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**MK Nature Center Trail Map**
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If you follow the spokes of our butterfly and hummingbird garden during spring and summer, you will be able to see a wide variety of plant and animal species. There is an exit to Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park at the other end of the garden, which is the perfect place for a picnic lunch.

Compost Piles
Compost is a rich soil created through a natural rotting process called decomposition. Recycling leaves and other organic matter provides nutrient-rich soil to be used in spring plantings.

Alpine Lake (fish viewing window)
A little further down the path and you’ll arrive at our largest fish viewing windows. Many of Idaho’s streams begin in high mountain lakes. Alpine lakes provide a cool, clean, deep-water habitat where a variety of Idaho’s fish species may be found. Look for trout, salmon, and sucker fish.

Sturgeon Bench – How do you measure up?
You are about to cross over the sturgeon bridge. While there, look down for a fish the size of the one on the bench...and then look for one even bigger. Three sturgeon call MK Nature Center their home. They mostly dwell on the bottom eating dead plant and animal material. If the sun is just right, you can see them vividly slowly swimming under the trout.

Sturgeon Pond and Beaver Dam
The pond at the Nature Center may be small, but it is home to a surprising variety of wildlife. The footbridge you will come to next will take you across the center of the pond and offers some of the best wildlife watching opportunities on site. Fish species you may see here include trout, suckers, and sturgeon. In addition, our pond attracts various bird species, mink, beavers, snakes, and amphibians. You will also notice the beaver dam. The dam displayed here is a replica, but notice how the left and right halves of the dam look different. During the winter of 2018, beavers did a little remodeling and made a lodge out of the dam.

Viewing Blind
Stop here for a closer look at wildlife on the pond!

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