

The Clysta Willett Nature Trail, located in the recently renamed Clysta Willett Park, consists of five subtrails in a 14-acre site. The property was donated by Clysta Bertha Smith-Willett to the City of Mountain Home in 1977 with the stipulation it be used as a park for area youth and residents. Originally part of the Willett Family Farm, the trail offers a diversity of woodland habitat for a variety of wildlife and native plants. The trail connects to nearby Keller Park.

Recreational opportunities include hiking, bird watching, nature study, nature photography, or just a nice place to sit and relax. Trail improvements beginning in 2002 were made possible through a partnership between the City of Mountain Home Parks & Recreation Department, "Friends of the Park" volunteer group, Arkansas Highway Commission, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, North Central Audubon Society, Arkansas Recreational Trails Program, and many others.

We pledge to preserve, to promote the respectful use of, and to educate the public about our national treasure known as:

"The Clysta Willett Nature Trail"

Wildflower Trail – 1/10 mile. This hard surface trail begins at the trailhead parking lot with wheelchair access to a viewing shelter where visitors may enjoy a wildflower meadow and pond. The Wildflower Trail leads to multiple beds of over 100 native plants maintained by the Baxter County Master Gardeners and the City of Mountain Home. The gardens include flowering shrubs, understory trees, warm season grasses, shade-loving and sun loving plants including self-sowing annuals, biennials, and perennials as well as birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife the gardens attract.

The North Arkansas Woodcarvers have carved whimsical faces on ice storm damaged cedar trees throughout the trail. The garden is a great example of natural beauty, the balance of nature, and a guide for plants that thrive in the Ozarks. There is something in the garden to provide year around interest, with peak color performance in the early to mid-summer months. We have listed some of the plants in our garden sorted by bloom color.

All are native to the US unless marked with **
Plants native to Arkansas are marked with *
Plants with berries/drupes are marked with #
though color of fruit is not listed.
XX indicates a federally classified noxious weed and is not recommended.

Yellow:

- Black Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)*
- Brown Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia triloba*)*
- Canada Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*)*
- Celandine Poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*)*
- Clasping Coneflower (*Dracopis amplexicaulis*)*
- Compass Plant (*Silphium laciniatum*)*
- Fernleaf Yarrow (*Achillea filipendulina*)**
- Gray Headed Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)*
- Groundsel (*Packera paupercula*)
- Lanceleaf Tickseed (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)*
- Large Flowered Tickseed (*Coreopsis grandiflora*)*
- Maximilian Sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*)*
- Narrow Leaf Evening Primrose (*Oenothera fruticosa*)*
- Purple Headed Sneezeweed (*Helenium flexuosum*)*
- Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*)*
- Spotted Horsemint (*Monarda punctata*)*
- Starry Rosinweed (*Silphium asteriscus*)*
- Stiff Goldenrod (*Oligoneuron rigidum*)*

- Upright Prairie Coneflower (*Ratibida columnifera*)*
- Woodland Sunflower (*Helianthus divaricatus*)*
- Yellow Flag (Iris pseudacorus L.)***XX
- Yellow Crown Beard (*Verbesina helianthoides*)*
- Yellow Rocket (*Barbarea vulgaris*)**

Blue/Purple:

- Aromatic Aster (*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*)*
- Baldwin's Ironweed (*Vernonia baldwinii*)*
- Blue Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium* Mill.)*
- Dense Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*)*
- Cancerweed (*Salvia lyrata*)*
- Common Selfheal (*Prunella vulgaris*)*
- Dotted Blazing Star (*Liatris punctata*)*
- Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*)*
- New England Aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)*
- Ohio Spiderwort (*Tradescantia ohiensis*)*
- Passion Flower (*Passiflora incarnata*)*
- Purple Meadow Rue (*Thalictrum dasycarpum*)*
- Purpletop Vervain (*Verbena bonariensis*)**
- Wild Ageratum (*Conoclinium coelestinum*)*
- Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*)*

White:

- Culver's Root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)*
- Field Pussytoes (*Antennaria neglecta*)*
- Frostweed (*Verbesina virginica*)*
- Hemp Dogbane (*Apocynum cannabinum*)*
- Oxeye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)**
- Soapweed (*Yucca glauca*)*
- Woodsage (*Teucrium canadense*)*

Pink:

- Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)*
- Eastern Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)*
- False Dragonhead (*Physostegia virginiana*)*
- Joe Pye Weed (*Eutrochium purpureum*)*
- Rose Verbena (*Glandularia canadensis*)*
- Showy Evening Primrose (*Oenothera speciosa*)*
- Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)*

Orange/Red:

- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)*
- Indian Blanket (*Gaillardia pulchella*)*
- Scarlet Sage (*Salvia coccinea*)

Partial Shrub/Tree List:

White:

- Bottlebrush Buckeye (*Aesculus parviflora*)
- Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)*
- Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)*#
- Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)*#
- Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*)*
- New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)*
- Oakleaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)
- Possumhaw (*Ilex decidua*)*#
- Roughleaf Dogwood (*Cornus drummondii*)*#
- Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)*
- Wild Plum (*Prunus americana*)*#

Pink:

- Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)* #
- Coralberry (*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*)*#
- Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)*

Yellow:

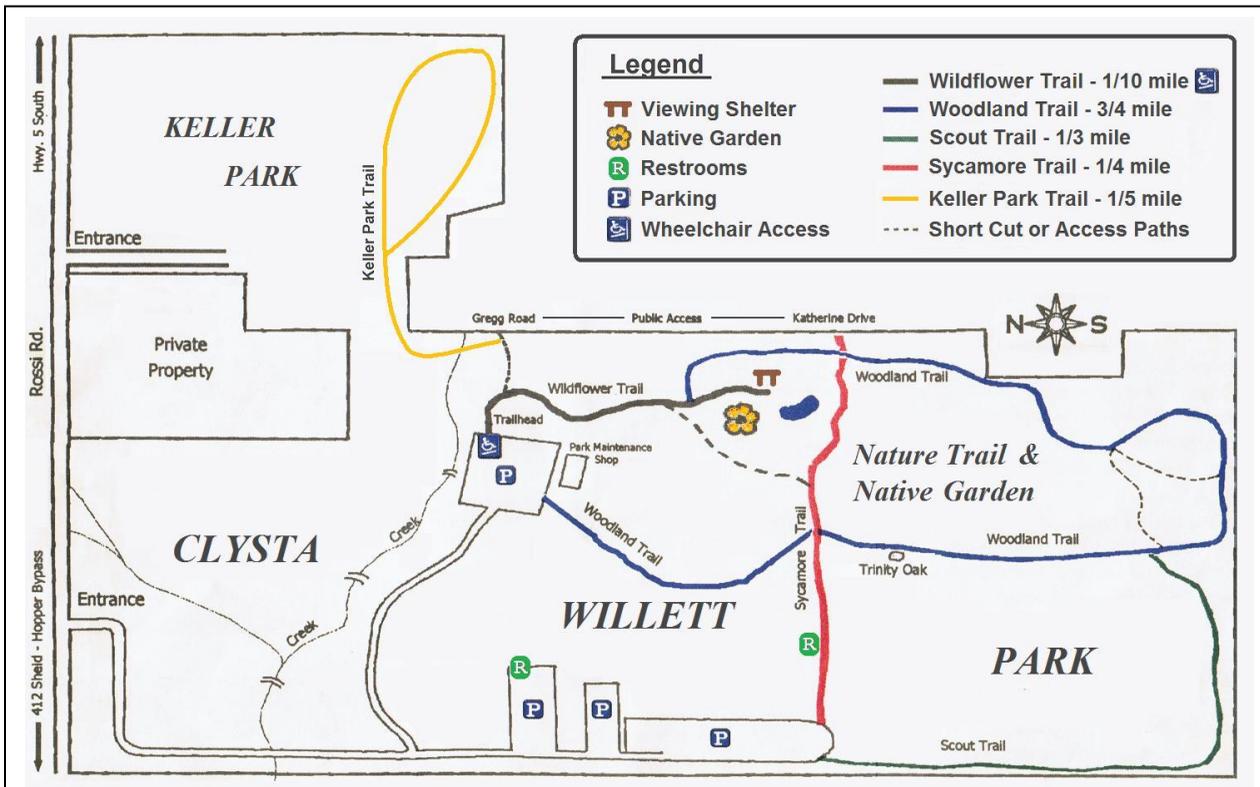
- Shrubby St. Johnswort (*Hypericum prolificum*)*
- Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)*#

Green:

- Smooth(Sumac (*Rhus glabra*)*#
- Winged Sumac (*Rhus copallinum*)*#

Partial Grass List:

- Broomsedge Bluestem (*Andropogon virginicus*)*
- Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)*
- River Oats (*Chasmanthium latifolium*)*
- Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)*
- Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)*



Legend

Viewing Shelter	Wildflower Trail - 1/10 mile
Native Garden	Woodland Trail - 3/4 mile
Restrooms	Scout Trail - 1/3 mile
Parking	Sycamore Trail - 1/4 mile
Wheelchair Access	Keller Park Trail - 1/5 mile
	Short Cut or Access Paths

Butterflies You May See in the Garden

- Baltimore Checkerspot
- Carolina Roadside Skipper
- Great Spangled Fritillary
- Hickory Hairstreak
- Monarch
- Painted Lady
- Red Admiral
- Spicebush Swallowtail
- Tiger Swallowtail
- Ozark Swallowtail
- Sulphur
- Viceroy
- Zebra Swallowtail

Keller Park Trail – 1/5 mile – This trail connects Keller Park to the Clysta Willett Nature Trail.

Woodland Trail – 3/4 mile. This easy walking shaded trail with slight inclines, winds through a dry Ozark forest of oak, cedar, pine, dogwood, and hickory. The 3-trunk red oak, dubbed the “Trinity Oak” by an Eagle Scout, offers a great resting spot.

Scout Trail – 1/3 mile. This narrow trail connects to the western side of the Woodland Trail and ends at the upper parking lot. 125 year old oak trees and a sassafras grove are special highlights.

Sycamore Trail – 1/4 mile. This trail runs through the center of the system, beginning at the upper parking lot on the west side of the park. It wanders east, crossing the Woodland Trail twice, ending at Katherine Drive. A public restroom and phone are located along this route.

Trail Rules and Regulations:

- If you bring trash in, please take it out.

There are no trash cans along the trails.

- Pets are permitted. Leash laws apply. Owners must remove solid waste deposited by their dogs.
- Authorized vehicles only. No ATV’s.
- Alcoholic beverages prohibited.
- Removing or destroying any natural or manmade feature within the trail system is prohibited.

PARK PRIDE = NO LITTER

TAKE ONLY PHOTOGRAPHS
LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS

Park Information:

- Restrooms are open from mid-March through mid-November.
- Poison ivy is present in the park. Remember: Leaves of three, let it be.
- Ticks, chiggers, and snakes are found in the park. It is advisable to stay on the trail.
- Park staff will often be available at the maintenance shop.

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