

A Suggested Bluestem Tour Route:

Park at the front and walk over to start your tour at the Barn (1). Feel free to take photos, or take a map and a brochure with you.

Follow the YELLOW TRAIL from the Barn (1) to the Sanctuary (2), a peaceful gathering space for burial services and community use.

Take the gravel trail back to Bluestem Road and pause at the Poplar Turnaround (3) to observe the ongoing restoration of these fields to Piedmont prairie. Throughout the fields and woods, you'll see stakes and markers that are part of our mapping system.

Walk down the center path (dotted line) or the easternmost edge (for shade) of First Field, the largest grassland area currently open for burial. Pause to spot the graves returning to the landscape. Graves and reserved plots are marked by metal pins with names. Some families also have also chosen to place flat grave stones.

Take a break at the picnic table under the Black Walnuts (4). Notice some examples of grave stones at the nearby graves.

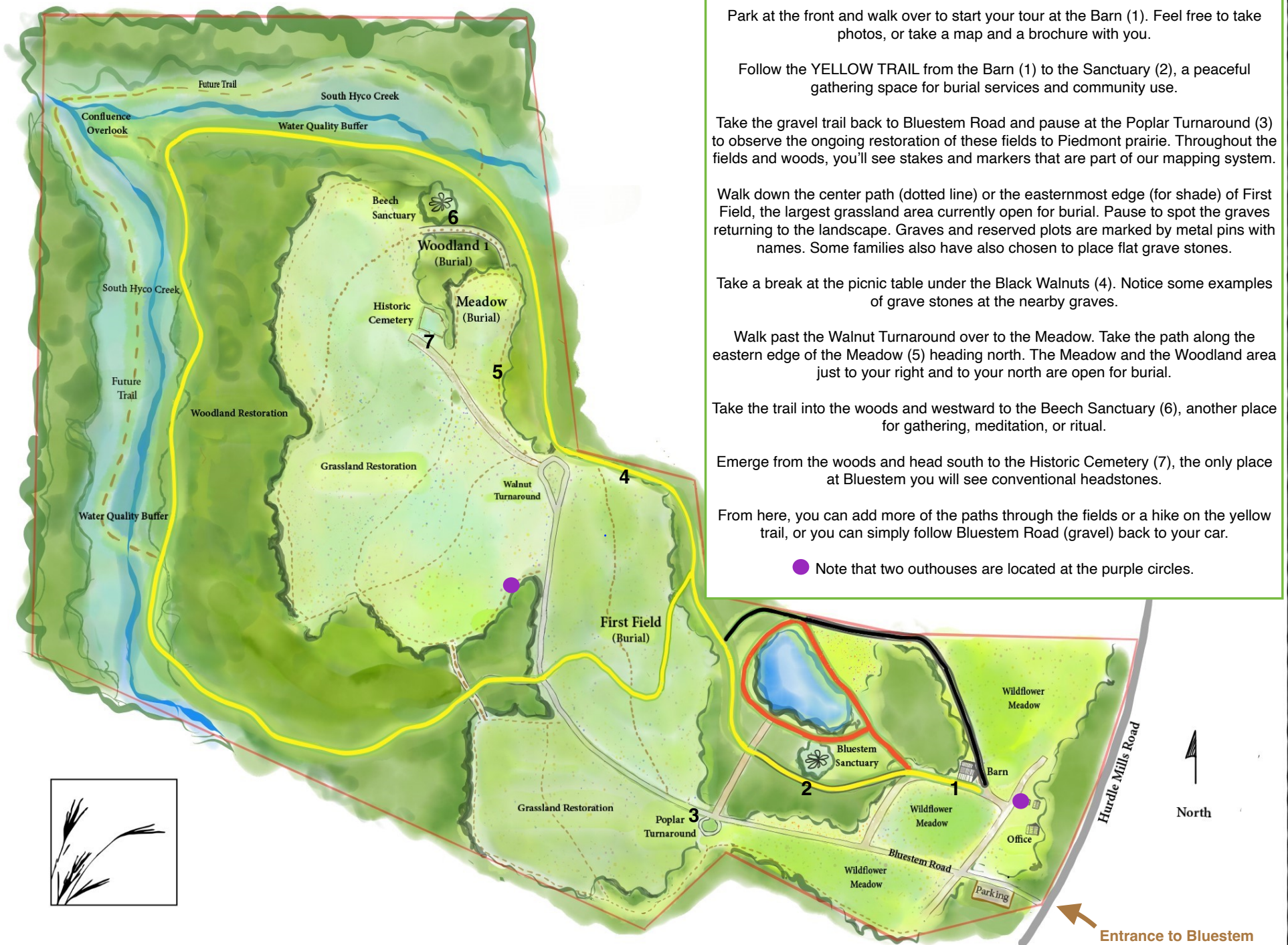
Walk past the Walnut Turnaround over to the Meadow. Take the path along the eastern edge of the Meadow (5) heading north. The Meadow and the Woodland area just to your right and to your north are open for burial.

Take the trail into the woods and westward to the Beech Sanctuary (6), another place for gathering, meditation, or ritual.

Emerge from the woods and head south to the Historic Cemetery (7), the only place at Bluestem you will see conventional headstones.

From here, you can add more of the paths through the fields or a hike on the yellow trail, or you can simply follow Bluestem Road (gravel) back to your car.

● Note that two outhouses are located at the purple circles.





Bluestem is a nature preserve and a place of reverence open to the public every day from dawn to dusk.

Its 3.5 miles of hiking trails, quiet areas for reflection, and regenerating ecosystems are cared for by a wide and growing community of volunteers and visitors. We see the land as a living memorial to all those buried here, and are grateful to each beloved family or individual choosing a simple, natural return to the earth in this place.

Please visit our website at www.bluestemcemetery.org if you'd like more information about cemetery operations and rules, conservation projects, and community events.

Visit Bluestem anytime. It's where you will find that *nature is enough*.