

8) Herb Garden. Chives, sage, thyme, and oregano are only a few of the herbs seen growing amongst the rock accents.

CAUTION - As you walk to the herb garden, be mindful of the electric fence. This fence design keeps deer from eating our crops. If the field gate is closed, please exit back through the garden gate.

9) Bank Barn. Notice that the lower level of the barn sets up into a “bank” of land, making entrance into the upper level easily accessible through the large doors. Built in 1910, construction materials include first-growth forest timbers harvested from the property. Unique features are two indoor silos on the northwest interior, two granaries on the east side, and a hay trolley in the ceiling.

10) North field, Wetland and Labyrinth. From this point, you can see the wetland-pond ecosystem, a natural water purification system. Water from this **wetland** feeds into Yellow Creek, which flows into the Cuyahoga River and then into Lake Erie. The **North field** is partially cultivated for planting.

All are welcome to walk the **labyrinth** - find peace or meditate. Instructions are in the mailbox at its start.

11) Passive Solar Heat Collector. On the exterior of the south end of the new maintenance barn, a passive solar heat collector provides warmth in the winter for the 8,000 cubic foot workroom.

12) Children’s Arbor Garden. Grapes vines planted at the base of each post, will eventually fill in to provide shade for children.

13) Asparagus Field and Fallow Field. Cover crops such as rye and timothy enrich the soil. For sustainable agriculture, practicing a nine-year crop rotation ensures the integrity of the soil, quality and nutrients, remains intact.

14) Beehives. Watch the industrious bees pollinate our crops but do not get too close!

15) Woodland and Path. Enjoy the wooded paths, but watch for poison ivy! **15A** is a short path; **15B** is a longer path. **Benches** found along the path allow you an opportunity to listen to the **birdsongs** or to meditate. Notes of interest along the paths: Teams of draft horses moved the **large stones** next to the west side of the path when these woods were part of the farmed land. See a portion of the **old fence** in the woods?

16) Crown Point. The large boulders (left by the glaciers) near the west opening of the trail designates the elevation of 1220’, the high point in Bath Township.

17) Orchard. Apples, pears, plums, and apricot trees grow in the orchard, along with the spreading Chinese Chestnut tree at the east end.

Thank you for coming to Crown Point. We hope you have enjoyed your walking tour and will come back soon with friends.

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SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

WELCOME TO CROWN POINT, 130 acres of green space that matters—a biologically clean, diverse, living laboratory that serves as a vehicle to *demonstrate practical applications of ecology and to connect spirituality, social justice and environmental education.* Sustainable agriculture and education programs integrate principles of *community, sustainability, social justice, and spirituality;* and promote sustainable living practices.

The highest point in Bath Township, Crown Point overlooks scenic Cuyahoga Valley National Park and beyond to Hudson and Aurora. The property consists of a 10-acre Certified Organic farm, the Magdalyn E. Hausfeld Children’s Garden, Jubilee Garden, meadow labyrinth, woodlands, open fields and meadows, a wetland-pond ecosystem, models of green building design and sustainable landscapes. The beautiful country vista provides unique, sacred spaces to walk, to meditate and to be inspired by creation.

Crown Point is open to all who are committed to creating a sustainable future. The grounds are open from early morning to early evening every day except on major holidays. Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Visitors are requested to please check-in at the farmhouse.

This self-guided walking tour is available for visitors to take at their leisure. For group visits or tours, to rent facilities or to use the picnic tables, please make reservations in advance by calling Crown Point.

Crown Point is a non-smoking and firearms-free facility indoors and outdoors. Pets, horses, dirt bikes, ATVs, firearms, and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the property. Pesticides have not been used on this property since the mid-80s.

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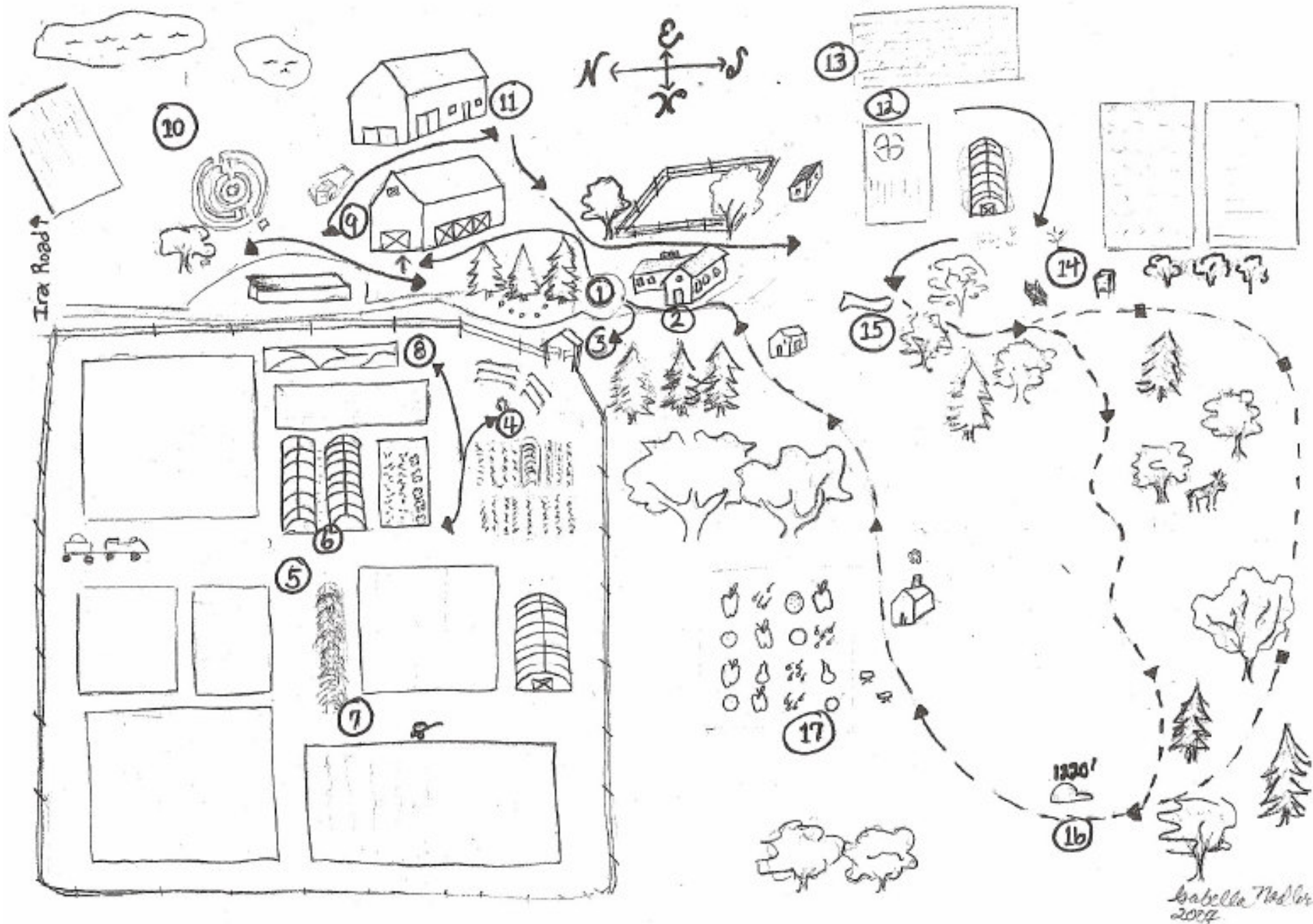
1) Jubilee Garden. Dedicated on June 15, 2007, Jubilee Garden commemorates the 800th year of the Dominican Order. St. Dominic, a priest of the Spanish diocese of Osma, founded one of the four great mendicant orders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Dominican Order in 1206.

In keeping with the Crown Point’s Mission to *demonstrate the practical applications of ecology*, native flora such as Wild Ginger, Grass Sedge, Hay-Scented Fern, Break Grass, Samantha Hydrangea, Christmas Fern, Grow-Low Fragrant Sumac and Foam Flower have been planted. Also featured are low-carbon materials: recycled cobblestones from City of Akron streets, locally manufactured clay bricks and recycled barn stone. Organic compost and mulch-cover enrich the garden soil, providing nourishment for the plants, and protect the environment.

2) Historic Farmhouse. Built in 1854, the farmhouse now serves as the administrative offices for Crown Point. During the late 1960’s and 70’s, the house facilitated The Elms pre-school, also a ministry of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Akron, Ohio. Native hardwoods, harvested on the property and milled at Yellow Creek Mill, grace the living room, dining room and library.

3) Garden Gate and Amphitheater. Note the unusual design of the garden gate, a gift from the Leadership Akron Class XVI of 2000. Open the truth window to see that the wall is made of straw.

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All of the construction materials used in the gate's design – clay, straw, stone and cedar – are renewable natural resources. Buildings of straw bale construction offer excellent insulation: cool interior spaces in the summer and warm spaces in the winter.

Note the benches in the outdoor amphitheater are recycled milk jugs!

Gardens and Greenhouses [4, 5, 6 & 7].

From this point, you see the main gardens. The entire farm is Certified Organic. The property is free of synthetic chemicals, since 1989.

4) Due west is the Magdalyn E. Hausfeld Children's Garden. The Summer Farm and Science School maintains the vegetable and flower garden during June, July, and August for environmental education for programming.

5) To the northwest, you see the **Main Field**. Harvests from these fields serve Crown Point's: Community Supported Agriculture Program (CSA), and donations to the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Donations to feed the hungry in an eight county area equal 35% of the harvest. Since 1997, Crown Point has donated 182,000 of Certified Organic vegetables to the Foodbank.

6) The **Greenhouses** allow a climate-controlled year-round growing season. The long mounds you see to the north are **Compost (7)**, an organic and natural way to fertilize the gardens.

Portable bathrooms are located adjacent to the entrance to the main gardens (3), behind a cluster of pines.