

# Love Creek County Park & Nature Center

## HIKING TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

### Old Dam Trail

Named for an old concrete dam (constructed in the late 1800s) the trail passes at its second Love Creek crossing. A wooded trail with some ups and downs that provides the most direct access to the Love Creek Valley Loop. Approximate length: **0.75 miles** from nature center to the start of the Love Creek Valley Loop (and south Simpson Loop connector trail).

### Love Creek Valley Loop

A wooded trail with moderate hills and great views of the scenic Love Creek valley. A great hike at any season and in spring the area is host to many trilliums and other woodland wildflowers. Approximate length: **1.1 mile** loop from the west end of the Old Dam Trail.

### Simpson Loop

A wide, mostly wooded trail providing access to the recently acquired "Simpson Property" and the new Cabin and Johanna's Woods Loops. Approximate length: **1.0 miles** if accessing from the west end of the Old Dam Trail and **0.75 miles** if accessing from the northwest corner of the Prairie Edge Loop.

### Johanna's Woods and Cabin Loops

Both of these trails provide spectacular ravine views of the Love Creek valley from the north side. Johanna's Woods Loop is accessed from the Simpson Loop. Approximate loop length: 0.5 miles. The Cabin Loop links the Simpson Loop on the north with the Love Creek Valley and Old Dam trails to the south. Approximate length: **0.75 miles**.

### Prairie Edge Loop

The Prairie Edge Loop circles an old field area and provides alternate routes to or from the Love Creek Valley and Simpson Loops. A "shortcut" also cuts across the middle of the loop. Approximate loop length: **0.5 miles**.

### Pond & Pines Loop

The Pond & Pines Loop features a mix of woods and open areas and provides views of a small seasonal pond that is most conspicuous in spring. Approximate length: **1.1 miles**

### Creek and Marsh Trails

These two trails form a short, mostly wooded loop close to the nature center building. The Creek Trail provides views of the north branch of Love Creek (sometimes dry in late summer and early fall.) The Marsh Trail borders a small marsh and a wetland recently "improved" by an industrious beaver family! Approximate combined trails length: **0.8 miles**

### Love Creek Mountain Biking Trail

Love Creek's mountain bike trail includes a mix of single track and double track sections with frequent short climbs. Some sections of the trail are shared with hikers and cyclists are required to yield to hikers and should always anticipate that other trail users may be present around blind corners. Approximate trail length: **3.5 miles**

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### Love Creek also offers:

- **Naturalist Services & Nature Center**
- **Indoor Facility Rental (Trillium Room)**
- **Hiking Trails**
- **Cross-Country Skiing** - Groomed trails & ski equipment rentals
- **Mountain Bike Trail**
- **School & Youth Programs**
- **Live Exhibit** (Native reptiles and amphibians)
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**Open:** All Year!

**Trails Open:** Daylight Hours Daily

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\$3/vehicle for Berrien County residents  
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**Annual passes are available for \$35**

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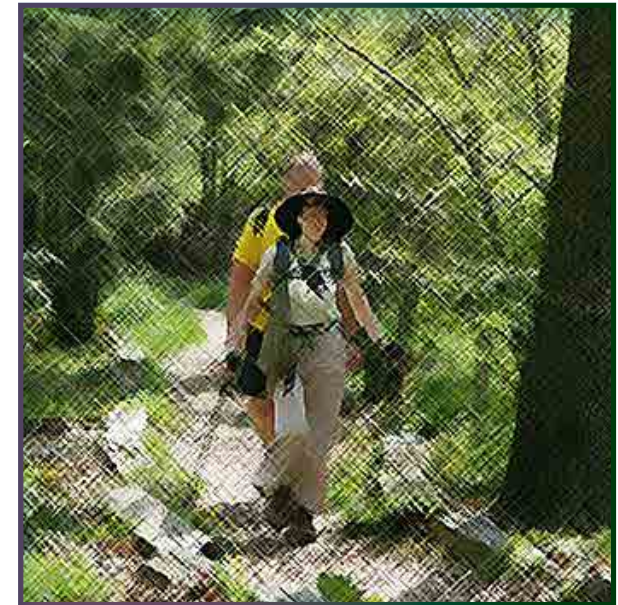
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# Love Creek County Park & Nature Center TRAIL MAP

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Cabin Loop
-  Love Creek Valley Loop
-  Love Creek

