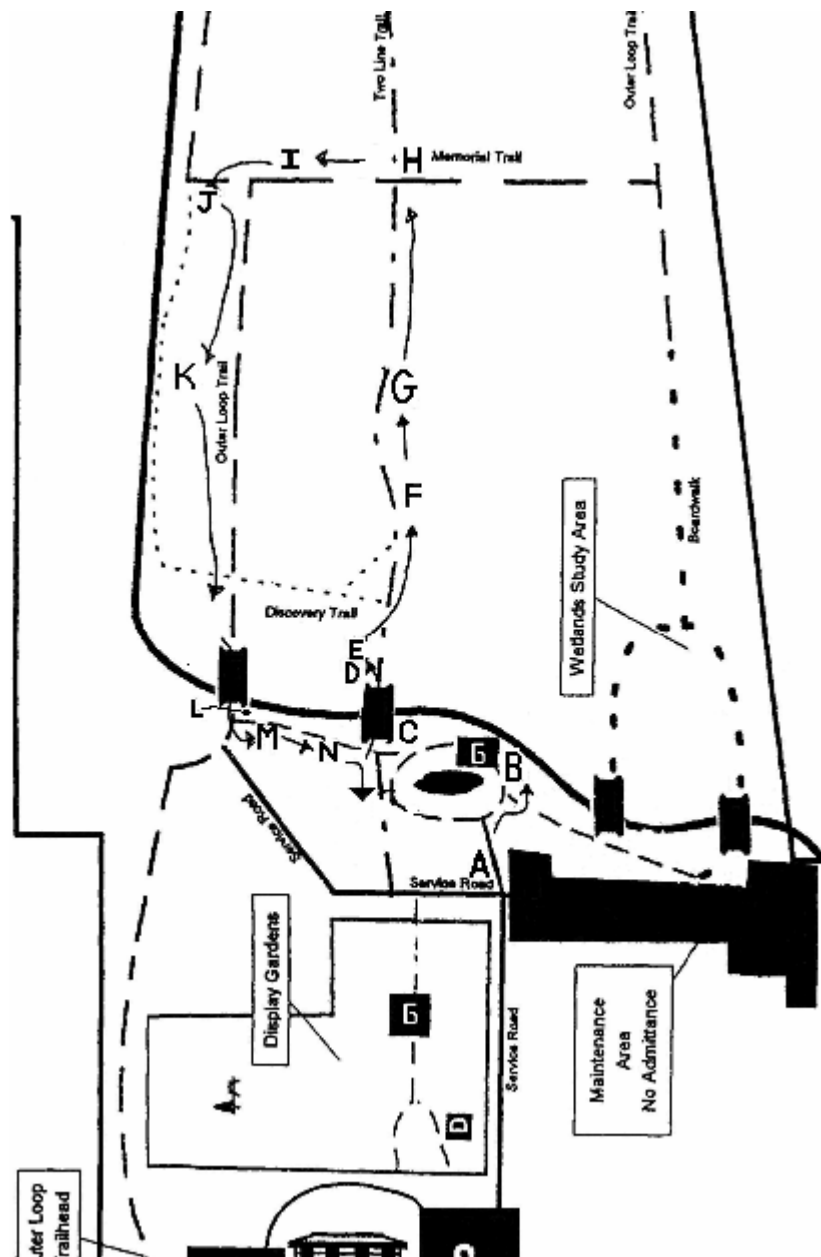


## Self-Guided Modified Trail Map



Please refer to the letters on the map to approximate your location on the trail.

A. The large tree seen at the beginning of the trail is a *Pignut Hickory*. It has rough bark. Hickory nuts are a favorite food of pigs, hence the name. Many wild animals eat them too.

B. Near the pond you may see or hear frogs leaping into the water. *Green Frogs* make a high pitched call when they jump. They have smooth skin, and a white or yellowish stripe on their upper jaw and sides. *Be careful as you move near the edge of the trail. The trail slopes down to the water very quickly.*

C. The area around the Photo Bridge is a great place to find migrating birds in the spring or fall. See if you can locate birds in the trees or shrubs in this area.

D. As you cross the bridge, the large tree to your left is a *Sweetgum*. It has star shaped leaves. The fruit is a woody ball with beak-like capsules.

E. Stop at the bench near the stream. The large tree with the lean is *American Basswood*. A leafy bract is attached to the seedpods which catches the wind and helps with seed dispersal. *Be careful near the edge of the trail. The trail slopes down to the water very quickly.*

F. Follow the trail into the woods. Look here for *Eastern Red Cedar* trees, which have dark green overlapping scale-like needles. Do you notice the distinct line where the tree gets wider? This is called a **browse line**. A browse line is where the deer can no longer reach any higher on the tree, they can only eat the foliage below this line.

G. The forest you are about to enter is made up mostly of *Sweetgum* and *Pin Oak* trees. Did you notice that the trees are arranged in neat rows? This is because the Arboretum was once a nursery. Look for the depressions where trees were removed when the nursery was in operation.

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