

BENT TWIG TRAILS

On the north and west sides of Reflection Lake, trails are accessible at trailheads located just west of the Children's Learning Center and on the southwest corner of the lake (across the dam from the gazebo). These trails were developed by the Westwood Garden Club, aided by Boy Scout Troup 371, with more recent improvements coordinated by the USI Service Learning Program.

Trail Features

Border Trail

Wide, moderately rolling one-quarter mile trail. Crosses four stone runs and a foot bridge . . . glimpses of Reflection Lake in distance. Access to all side trails.

Falls Trail

Fairly level trail with moderate inclines in Falls areas. Crosses Stone Run 2 for view of beautiful Reflection Lake from Meditation Point.

Fern Walk

Note "Nature's Birdbath" before leaving Border Trail. From foot bridge observe luxurious growth of fern on steep slope of Stone Run 3.

Mandrake Walk

The half loop path joins the Border Trail in two places, leading to the shore and connecting with Lakeshore Walk.

Trillium Walk

Named after the wild-flowers there, which bloom in early spring.

Lake Shore Walk

Leisurely stroll along Reflection Lake shore, crossing Stone Run 5. Impressive view of USI campus across lake.

Ridge Trail

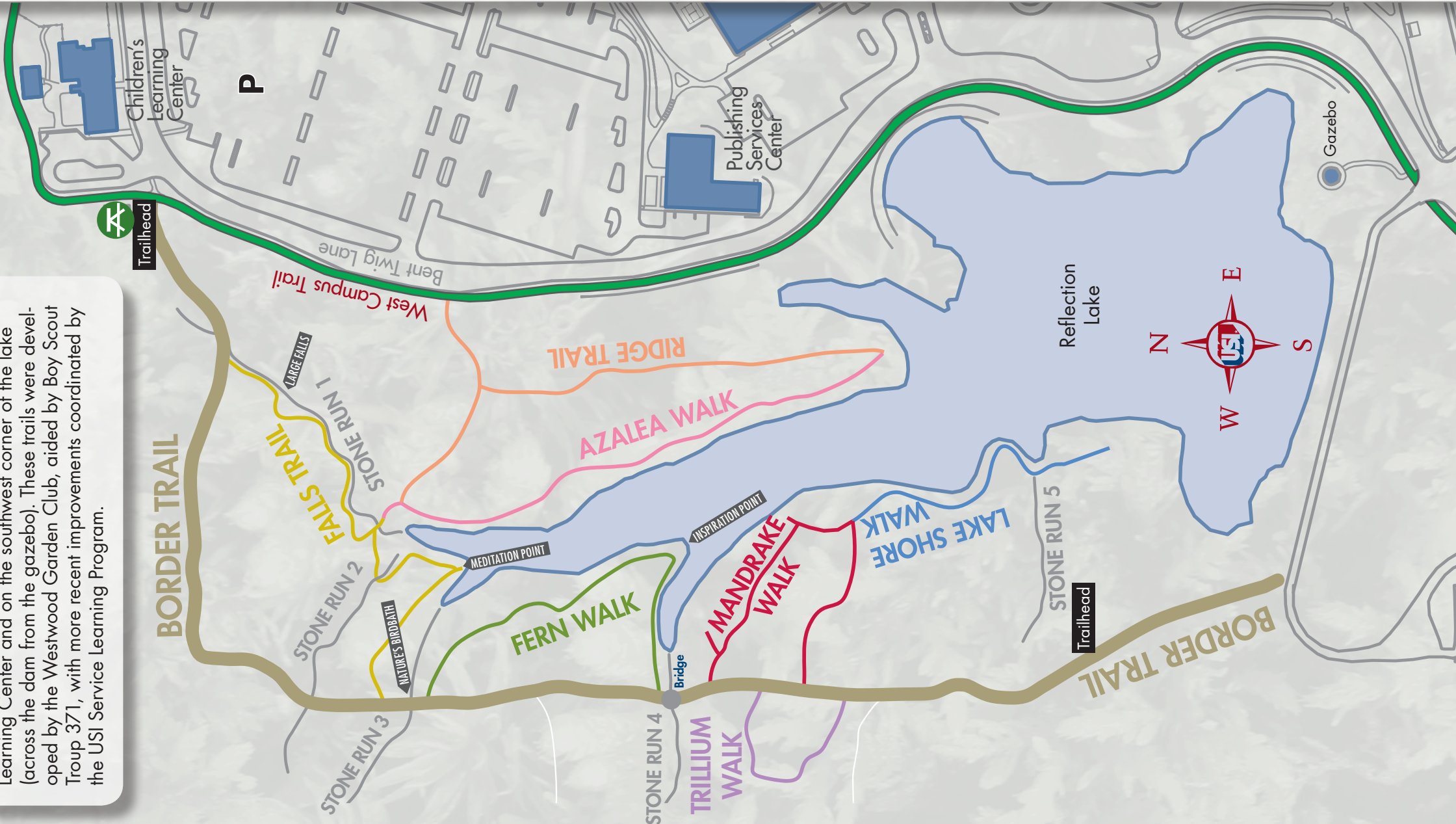
Tangled mass of brush and stumps provides cover for wildlife. Lichen, mushrooms, and mosses in abundance.

Azelea Walk

Sit on the boulders along this trail and enjoy the views – but don't look for azaleas, as there are none.

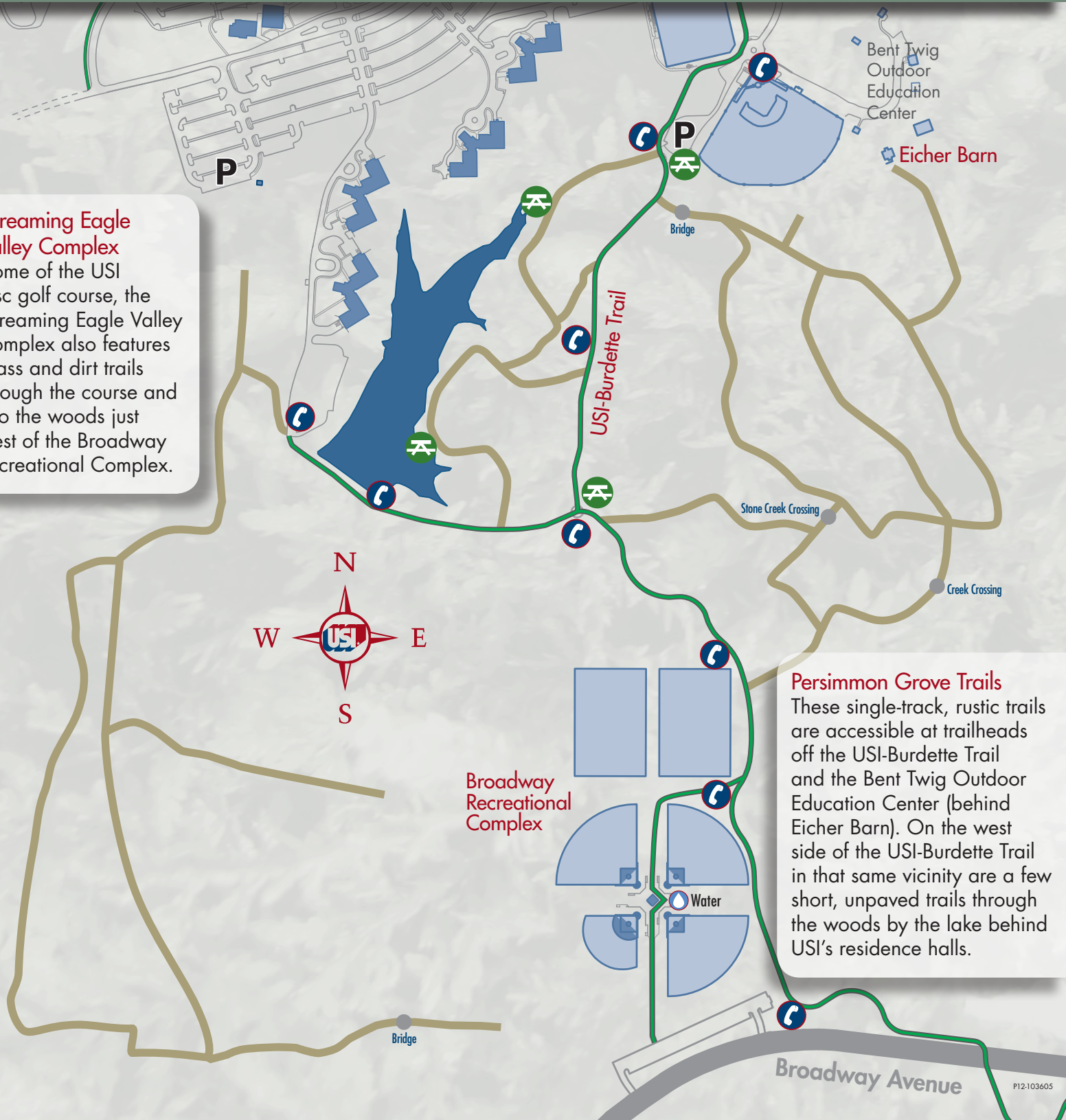
West Campus Trail

From just west of the University entrance roundabout, this paved trail winds along Bent Twig Lane.

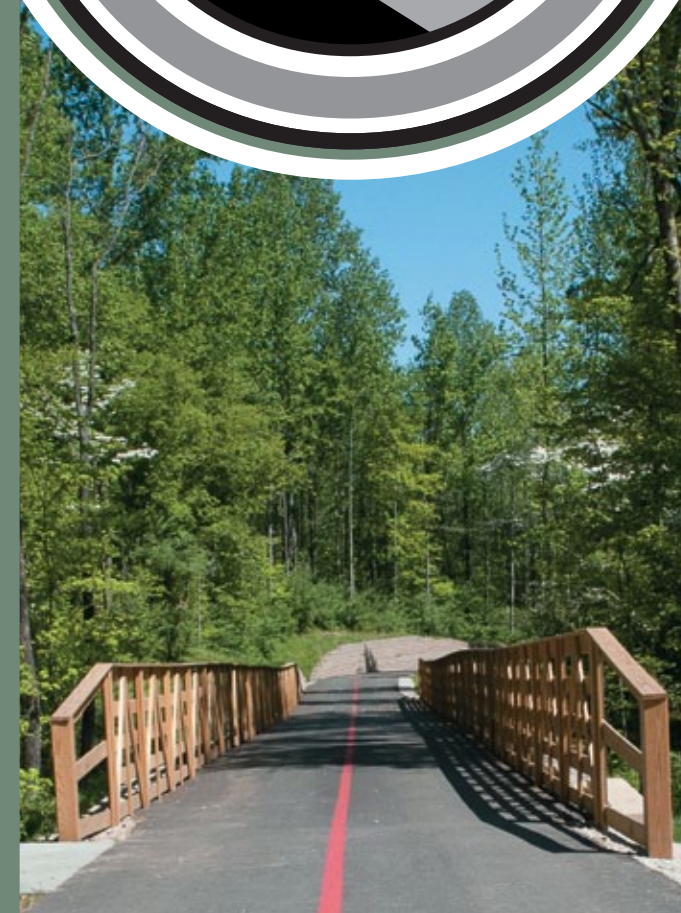


SOUTH CAMPUS TRAILS

Screaming Eagle Valley Complex
Home of the USI disc golf course, the Screaming Eagle Valley Complex also features grass and dirt trails through the course and into the woods just west of the Broadway Recreational Complex.



Persimmon Grove Trails
These single-track, rustic trails are accessible at trailheads off the USI-Burdette Trail and the Bent Twig Outdoor Education Center (behind Eicher Barn). On the west side of the USI-Burdette Trail in that same vicinity are a few short, unpaved trails through the woods by the lake behind USI's residence halls.



USI University of Southern Indiana
Pedestrian, Bike, & Nature Trails



TRAIL INFORMATION

Pedestrian, Bike, and Nature Trail

This three-mile paved trail is the result of a USI/Burdette Park partnership. It is a diverse, interesting, and educational route for hikers, bicyclists, and runners. The scenic trail allows users to witness Southwestern Indiana's natural beauty while connecting a picturesque park with one of the nation's most beautiful college campuses. The trail is a key connection to an area of river bottom land, with an additional 37 miles of paved roads currently signed for bicycle use south of Burdette Park. The USI-Burdette Park Trail is a designated destination point of the American Discovery Trail, which passes through Southern Indiana. The trail also has been named a National Recreation Trail by the Secretary of the Interior.



The trail begins at University Boulevard between the Physical Activities Center and the Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center, and also is accessible at trailheads at the side of the baseball field, at the Broadway Recreational Complex, and via a paved connecting path from the end of Rochelle Lane.

Parking: Campus parking is free and convenient to most of the trail systems. Follow marked restrictions. Parking also is available in Burdette Park by the Discovery Lodge.

For a full campus map and directions, see USI.edu/visit.



Broad-headed Skink (*Eumeces laticeps*)



Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*)



Red Trillium (*Trillium erectum*)



FOR YOUR SAFETY ON THE TRAILS

- Walk, run, or ride with a friend
- Bicyclists are strongly encouraged to wear helmets
- Bicyclists should watch their speed, particularly when others are on the trail
- Always carry a charged cell phone
- In case of an accident or incident, call 911
- Stop and look both ways at road crossings
- No skateboards or roller blades
- Motorized vehicles limited to emergency vehicles, handicapped, and maintenance only
- Use the USI trails at your own risk

Emergency phones: Blue poles with emergency phones are located throughout the USI campus. Only the campus portion of the USI-Burdette Trail is equipped with emergency phones.

RESPECT OTHERS—SHARE THE TRAIL

- Keep pets on a leash at all times
- Clean up after your pets
- Keep right—pass on left
- Bicyclists must yield to all others
- Bicyclists should use common sense with trail conditions; avoid the unpaved trails in muddy conditions
- Bicyclists should walk their bikes on campus sidewalks not designated as trails

**TRAILS OPEN AT DAWN,
CLOSE AT DUSK**



The USI campus and property are tobacco-free.

