TINKER NATURE PARK

Tinker Nature Park is a 68 acre, handicap accessible park. It features a 1.2 mile walking/exercise trail, a 1/2 mile nature trail, and several museums on the property.

In 1994, Henry Hansen made possible the purchase of a log cabin building which became the Hansen Nature Center. In 1998, he provided funds for the building of an addition which more than doubled the Nature Center’s size. The nature center features displays on the Natural History of New York and offers classes year round.
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Adaptations- special traits animal species develop over time to help the species survive in their environment
Amphibian- cold-blooded vertebrate that experiences metamorphosis with a gilled larval stage and a lung-breathing adult stage
Apiary- a place where bees are kept
Carnivore- animals that mostly eat other animals
Diurnal- active mostly during the day
Endangered- term given to species in immediate danger of no longer existing
Food chain- the transfer of food energy from plants through a series of animals
Habitat- area that has the food, water, shelter/cover, and space arranged in a way that meets an animal's needs
Herbivore- animals that eat mostly plants
Larva- the early form of an animal that looks very different from an adult (eg: tadpol, caterpillar)
Metamorphosis- the process of transformation from an immature form to an adult in two or more distinct stages
Mineral- inorganic materials found naturally in the earth
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BUTTERFLIES OF TINKER

A Cabbage White Pieris rapae - common pest on cultivated vegetables like cabbage, horseradish, kale, radish, and broccoli.
B Red Admiral Vanessa atalanta - stinging nettle is a favorite host plant for the larvae
C Spicebush Swallowtail Papilio troilus - Unlike other species, these butterflies have a unique behavior of fluttering their wings even during feeding
D Clouded Sulphur Colias philodice - like to gather in small to large groups in wet places, sipping water from the mud
E Great Spangled Fritillary Speyeria cybele - pictured is a male, females are a much darker shade of brown and have a cream colored band at the edge of their wings
F Pearl Crescent Phyciodes tharos - larvae feed exclusively on aster!
G Monarch Danaus plexippus - named for England's King William III; with his secondary title "the Prince of Orange", corresponding to the main shade of the butterfly's wings.
H Tiger Swallowtail Papilio glaucus - eat a lot of things apart from flower nectar like carrion, urine and dung

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**ORCHESTRA OF FROGS**

A Wood Frog *Lithobates sylvaticus* - harsh quacking, "knocking" on a wood block

B American Toad *Anaxyrus americanus* - musical trilling!

C Northern Leopard Frog *Lithobates pipiens* - a low 3-4 second snore, followed by 3-4 seconds of chirping

D Eastern Gray Treefrog *Hyla versicolor* - birdlike trill, often confused for a woodpecker’s song

E American Bullfrog *Lithobates catesbeianus* - deep voice saying "jug-o-rum." Some people think it sounds like a cow mooing, that’s where this frog gets his name!

F Spring Peeper *Pseudacris crucifer* - one of the smallest frogs, makes a loud "PEEP!" Whole armies (groups of frogs) of spring peparers singing together often get compared to sleighbells!
I SPY WILD ANIMAL CLUES!

Fawn’s woods is full of surprises. See what interesting things you can spy on a walk in the woods. Put an X on each WILD animal sign or home you see or hear as you walk.

HAVE FUN EXPLORING NATURE!

- Squirrel Nest
- Leaf Gall
- Rotted Log
- Leaf with Holes
- Spider Web
- Hole at bottom of tree trunk
- Pile of pine cones or other seeds at bottom of tree
- A bird singing
- Goldenrod gall
- Animal trail
- Mole tunnel
- Bird nest
- Animal scats
- Mound of bear scats
- Feathers
- Chewed nuts
- Crayfish chimney
- Hollow fallen log
- Animal tracks
- Man-made nest box
- Woodpecker hole
- Stream