

**Box Turtle Loop & Boardwalk(.45)**  
This is an accessible boardwalk for ¼ of a mile where you can continue onto a dirt path that connects to the other side of the boardwalk. Great short trail for all ages. Features interpretive areas and a wildlife observation blind. LOOK FOR: Animals, plants, and mushrooms.

**Brick Factory and Log House Loop.**  
Starting at Walker Hall, trails form several loops through ruins of Georgia Brick Company (ca. 1910) and a 1790s log house moved onsite from Oglethorpe County. LOOK FOR Building foundations, collapsed chimney remains, squirrel nests, lizards, (.33 mi)

**Claypit Pond Trail (.65 mi)**  
Hike this trail for a closer look at Claypit Pond. Keep your ears open for frog call and eyes open for beavers. Follow this trail for a longer hike to or from Walker Hall. LOOK FOR: Beaver signs, fish, turtles, frogs, snakes, and herons.

**Crossridge Trail (.25 mi)**  
This trail connects Kingfisher Pond Trail with Claypit Pond Trail. Passing through pine/ hardwoods and crossing Pine Ridge Trail. LOOK FOR: Sapsucker holes in large pines, mushrooms, frogs and wildflowers.

**Hooded Warbler Trail (.2 mi)**  
A short loop in the upper Claypit Pond wetlands. Dense thickets of privet and tall trees make excellent cover for many bird species. LOOK FOR: Warblers and orioles, listen for bird songs, discover salamanders, ferns.

**Woodpecker Way Trail(.3 mi)**  
Hike this trail to connect from Kestrel to Screech Owl Trail. Hike to the Prairie for a look at tall grasses and insects. LOOK FOR signs of the managed forest, prescribed burns, fungi, and birds. This trail crosses the main nature center road. Be careful crossing the road

**Kingfisher Pond Trail (.35 mi)**  
Winding through the North Oconee River floodplain, hike along a creek, find wildflowers along the way and animal tracks in the mud. LOOK FOR: signs of beaver activity around pond, frogs, waterfowl, turtles, snakes, and kingfishers.

**Levee Trail (.55 mi)**  
Follows Sandy Creek and continues to confluence of North Oconee River and Sandy Creek. Returns through the floodplain. LOOK FOR Signs of beaver along river and creek banks, turtles, herons, and sycamore trees. Not passable in high water.

**Kestrel Trail (.6 mi)**  
Trail follows North Oconee River floodplain with several vistas of the river. Continues through the extreme northern end of the property in wooded uplands. This trail follows the managed forest area. LOOK FOR chestnut trees, signs of prescribed burns and mixed forest. Listen for frogs and birds.

The 225 acres of  
Sandy Creek Nature Center  
servethecommunityasawildlife  
sanctuary and environmental  
education facility.

There are over 4 miles of  
nature trails that provide  
access to a full variety of  
Georgia Piedmont habitats.

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### Oconee Trail (.2 mi)

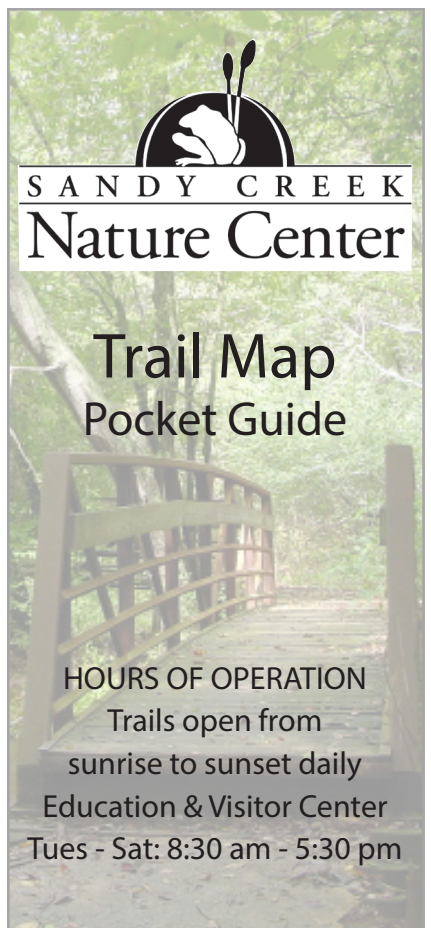
This trail is a short hike that takes you on a habitat adventure. Hike along the North Oconee River down into a wetland area. End the trail is close to the Levee Trail in the middle of a power cut (open field where power lines are located). LOOK FOR: wetland plants, animals and listen for birds. Careful this trail floods during rain.

### Pine Ridge Trail (.5 mi)

Hike along some of the highest points on the property. This trail connects Walker Hall to Education and Visitor Center. Enjoy views of Claypit Pond, various trees, and other wildlife. LOOK FOR: pine trees, sassafras trees and a rock outcrop.

### Screech Owl Trail (.6 mi)

Hike by a wetland and a rocky outcrop. LOOK FOR: signs of previous agriculture, exposed rock, and changes from floodplain to an upland habitat.

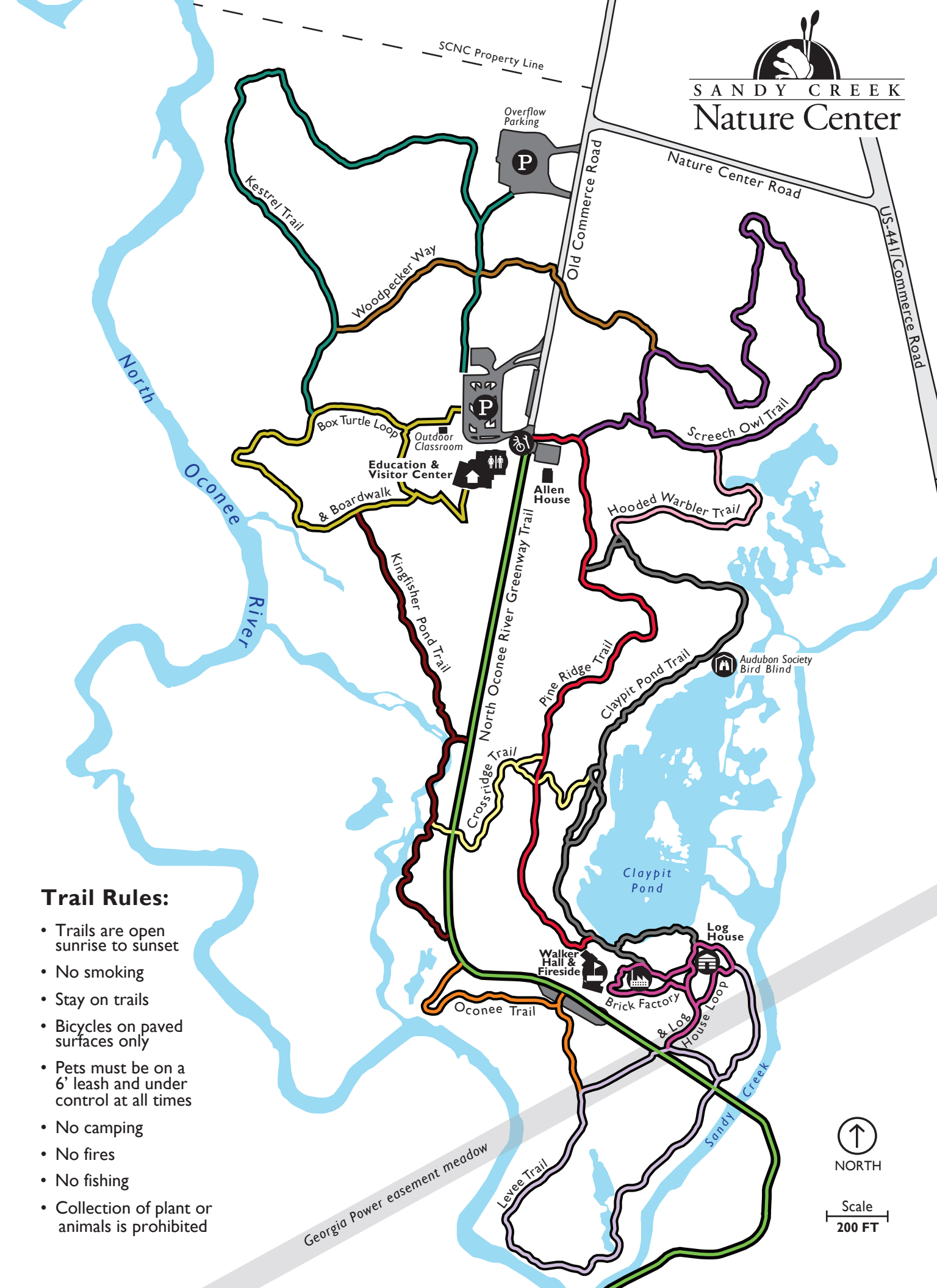




# SANDY CREEK Nature Center

## Trail Rules:

- Trails are open sunrise to sunset
- No smoking
- Stay on trails
- Bicycles on paved surfaces only
- Pets must be on a 6' leash and under control at all times
- No camping
- No fires
- No fishing
- Collection of plant or animals is prohibited



NORTH

Scale  
200 FT