



**WELCOME** to Elachee Nature Science Center. We have created this map to ensure that you are able to experience everything available to the general public during your visit. Please note that the two trails listed in this self-guided tour are only a small portion of the 12.24 mile Chicopee Woods Trail system.

**UPPER LEVEL**

**ELACHEE MISSION:** To promote environmental understanding through education and conservation. This is accomplished by getting children outside, by creating bridges between people and nature, and by caring for Chicopee Woods so that it is accessible to our community now and into the future.



**LOWER LEVEL**

# Self-Guided Tour

## UPPER LEVEL

- 1 INFORMATION BOARD**  
Begin your Elachee adventure here as you orient yourself to the main campus and trail system.
- 2 LEGACY LODGE ∞**  
Take a brief journey through the geography, geology and history of the 1,440-acre Nature Preserve. Learn about the origins of Elachee Nature Science Center and about current programming.
- 3 VISITOR CHECK-IN**  
Follow the covered walkway straight through the large wooden door to the welcome/check-in desk.



**PAST  
PRESENT  
FUTURE**

- 4 ARBOREAL APARTMENT**  
Closely investigate the tree in the lobby and discover a few of the forest secrets at Elachee.
- 5 POLLINATOR PASS ★ ∞**  
Learn about pollination and witness many of the fascinating aspects of a functional bee hive from the comfort of the indoors. (Seasonal)
- 6 POLLINATOR GARDEN**  
View active pollination by bees, insects, and birds in our native pollinator garden. (Seasonal)



- 7 PLATT EDUCATION HALL**  
Learn about the plant and animal life within Chicopee Woods Nature Preserve. (When Available)
- 8 MUNDY EDUCATION HALL**  
Meeting room and exhibits. (When Available)
- 9 ELACHEE NATURE ACADEMY**  
(Not open to the public)
- 10 TREE TRAIL**  
Walk along the the back deck and explore the many species of trees found in our forest.
- 11 GEIGER PAVILION**  
Outdoor shelter for picnics or special events.
- 12 KNOLL AMPHITHEATER**  
Intimate outdoor meeting venue under the hardwoods.



- 13 MUSIC IN THE MEADOW ★ ∞**  
Enjoy the grassy meadow while looking for birds. Make a little music of your own with our extra large musical instruments.



- 14 ED DODD LOOP TRAIL**  
A delightful 0.64 mile loop trail that descends to scenic Walnut Creek. Interpretive signs along the trail detail many interesting features of the forest. Trailhead adjacent to Legacy Lodge.



- 15 GEIGER TRAIL**  
A scenic 0.4 mile paved loop trail features storybook kiosks and overlooks scenic Walnut Creek valley. Starts at the sidewalk near Geiger pavilion and runs to Healthy Hollow picnic area.

- 16 NATURE NOOK**  
Locate our stash of nature books and enjoy reading under the canopy of shady hardwoods.

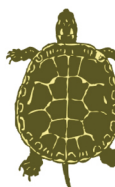
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- 16 OUTDOOR AVIARY ★ ∞**  
View and learn about Chewy, Elachee's non-releasable Great Horned Owl.



- 17 PATIO ∞**  
Beautiful spot to relax, play a few games (Seasonal) and explore exhibits.



- 18 KIWANIS DISCOVERY ROOM ★ ∞**  
A hands-on interactive play and learning experience with specimens, activities, games, books and much more.

- 19 THE ART OF POLLINATION**  
Learn about the importance of pollination through the artwork of local school students.

- 20 LIVE ANIMAL EXHIBITS ★ ∞**  
Step inside and view a collection of native animal species in carefully recreated habitats.

- 21 CREATION STATION ★**  
A covered play area to let your imagination flow, with tables, kitchens, chalkboards and more.

- 22 HEALTHY HOLLOW PICNIC AREA ★ ∞**  
Play area and picnic spot located adjacent to the parking area and Creation Station.

- 23 WONDER WALL**  
Covered picnic area.

- 24 FORTLANDIA ∞**  
Primitive play area under large shade trees where children and visitors can build forts and other structures using sticks and natural materials.