A BRIEF HISTORY

In 1935, Ruth Teuscher purchased 40 acres of land in the Town of Somers in northern Kenosha County. Inspired by a grove of native hawthorn trees growing along the Pike River, she and her sister, Margaret, both teachers in Racine, named the property Hawthorn Hollow. They soon posted the land as a wildlife refuge, the first step toward developing what is now Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum.

Reflecting the Teuscher sisters' interests, Hawthorn Hollow today combines nature, history and horticulture. Two miles of nature trails wind through the woods of the Pike River Valley. In spring, the forest floor is covered with native wildflowers. During the spring and fall migrating seasons, many songbirds stop at Hawthorn Hollow. Others remain year 'round, making Hawthorn Hollow one of the finest bird watching spots in the area.

Unique to Hawthorn Hollow is a small but valuable area of original prairie, reflecting the type of vegetation that once covered much of the Midwest. Hawthorn Hollow also boasts annual and perennial gardens, a butterfly garden and a dwarf conifer collection.

To assure the preservation of Hawthorn Hollow, the Teuscher sisters deeded their property to the Hyslop Foundation in 1967. Since then, its Board of Trustees has made many significant contributions to Hawthorn Hollow.

With the help of outside contributions, three historic buildings were moved to the property in 1967: the original Pike River School (1847), the second Pike River School (1906), and the original Somers Town Hall (1859).

The Hyslop Foundation also established a twelve-acre arboretum which features a variety of trees and shrubs, including Ruth's lilac collection, which runs along the south edge of the arboretum.

The Friends of Hawthorn Hollow was established in 1988 to help preserve, maintain and further improve Hawthorn Hollow. This organization provides financial and maintenance support through memberships, fund-raising events, boutique sales and volunteer work days.

HOURS

OPEN: March 1 – October 31– 8:00 - 5:00 November 1 – December 23 – 8:00 - 4:00

CLOSED: Mondays & December 24 - March 1

The historic buildings are open from late spring through fall.

The Two Sisters Boutique is open Saturdays and Sundays during May, June, September and October from 12:00 – 5:00 pm, or by appointment.

ADMISSION

Free to the public. Donations gratefully accepted. Reservations are required for all groups and organizations to avoid any conflicts with other events at Hawthorn Hollow.

FACILITIES

The Nature Center building, historic buildings and grounds are available to rent for meetings, classes, clubs and wedding ceremonies. Please contact us for further information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hawthorn Hollow sponsors a variety of annual fund-raising events including Birds & Breakfast, the Pike Creek Concert Series, the "Walk in the Woods" Art Fair, and the Holiday Boutique Sale. Please visit our website for the latest dates for all our events.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Guided nature tours are available for all groups (schools, scouts, nature clubs, etc.). Nature, science, and a variety of adult classes are offered throughout the year. Spring and Fall student fieldtrips are also available. Please visit our website for current class offerings.



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NATURE SANCTUARY AND ARBORETUM

General Etiquette

Please help preserve this sanctuary by observing the following rules:

Be mindful of the serene atmosphere, it is a place for the study and appreciation of nature.

Pets are not allowed.

No active sports or games (biking, jogging, ball games, fishing, remote controlled toys, etc.).

Do not collect or remove plants, seeds, flowers, leaves, or any other natural materials.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Walk on marked trails and mowed lawn only.

Refrain from climbing on trees.

Picnicking is prohibited.

Staghorn Loop

Wetland Trail

Reservations required for groups larger than 10.

Richardson

Boardwalk

Chorus

Pond

Conifer 1

Trail

Observation

Walnut

Trail

Photography permits are required for posed photography and video.

Restored Wetland

East Meadow Hickory Trail North Hollow Original Prairie Old Indian Trail Prairie Trail Thursday Morning Club Hawthorn North Hollow 1859 Margaret's Historic Buildings Amphitheater Old Mill Road 1111 Upper Swamp Trail Old Indian Prairie Trail Trail South Hollow Ruth's Trail Prairie 5000000 Pike River Ravine Pass) Hours of Operation OPEN: March 1st - October 31st Conifer 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Trail ____ November 1st - December 23rd 8:00am - 4:00pm

CLOSED:

Mondays &

December 24th - March 1st

North Hollow

Trail

Old Mill Road

Fen

Hawthorn Hollow is a non-profit organization owned and operated by the Hyslop Foundation, Inc.

Grown out of the love for the land, Hawthorn Hollow has been connecting people and nature through environmental education since 1970. Admission for individuals is always free and open to the public. As a non-profit organization, Hawthorn Hollow relies on the generous support of our community. Thank you!



To cultivate appreciation, understanding, and stewardship of our natural and local heritage through environmental education and sanctuary preservation.

MISSION

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