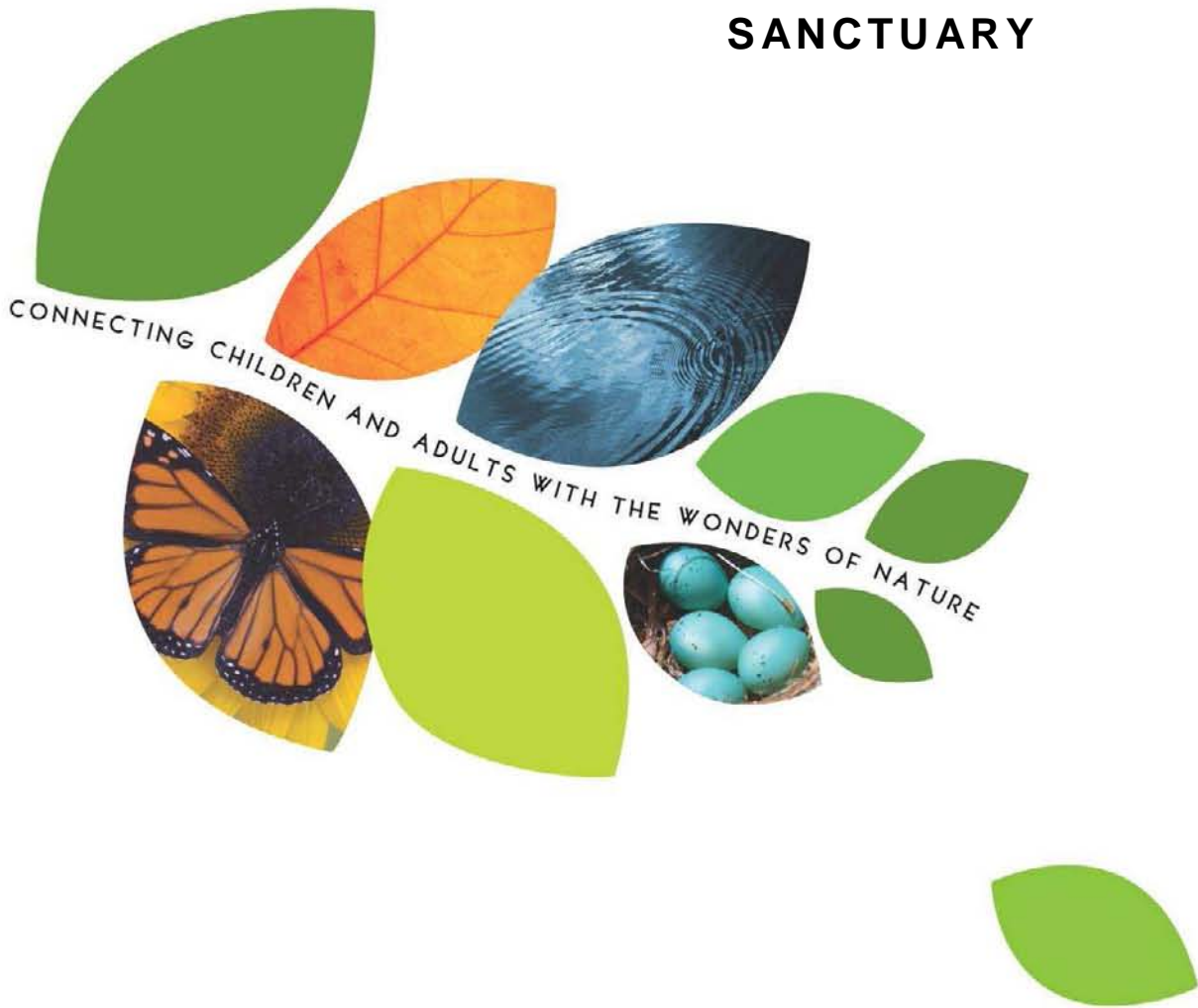




SITE RESOURCE PACKET

ROBERT EVERLY WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY



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WELCOME

WELCOME TO BACKYARD NATURE CENTER'S SITE RESOURCE PACKET

(BYNC) has selected and described six nature sites in New Trier Township that represent the diversity of the Township's open spaces. It is our hope that these Resource Packets serve as your roadmap to discovery as you explore and enjoy the various parks, managed natural lands, and forest preserves.

BackYard Nature Center's (BYNC) mission is to connect children and adults, individuals and groups, with the joys and wonders of nature. We believe this connection benefits both the natural world and the lives of the participants.

This Site Resource Packet offers:

- Road map to Robert Everly Wildflower Sanctuary
- Site map with highlighted areas of interest
- Physical features, e.g., picnic pavilions, restrooms, nature trails
- Ecological and biological features, e.g., tree and flower diversity
- Questions and comments, accompanied with photos, regarding the Robert Everly Wildflower Sanctuary site, are included in the "Areas of Interests" section to encourage discussion and study. They serve as a suggested starting point and frame of reference, and can be modified to fit the students' level of learning.

Please let us know how we can make your encounter with nature more meaningful. Contact us for more information and give us your comments about your experience. BYNC looks forward to hearing from you!

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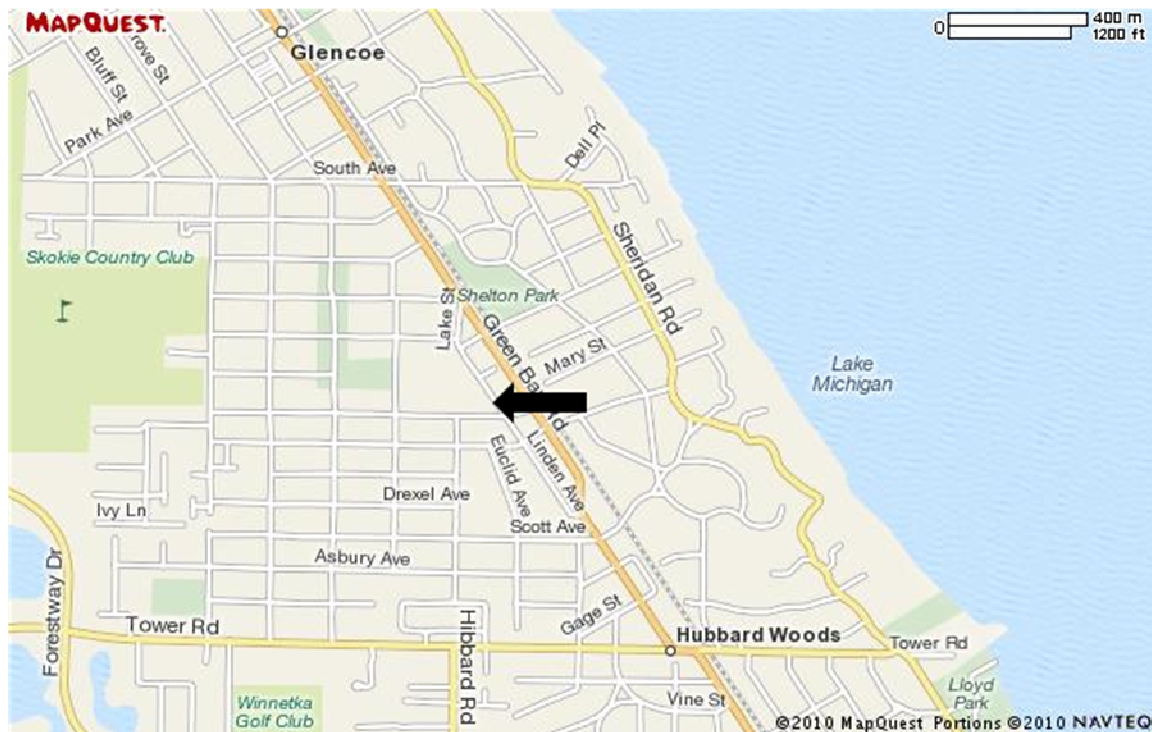
Robert Everly Wildflower Sanctuary (Glencoe Park District): www.glencoeParkDistrict.com
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ROAD MAP

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ROAD MAP TO SITE

The Robert Everly Wildflower Sanctuary is a one acre park in Glencoe located between Linden and Jackson Avenues, and adjacent to South School an elementary school in Glencoe.



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HISTORY

EVERLY WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY

The Everly Wildflower Sanctuary received its name, by being named after the first Glencoe Parks Superintendent, Robert V. Everly. He held this position as head of parks for over 30 years. In addition, his father-in-law was instrumental in the planning and development of Starved Rock Park in Central Illinois, so, parks and recreation was a family business for the Everly's. It was Robert Everly's vision of balancing development with the preservation of natural beauty, so it is fitting that a wildflower sanctuary bears his name.

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AREAS
OF INTEREST

ROBERT EVERLY WILDFLOWER SANCTUARY

Access and Parking

Roadside parking off of Linden Avenue or Jackson Avenue

General Features:

- Walking Path
- Seasonal Water Feature
- Water Fountain near playground

Ecological Features

- Woodland Setting
- Wildflowers and native grasses are present

Biological Features

- Aquatic Life around Pond
- Managed and unmanaged Forest Area
- Local animals present

Outdoor Discovery

- Small park perfect for young children to explore
- Photography throughout the park
- Beautiful spring and fall color

AREAS OF INTEREST

Suggested Teaching/Learning Topics



Welcome

The park has a short winding path, made of wood chips and bordered by logs, that takes you through stands of mature oaks and other trees native in the area.



Trees

Trees are identified by their bark and leaves or needles. Can you identify the trees in this woodland? What are the ecological factors that might affect the number and quality of trees in this area? What is meant by the word, "ecology"?

All forests, woodlands, and savannas have trees. What are the differences among these 3 types of ecological communities?



Giant Nests

The park is home to a large variety of birds. The big nests are the homes for squirrels, and perhaps a Cooper's Hawk.

How many nests can you find? How many squirrel nests? How many squirrels live in each nest? How many squirrels live in the Sanctuary?

What do the squirrels do when it rains?

AREAS
OF INTEREST



Bird Feeder

If you're really quiet and still, you'll be able to see birds come to the feeder. What kinds of birds would appear if the feeder was filled just with sunflower seeds, or thistle, or safflower, or split peanuts?

What do birds eat when there aren't any feeders?

What other things do birds need in addition to food?



Bridge and Water

Can you write a story about a troll who lives under the bridge? Or the goblin who comes out whenever there is a full moon?

During the spring and after heavy rains this area is home to a family of ducks. If you came back at night, would they be here?



Wildflowers

In the spring it is common to see large areas of wildflowers. Can you name any of the flowers in these photos? What other flowers have you seen in the Sanctuary?

AREAS
OF INTEREST**Prescribed Burn**

This did not occur at Everly Sanctuary.

But it did occur at a nearby park, and on purpose!

Why do you think they set fire to the forest floor?

What are the benefits of a prescribed burn?

**Wildlife**

You will see many animals and birds if everyone around you is quiet and still for ten minutes. In that period of time, list everything you see moving.

Shush, no talking or moving!!!

Below: This is the footprint of what animal?

