

We care for  
the things that  
care for us.

That's the spirit at For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum. It's a 383 acre wonderland of rare trees, wetlands, wildlife, indigenous Michigan flora and educational programming for all ages. Whether hiking our seven miles of trails or taking in a lecture at our Visitor's Center, For-Mar is where Genesee County goes to learn about – and from – the best nature has to offer. Only at your Genesee County Parks.

## So much nature. So close to home.

For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum is open from 8:00 am until sunset Wednesday through Sunday. The Visitor's Center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm



From I-69, exit at Belsay Rd. (Exit 141).  
North on Belsay Rd. to Davison Rd.  
West on Davison Rd. to Genesee Rd.  
North on Genesee Rd.  
Right 1/4 mile at For-Mar's entrance.

### For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum

2142 North Genesee Road  
Burton, MI 48509-1209  
Nature Preserve 810.789.8567  
Arboretum 810.789.8568  
Reservations 810.736.7100, ext. 6

### Genesee County Parks

Administrative Office  
5045 Stanley Road, Flint, MI 48506  
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## The Merkleys' Legacy

Forbes and Martha Merkley ran a successful dairy farm just a few minutes east of downtown Flint. It was a magnificent landscape with open meadows, mature forests, wetlands and ponds. The Merkleys wanted to preserve this special

corner of Genesee County and make it available for environmental education as an arboretum and wildlife sanctuary. So they donated 383 acres for the For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum, which opened in 1970.



## A Promise For The Future

Today, For-Mar is where Mid-Michigan learns about the remarkable world around us. At our Visitor's Center, live animals and hands-on activities help nature lovers discover the ways living things – from tiny insects to towering trees – coexist in a healthy ecosystem. The Foote Bird Museum showcases an extensive collection of mounted birds, gathered by Corydon E. Foote more than 100 years ago. Best of all, you can sign up for a guided walking tour with one of our naturalists and learn to experience the outdoors in a whole new way.

## For-Mar Is For Everyone

How do you bring a 383 acre nature preserve and arboretum to your school, club or organization? You call For-Mar On The Road. From our Knee-High Naturalist Program and school science nights to courses that meet science curriculum standards and special needs programs, our expert naturalists and horticulturists can develop a program just for you. For more information and reservations, call us at 810.736.7100, ext. 6.

# 40 years old. Forever young.



# For-Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum



## Nature's Nook

Need a great gift for your favorite outdoor enthusiast? Check out Nature's Nook in the Visitor's Center. From stuffed animals and educational toys for the little ones to guide books and keepsakes for kids of all ages, Nature's Nook is where you'll find something worth remembering. Open Wednesday through Sunday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

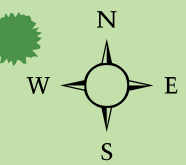
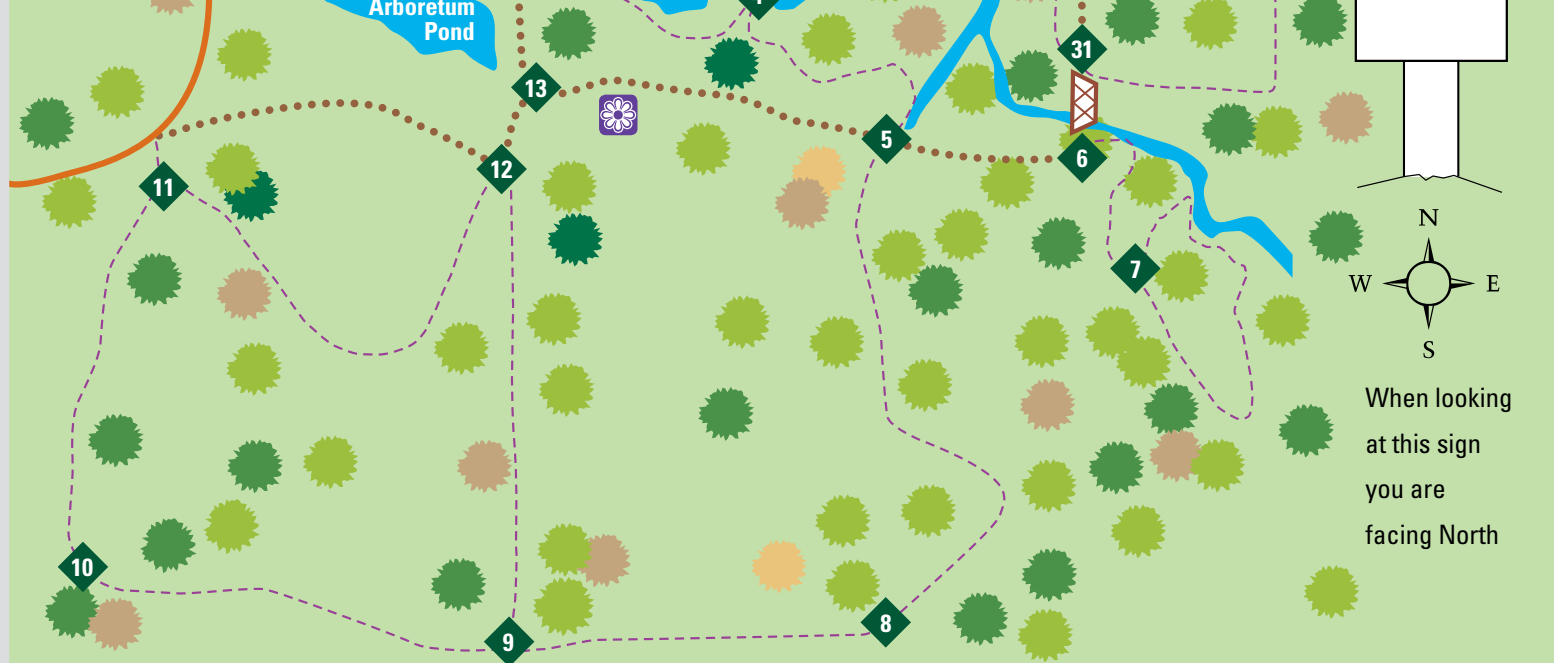
## Make It Memorable

Planning a special occasion? Then you'll want a place that's special, too. The Arboretum's Four Seasons Garden provides a unique and inspirational backdrop for any celebration. With a graceful arbor and a pond that's still as glass, the Four Seasons Garden offers the perfect environment for fun, togetherness and memories that will last a lifetime. Ask one of our horticulturists for more information about holding your special event in the Four Seasons Garden.





**MAIN ENTRANCE**



When looking at this sign you are facing North

**DAVISON ROAD**

- Paved – Barrier Free
- Gravel
- Trails
- Restrooms
- Visitor Center
- Bridge
- Parking Lot
- Windmill
- Garden
- Please No Pets
- Handicap – Barrier Free
- Picnic Area

**For-Mar For Students**

Kids love For-Mar. And For-Mar loves kids. Every year, thousands of children come to learn about the diverse plant and animal life here. After all, nothing deepens a child’s understanding of the relationship between human beings and the environment like seeing, hearing and touching the best nature has to offer. From bluebirds to bats, from organic gardening to outdoor cooking, there are lessons here for kids of every age. If you’re an educator, let our expert naturalists and horticulturists help your students discover what makes the great outdoors truly great at For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum.

**A Living Legacy**

To honor a loved one for generations yet to come, consider adding a tree to For-Mar’s collection. Our staff will help you select just the right tree and mark it with an engraved plaque. It’s a living memorial that will be cared for through the years. Ask one of our horticulturists for more information about creating a legacy for someone you love.

**For-Mar Hours**

Forbes & Martha Merkley Visitor’s Center  
 Wednesday-Sunday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 For-Mar Grounds  
 Wednesday-Sunday, 8:00 am to Sunset

