

WOODSIDE TRAIL GUIDE

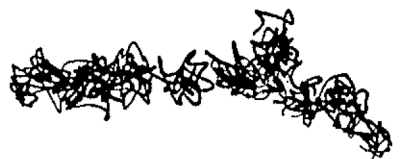
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BIG
ROCK



Trailhead #4

FLOWER CARPET TRAIL



Trailhead #3

BIG ROCK TRAIL

MAPLE GROVE TRAIL

CHILDRENS NATURE TRAIL

PEACEFUL TRAIL

Lower Meadow

FRONT LOOP TRAIL

BACK LOOP TRAIL



Firepit

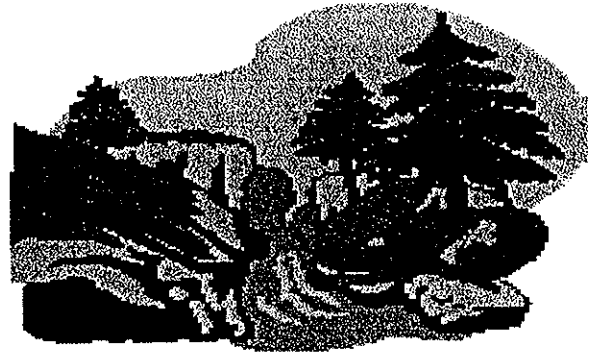
Trailhead #2








SOUTH TRAIL

Trailhead #1



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-  **South Trail** - The South Trail begins at Trailhead 1 close to the parking lot and leads you down to the other trails through the trees rather than across the meadow. To your right are the woods that were carefully logged by mule team a few years ago. Notice that you don't notice many signs of that operation. Halfway down you will enter a more open space where elderberries are flourishing.
-  **Back Loop Trail** - This trail can be accessed several ways: from the South Trail, from Trailhead 2 near the bench in the far south corner of the meadow or from Trailhead 3 to the north of the labyrinth. It leads down through the deep fern woods to the back of the property. The selective logging here was done by machine and the "road" created is now being filled in by salmonberries and elderberries. Brad Herrman wields an ancient scythe to try to keep them at bay. It will soon be a tunnel as the older shrubs mature. The salmonberries, which look like big bright red blackberries, are beautiful and edible. The elderberries are not so good.
-  **Children's Peaceful Nature Trail** - This trail, which forks off the north side of the Back Loop Trail, was originally built one Sunday by the children along an existing deer trail. Actually, all these trails follow game trails. And the game still use them. Watch for tracks and side tunnels of different heights veering off.
-  **Big Rock Trail** - Entering at Trailhead 3 you will see a trail heading north through the wildflowers. Follow it past our neighbor's beautiful backyard, through the woods, and on to the Big Rock, a giant boulder probably 10-12 feet high dropped there long ago by a receding glacier. If you go around to the back of it, it's easy to climb.
-  **Maple Grove Trail** - Connecting the Big Rock Trail and the Children's Trail is a trail that takes you through a part of the forest where huge Big Leaf Maple trees dominate. Look and see how much territory the branches of just one tree cover. For a real treat, go when the wind is blowing, stop and look up! Also watch for flattened places on the ground which are deer bedding-down spots.
-  **Front Loop Trail** - You can visit the top of the woods from this trail, entered from Trailhead 2 or 3 off the Back Loop Trail. This is sword fern heaven. You can stop to rest on the "bench" of an old nurse log with a line of mature firs growing off it.
-  **Flower Carpet Trail** - This is a short piece of trail starting at Trailhead 4 near the cedar deck that is most impressive in the spring and early summer. This solid carpet of pink flowers is a wild hardy geranium. We thought about blocking it off to all foot traffic, but the deer can't read and it is a wonderful feeling to walk through them, so please stay on the sometimes faint deer trail and everything will be fine.