

Nature Trails

Providing access for birding, hiking, fishing and paddling.



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at the confluence



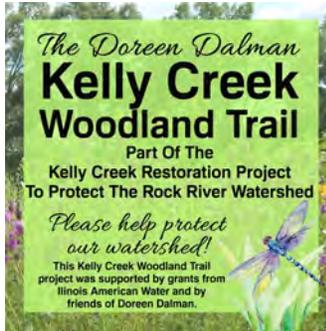
At Eagle Point you'll have a view of the Boney Island eagle nest. Eagles have been raising young there for over 10 years.

Nature At The Confluence is a non-profit environmental center that opened in 2017. It is built on a former dumping area for discarded foundry sand. We're bringing it back to life and are working on continuing to build trails. We are surrounded by the Rock River, Turtle Creek and Kelly Creek, and you'll find scenic beauty during every season. The campus offers a 5-acre prairie restoration, learning gardens, pollinator gardens and we offer programs throughout the year for all ages and interests! Learn more at www.natureattheconfluence.com

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New Rock River Birding & Hiking Trail
We're still working on it, but you're welcome to be among the first to explore this .75 mile rustic trail loop as it meanders in the Rock River bottom land. It starts at the confluence of Turtle Creek and the Rock River, and takes you out to **Eagle Point, where you'll see the eagle nest. Then you'll walk along Kelly Creek, which is a creek of concern that we're working** to clean up. You will need to safely cross the railroad tracks west of the nature center to access the trail. This trail may be inaccessible if train cars are parked on the tracks. Please do not use this trail if a train is present.

The New Doreen Dalman Woodland Trail
 This trail along Kelly Creek was created in 2020. Kelly Creek is a natural spring that is co-mingled with storm water that flows into the Rock River. We continually clean up garbage that floats into the creek from the streets during storms. We will continue to work on the trail, adding native woodland plants and limestone benches. Friends of Doreen Dalman Fund and Grants from Illinois **American Water Environmental Grant and ExtremeTerrain's Clean Trail Grant Program** supported these efforts.



Ke-Chunk Village and Ho-Chunk Sculpture and Interpretive Sign
 At the confluence of Turtle Creek and the Rock River there was a very large Ho-Chunk settlement called **Ke-Chunk (Kečąk) or Turtle Village until 1832. "Ke-Chunk Ciporoke", is a new sculpture by Ho-Chunk artist Truman Lowe that overlooks Turtle Creek and honors the Ho-Chunk people that lived here.**

Pick up **FREE Monarch Magic Seeds!** Milkweed is the only plant that monarchs lay eggs on. And zinnias offer important nectar to feed adult butterflies and other pollinators. Available in the Little Free Library next to the Learning Center.



The Rock River Visitor Center
 We are proud to host the Rock River Trail Visitor Center. The Rock River Trail offers 320 miles of beautiful river to discover, starting in Waupun, WI, north of the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, and ending where it flows into the mighty Mississippi River in Rock Island, Illinois. The Rock River winds its way through Wisconsin and Illinois, through 11 scenic counties and 41 charming communities. 11 Different Trails To Discover!
 The Rock River Trail is a National Water Trail, and it also **offers 10 other trails to discover! You'll savor the experience** of the Wine and Craft Beer Trail and the delicious Chocolate Trail! Find nature along the Birding Trail and Hiking Routes. Art and History await you along the Rock River Trail Scenic and Historic Road Route. More ways to experience the trail include a Biking Route, Horseback Trails, and more! Learn more at www.rockrivertrail.com



New Park and Splash Pad Coming Soon!
 Did you know that the City of South Beloit will be installing a beautiful new park and splash pad adjacent to our property near Dairy Ripple! Plans are underway!

Explore Turtle Creek!
 Turtle Creek winds for 32 miles through Walworth and Rock County and meets the Rock River right here on our **property. It's a very popular and beautiful clear creek** for paddling, fishing and tubing. Be sure to walk down to see this beautiful stream. For put in locations, maps and more information about the creek visit these two resources: www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofturtlecreek/ or www.friendsofturtlecreek.com

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We offer many free and low cost programs throughout the year. Visit our website for a full schedule of great programs!

The Learning Center is open June-August Grounds Open Dusk-Dawn Daily

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