

2018 Campus Plan

In the Twistings in the Road

This map is a snapshot of Pathways Retreat in the spring of 2018. It reflects our best discernment of God's dream for this space and for this ministry. We've learned that God's path does not always unfold in a straight line, but more often "In the twistings of the road and the winding of the path."



Protected Forest

The woods, along with the prairies, are part of the Classified Forest program with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Following a stewardship plan, the land is managed to restore natural habitat and create retreat spaces. Management activities include control of exotic and invasive species, timber stand improvement, planting native plants, and creation of different natural areas.

Outhouse

A state-of-the-art composting toilet outhouse is available for Pathways guests. The facility is handicapped accessible.

Main Loop Trail

Cottage

The Cottage is private space in the woods for rest, reflection, and retreat. It is equipped with a propane heater, desk and chair, a daybed and a screened front porch. Without running water or electricity, amenities are provided the old fashioned way-- lanterns and battery-powered lights and outside restroom facility.

Fire Ring

The Fire Ring is a space for groups to gather, sing, drum, or quietly gaze at burning embers.

Labyrinths

Pathways Retreat has two prayer labyrinths. Labyrinths are an ancient tool for meditation and prayer. The Renewal Labyrinth (behind the Retreat House) is an eight circuit design based on the Chartres Cathedral labyrinth. The Walnut Grove Labyrinth (deeper in the forest) is a classic, Cretan design.

Renewal Labyrinth

Retreat House

The Retreat House accommodates groups of up to 20 persons for day retreats. This prayerful space is perfect for small groups, pastoral teams, planning committees, or boards. It includes a kitchenette, washrooms, and resource library. Lower level rooms of the Retreat House provide cozy individual space for personal retreat or spiritual direction.

Trails

Pathways Retreat provides two miles of trails on our 17 acres of land. The Main Loop Trail provides access to key points in the woods, while the additional trails explore more remote spaces on the property. The trails provide ample opportunity for rest, reflection, and renewal amid the wonders of creation, in the midst of the city.

Walnut Grove Labyrinth

Meditation Alcoves

Wildflower Meadow

This sunny meadow is a host for butterflies, hummingbirds, and other wildlife. The trail to the east of the meadow provides access to four meditation alcoves, each a unique space for one or two people to sit and meditate. Come. Sit. Rest and reflect for awhile!

Tallgrass Prairie

The tallgrass prairie is attractive to a diversity of wildlife including key pollinating insects such as bees, butterflies, and ants. Grasslands also provide nesting, brood rearing, escape and roosting cover for songbirds, bobwhite quail, wild turkey, and pheasant.

What Paths Lie Ahead?

Looking ahead we wonder: What else does God dream of for this space? We have some ideas that it might include

- A treehouse complex
- Additional cottages - 'Grace' and 'Joy'
- A stone chapel or grotto
- Willow shelters
- Grassy prairie
- Hammock haven
- Water feature
- ____ ?

Join with us as we continue to discern how we cooperate with God in this place.

