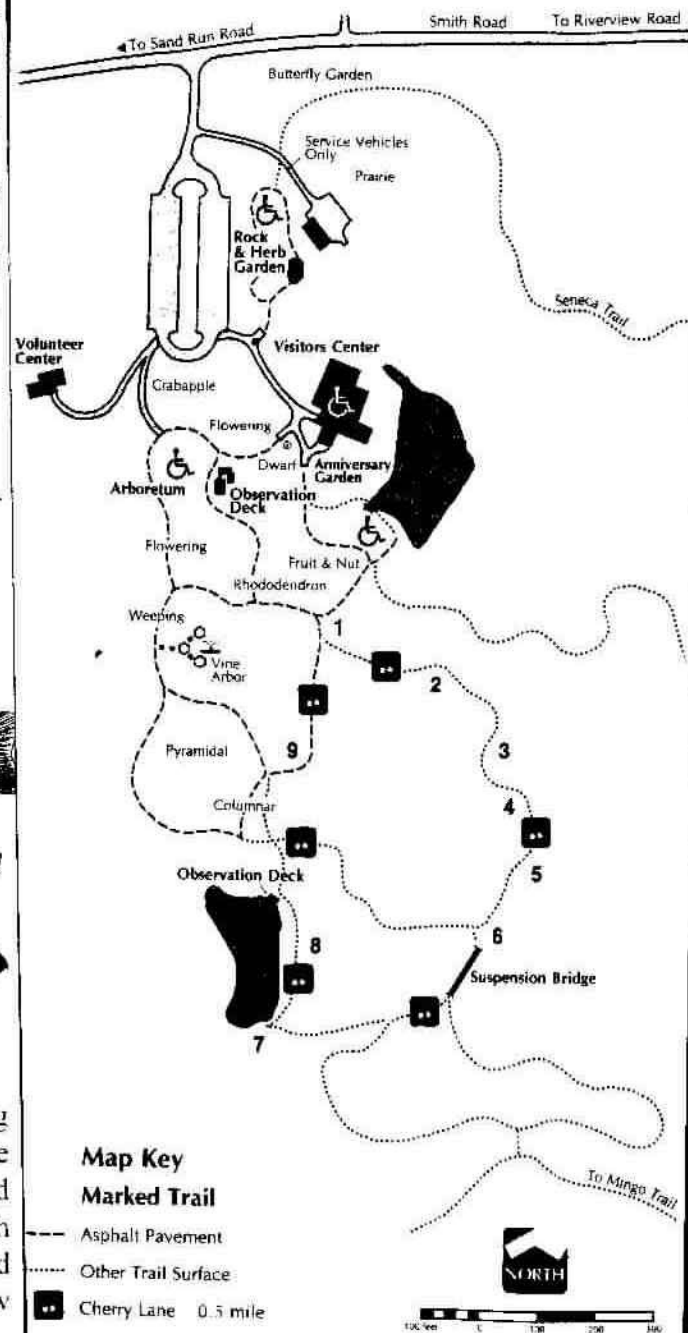


Turtle

## 9. OLD FENCE LINE

Observe the line of large trees along the trail. Long ago, there was a fence here where birds rested on the wire - sometimes after eating cherries. The pits passed through the birds, accidentally planting the cherry trees which grow here today. Animals are important dispersers and planters of seeds and nuts in the forest. Can you guess how Cherry Lane Trail got its name?

## CHERRY LANE TRAIL



### Map Key

#### Marked Trail

- Asphalt Pavement
- ..... Other Trail Surface
- Cherry Lane 0.5 mile

## A GUIDE TO

# CHERRY LANE TRAIL

As you hike this short trail, walk slowly using this guide to help you observe nature. Remember to stay on the trail, leaving the forest undisturbed. Collecting is not permitted in any Metro Park. Please return trail guide to the box at the beginning of the trail so other hikers may use it.

