Barton Nature Area

The 3.4 miles of unpaved trails at Barton Nature Area have no hills to speak of—the flat topography is one reason the park was historically used as farmland. Now the park contains prairies, marshland, wet meadows, old field, and mesic forest areas. On the 1.4 mile loop, visitors are guaranteed to hear and see exciting wildlife and the plants that make up their habitat no matter the season. The Barton Dam itself is an exciting destination on the north end of the park, just over the railroad tracks from the loop. Two parking lots on either end of the park are accessible from W Huron River Drive, and the looped walk can be started from either parking lot.

Total trail length:
- Highlighted loop 1.4 miles
- 3.4 miles total

Topography: flat

Trail type: Natural surface trails

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