

The Commons Nature Preserve—located behind McFarlen Public Library, 515 Perry Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan. Open dawn until dusk.

Please observe nature preserve rule: take only pictures; leave only footprints.



- 1) The Commons entry
- 2) Seating
- 3) Michigan's state tree: the white pine
- 4) Eastern Bluebird boxes
- 5) Tree Swallows usually use the bluebird boxes
- 6) Picnic table, open to public
- 7) Wildflower: yellow goatbeard
- 8) Listen for the gray catbird's cat-like call: Summer visitor
- 9) Watch your step
- 10) Wild strawberries
- 11) Bumble bee home
- 12) Common violet
- 13) Poison ivy
- 14) Wildflower: Teasel
- 15) Seating
- 16) Stinging nettle (don't touch)
- 17) Downy woodpecker
- 18) Skunk's hollow (sometimes)
- 19) Wildflower: butterfly weed
- 20) Foot bridge
- 21) River rock, note water level when you visit
- 22) Great "duck race" fund-raiser in May
- 23) Grand Blanc Canoe race in May
- 24) Tree with many excavated nesting holes
- 25) Wildflower: bloodroot, early spring
- 26) Poison ivy vine on tree
- 27) Wet area, hot for wood ducks in early spring
- 28) Many species of goldenrod in this field
- 29) Why are these trees leafing?
- 30) Wildflower: "spotted" touch-me-not, a.k.a. spotted jewelweed
- 31) Teasel
- 32) Trail continues but it is private property
- 33) Warbler: common yellowthroat, summer visitor
- 34) Grand Blanc's "Champion" tree
- 35) Northern Cardinal
- 36) Giant swallowtail butterfly
- 37) Prickly ash: swallowtail host plant
- 38) American woodcock in summer
- 39) Swale (ditch) dug for water runoff
- 40) Wildflower: common milkweed
- 41) Retention pond
- 42) Frogs: green, leopard, wood seen
- 43) Great blue heron
- 44) Trail to the "big woods"
- 45) Blue jay
- 46) Dragon and damsel flies

a naturalist's view of
The Commons
Nature Preserve

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