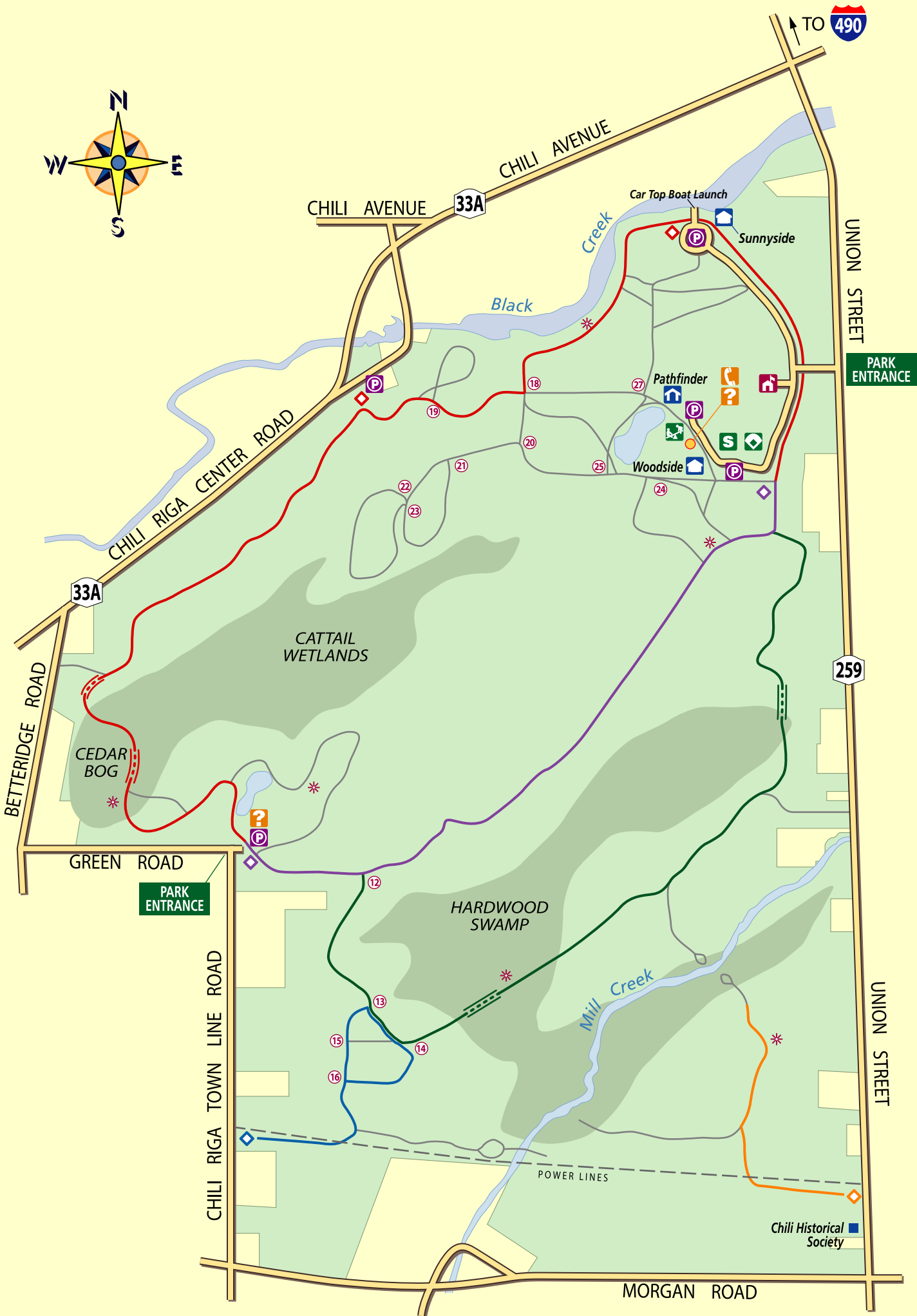




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If you have rented Woodside Lodge or Sunnyside Lodge ...

Park Staff will unlock the lodge for you prior to your arrival time stated on your reservation permit. The **Lodge** has a capacity of 99 and is available for rental year round. Amenities include: 12 tables, an open porch, a large grill outside, a deluxe kitchen area including stove, oven, refrigerator, and sink, indoor rest rooms, a fireplace, 10 electrical outlets, handicapped accessibility.

If you have rented Pathfinder Shelter...

A park guard will stop by to check your permit. **Pathfinder Shelter** has a capacity of 80 and is available for rental May 15 - October 15. Amenities include 8 tables, one large grill, nearby water, nearby flush toilets, 2 electrical outlets, handicapped accessibility.

Black Creek Park Playground is a state-of-the-art playground built in 1998 with the assistance of volunteers and community donations. It includes specially designed toddler, school-aged and teen sections.

Black Creek Park Hours and Rules

Black Creek Park gates are is open everyday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. The shelter and lodge are rented from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily. Our County Parks are **Carry-In Carry-Out**. Please take all garbage with you to dispose of after you leave. Keg Beer is permitted if stamped on your rental permit. County Parks staff will call the authorities if alcohol laws are being broken. Horseshoe playing and glass are not allowed. Recreation fields are available on a first come / first serve basis if the fields are not in league use. **Pets must be leashed.**

Monroe County's Park Staff Assistance: 509-2843 or 889-9610
Information & Reservations: 753-PARK (7275) • www.monroecounty.gov

Trail Information

Ridge Trail

This is an easy 1.4 mile walk (one-way) over gently rolling terrain. Dominant shrubs are honeysuckle, autumn olive and hawthorn blooming mid-May into June. Just east of marker 12, look for trees from Green's Nursery that was in the area 100 years ago. There is a short walk through an oak, hickory and maple woods. At the Woodside Lodge end of the trail there is a very pleasant scenic overlook where you can sit on a park bench and view acres of parkland and several bluebird boxes.

Creek Trail

This trail is a moderate 3.1 mile walk (one-way) over gently rolling terrain. Distance alone earns this trail a rating of moderate. The West end of the trail begins alongside a beautiful little pond. Look for Canada geese and a variety of ducks. One of the highlights of this is the floating boardwalk in the cedar bog area. Look for sensitive fern, horsetails, oaks, red maple and cedar trees and a variety of wildflowers. Fields of dogwood, hawthorn, honeysuckle and autumn olive bring a constant chorus of birds. Watch for wild turkey among the oaks and various nut trees. The other highlight is an observation point overlooking Black Creek near marker 17. Maple oak and a variety of other trees form a canopy over your head. River otter were released here in the 1990's. It is a great picnic spot with tables and grills and has canoe access.

Hickory Trail

This trail is an easy 1.4 mile walk over flat terrain. It begins in open fields of multi-flora rose and dogwood shrubs. The field is filled with songs of robins, woodpeckers, red-winged blackbirds, warblers, thrushes and pheasant. Look for eastern cottontail rabbits. The fields and pathways are dotted with wildflower, so look for butterflies. The last portion of the trail may have poison ivy so take caution. The trail ends in a maple and hickory woods, including impressive shagbark hickory (and hence why the trail was named).

Bluebird Trail

This trail is an easy 1.2 mile walk over generally flat terrain that winds among honeysuckle, hawthorn and dogwood shrubs that flower in May-June and bear fruit for the birds and other wildlife summer through winter. Many songbirds, including warblers, cardinals, thrushes robins, cedar waxwings, and of course bluebirds can be found. This walk is great for birders all year. There is a pioneer woods of mostly ash, which turns a brilliant yellow in the fall. Don't be surprised if a deer or red fox run across your path.

Wetland Trail

This too is an easy walk over gently rolling terrain of 2.1 miles (one-way). The path is dotted with wildflowers that will attract butterflies. The highlight of the trail is the hardwood swamp area with floating boardwalks. There are red maples that turn a brilliant red in the fall and ash trees that turn brilliant yellow. Look for mayapple, sensitive fern, woodbine, wild geranium, yellow ragwort, and marsh marigolds in May. Other portions of this trail pass through spruce, black walnut, beech, staghorn sumac and hickory trees, so keep a lookout for wild turkey. Red fox, eastern cottontail rabbit and white tailed deer may also be seen.

Please be aware of seasonal changes in trail conditions and be prepared for natural conditions such as mosquitoes and poison ivy in some areas.

For your safety horses are not allowed on boardwalk trails.

Bicycles are not allowed on trails.

The historic Streeters Inn located on Union Street is now owned by the Monroe County Parks Department and is home to the Chili Historical Society. This Inn was once a coach stop, tavern and inn and dates back to 1811. Please call 753-PARK (7275) for more information.