

Woodland Fairy Door Trail

Anderson Farm County Park
914 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575



The fairies have come to Anderson Farm County Park!

Come out to the park and enjoy the Woodland Fairy Door Trail filled with 13 fairy doors. Search, spot 'em, and connect with the fairies to conjure up some magic.

What is a fairy? They are a type of mythical being or legendary creature found in the folklore of multiple European cultures. Fairies are often associated with plants and springtime, depicted as **pure figures who possess magical powers**. In the tales of fairies, they are often mischievous creatures.

Walk the Arthur Sholts Memorial Forest to capture the magic of the fairies.

What is a Fairy Door?

Fairy doors are little doors (art objects). Many are colorful and include small, detailed objects.

Why Fairy Doors at the Park?

It creates an opportunity to engage the whole family (and kids of all ages) in some exercise-hiking the trails. Recent research points out that walking and related group activities have been shown to improve stress resilience and lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol.

When Did They Start?

The background and history of fairy doors includes the famous doors of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and a business located in Ireland. Read more at: <https://alumni.umich.edu/michigan-alum/the-man-behind-the-fairy-doors/>.

Overview

Anderson Park Friends, Inc. started the Woodland Fairy Door Trail in the fall of 2021 with 7 doors. The trail now consists of 13 doors located in the Arthur Sholts Memorial Forest and Shady Lane (Grove of trees south of the Sholts Prairie).

Limited Season

The fairy doors are located throughout the woods in various locations from March to mid-December each year. They are taken inside to protect them from the winter elements. Door locations are changed from year to year.

Start Your Fairy Search Today!

The best place to start is to find the fairy hutch (mailbox-see above photo) close to the walk-in entrance off of South Main Street, Village of Oregon. The forest has multiple trails, so walk the trails (stay on the trails) to see the current the 13 doors. All doors are visible from the hiking trails. Doors can be found on the ground next to a tree or connected to a tree about 7 feet off the ground.

(Note: Doors are not connected to oak trees and only wood pegs are used to secure them to a tree.)

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