

DUPONT MARSH

State Nature Preserve

1805 River Road, Huron, Ohio , 44839
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Highlights

Marshlands and wetlands occur when water collects on the land at least part of the time, allowing water-loving plants to flourish. DuPont Marsh is one of the best remaining river marshes in Ohio and is an excellent site for viewing wildlife.

The special feature of DuPont Marsh is that it's directly connected with the Huron River within the estuarine zone, so it's level is affected both by river height and by Lake Erie's fluctuation in heights. For instance, when the wind blows from the north, lake water moves upriver and into the marsh. Many marshes have been separated from the lake by dikes for management purposes, and can not function in this way.

Most of the 114 acre preserve consists of a marsh situated along the edge of the Huron River. The plants growing here vary with the depth of the river and provide food and refuge for all types of species, including birds and fish. DuPont Marsh plays an important role in the life history of Lake Erie fish and waterfowl and this area has been deemed an important fish hatchery.

The park is open daily, year-round, 8 a.m. to dark. About two miles of natural surface trails begin at the parking lot. A one mile loop trail leads to an observation area overlooking the marsh. There is no drinking water on site and only seasonal portable restrooms. Dogs are permitted in the parking area but not within the nature preserve itself.

Activities

- Birding
- Hiking
- Wildlife viewing
- Dog walking on leash, only in the parking lot, not in the preserve itself

Amenities

- Seasonal portable restrooms
- Observation area
- Hiking trails



Endangered Leafy Blue Flag
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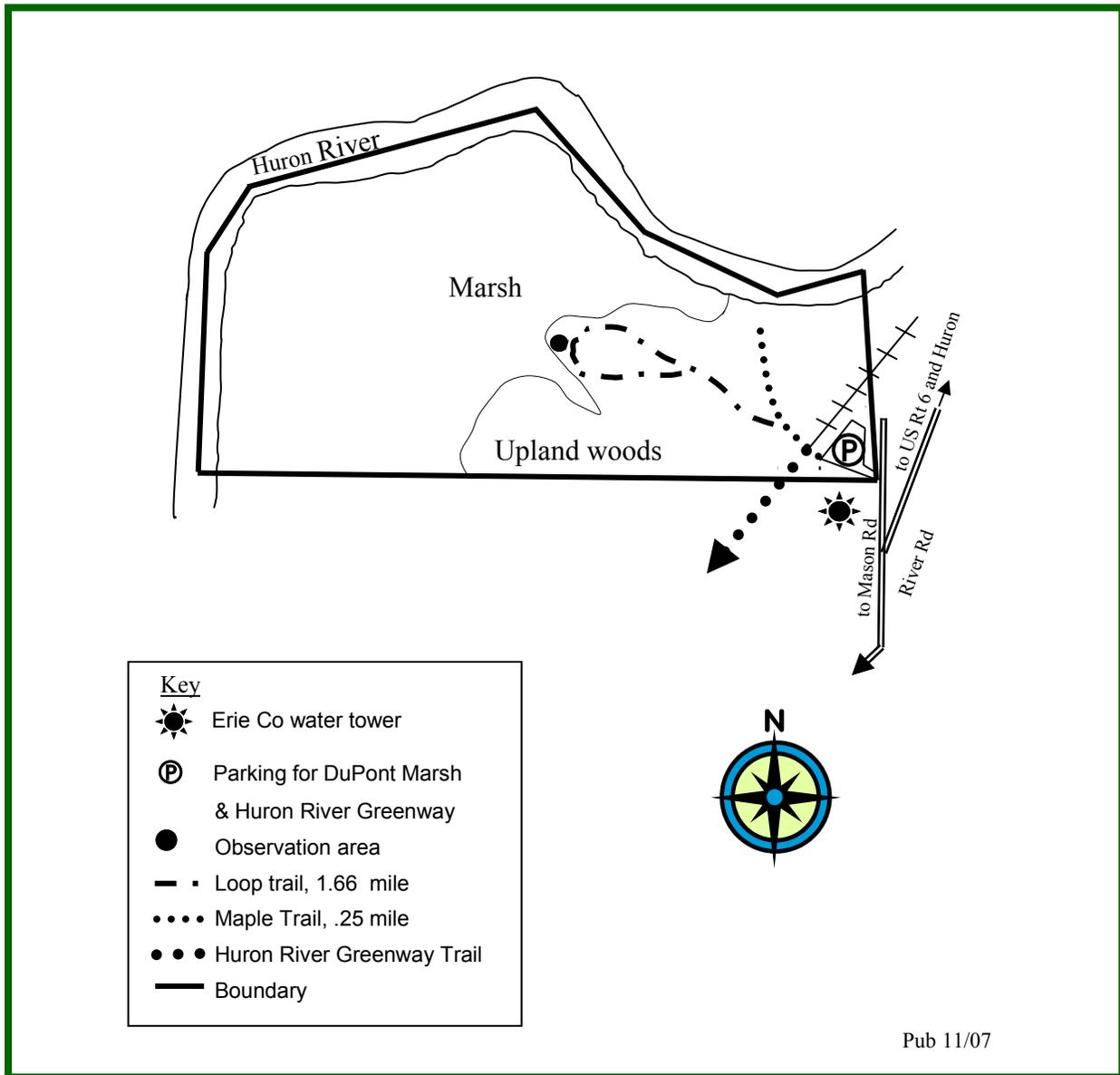
The marsh provides a
critical rest area



Compacted earth
woodland trail



DuPont Marsh Trail Map



Directions

The preserve is located in central Erie County south of Huron. From SR 2, take SR 13 (Mud Brook Rd) Exit and turn north toward Huron. Turn east (right) on US 6 (Cleveland Rd) (Traffic light). Turn south (right) on River Rd, just after the bridge. Cross several sets of railroad tracks. After about two miles you'll see a water tower on your right. The park entrance is under the water tower, along with parking for Huron River Greenway.