
Our Mission Statement

The goal of Hawthorn Glen is to guide learners of all ages in developing awareness, knowledge, and commitment to the natural world around them through our educational programs.

Contacts

Nature Programs and Community Service Projects:

Anne,
Head Naturalist
414-475-5300

Rentals and Facility Usage:

Priscilla,
MILWAUKEE RECREATION
414-647-6050

Hours of the Nature Museum

Open for children & small groups (under 15 people)
from 4:00 to 4:45 PM weekdays, 11:00 to 11:45 AM
and 3:15 to 4:00 PM weekends.



The only entrance by vehicles is off of N. 60th St.



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Nature Trails • Prairie • Woodlands

HAWTHORN GLEN

Outdoor Education Center and Nature Museum



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Picnic Areas • Service Projects
Cross Country Skiing in Winter

What is Hawthorn Glen?

- A home for many native wild animals and plants
- 23 acres of woodland, prairie and open space
- A hands-on nature center that primarily serves over 12,000 children annually through field trips
- A place for families to enjoy various outdoor activities
- A place for scouts to learn about and assist in outdoor education programs and community service projects
- Operated by MILWAUKEE RECREATION (Milwaukee Public Schools Division of Community Recreation)



Facilities

- 3/4 mile nature-trail, prairie and woodlands
- Playground
- Nature Museum—home to many native animals of WI; including tree frogs, several species of turtles, a pair of kestrels and a six foot bullsnake
- Indoor Rest Rooms
- Assembly room with fireplace and kitchen* (Maximum 65 people; kitchen equipped with sink, stove, refrigerator & microwave)
- Two covered picnic areas with fire pits* (Picnic Area #1: Maximum 125 people
Picnic Area #2: Maximum 75 people)
- Soccer field*
- Cross-country skiing trails in winter

* Assembly room, picnic areas and soccer field are available to rent on a year-round basis, except major holidays.

We Could Use Your Support...

Community Service Projects

We could use your assistance with keeping Hawthorn Glen a safe haven for wildlife as well as a nice place for you to visit. One way to assist is by lending a hand with some of our on-going projects:

Trail Maintenance

- Litter clean-up
- Wood-chipping trails
- Trim shrubs and trees
- Fence construction and repair
- Erosion control

Exotic Species Removal

- Buckthorn eradication
- Garlic mustard removal



Give us a call to discuss how you can help us with these and other projects. A staff naturalist will provide educational discussion defining the impact of your work and why it is important for children to interact with their environment and really make a difference!



Want to help us but your time and energy are limited?

Hire a naturalist to conduct a guided hike and museum tour to invest in personalized environmental education.

Nature Programs

- Animal adaptations: Behavior and Body Coverings
- Animal Homes
- Animal Tracks
- Birds
- Habitats: Prairie and Woodland
- Insects
- Mammals
- Nature's Recyclers (Decomposers)
- Trees: Deciduous and Coniferous
- Wildflowers: Prairie and Woodland

Fees

Nature Programs (one hour in length)
\$1.00 per person with a \$30.00 minimum

Community Service Projects FREE

Rental of Facilities

Assembly Room — \$80.00 for five hours or less
(each additional hour \$16.00)

Picnic Areas — \$60.00 for five hours or less
(each additional hour \$12.00)

Soccer Field — \$7.00 for each hour

All fees are subject to 5.6% sales tax