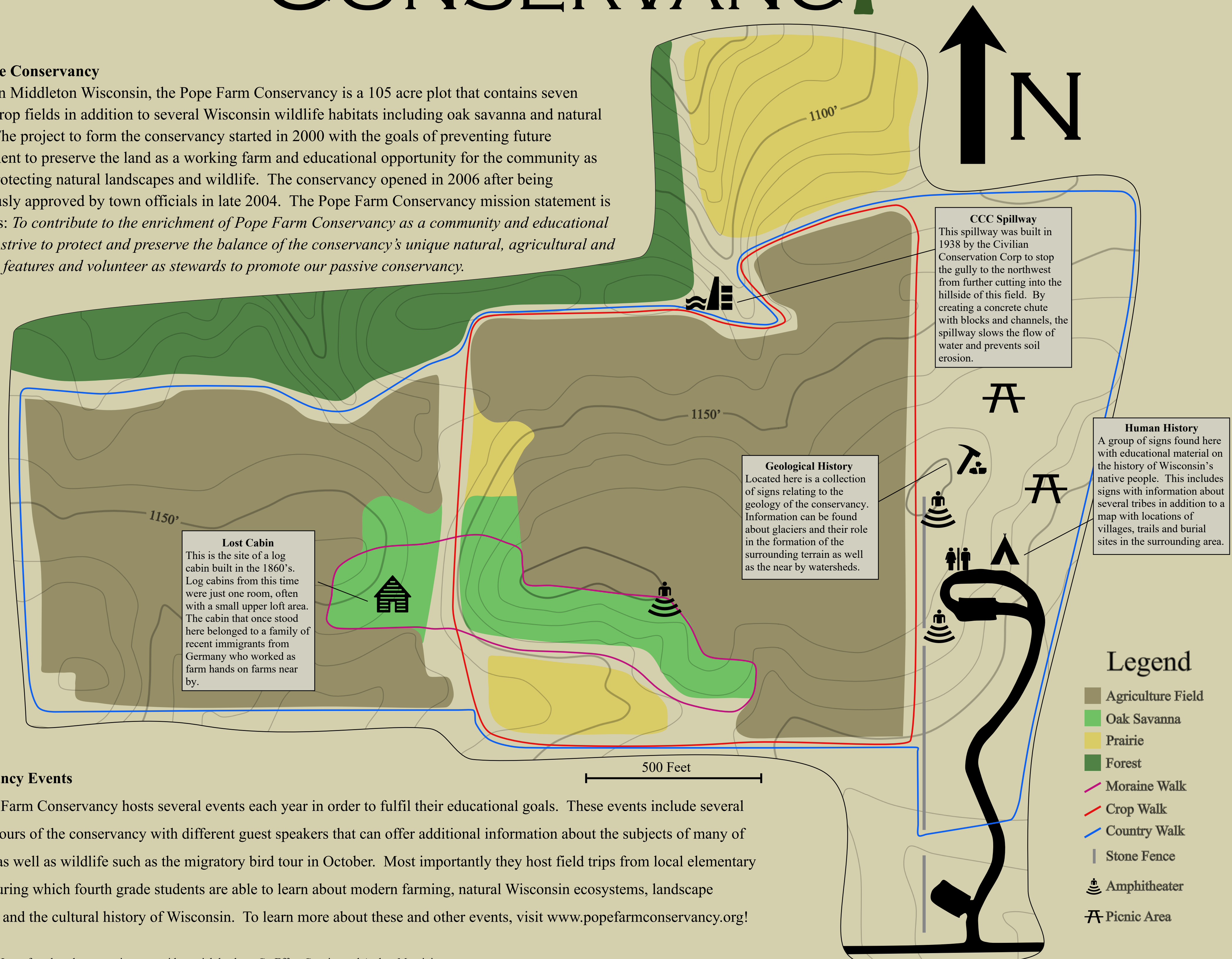


# POPE FARM CONSERVANCY



## About the Conservancy

Located in Middleton Wisconsin, the Pope Farm Conservancy is a 105 acre plot that contains seven rotating crop fields in addition to several Wisconsin wildlife habitats including oak savanna and natural prairie. The project to form the conservancy started in 2000 with the goals of preventing future development to preserve the land as a working farm and educational opportunity for the community as well as protecting natural landscapes and wildlife. The conservancy opened in 2006 after being unanimously approved by town officials in late 2004. The Pope Farm Conservancy mission statement is as follows: *To contribute to the enrichment of Pope Farm Conservancy as a community and educational asset. We strive to protect and preserve the balance of the conservancy's unique natural, agricultural and historical features and volunteer as stewards to promote our passive conservancy.*



**Lost Cabin**  
 This is the site of a log cabin built in the 1860's. Log cabins from this time were just one room, often with a small upper loft area. The cabin that once stood here belonged to a family of recent immigrants from Germany who worked as farm hands on farms near by.

**Geological History**  
 Located here is a collection of signs relating to the geology of the conservancy. Information can be found about glaciers and their role in the formation of the surrounding terrain as well as the near by watersheds.

**CCC Spillway**  
 This spillway was built in 1938 by the Civilian Conservation Corp to stop the gully to the northwest from further cutting into the hillside of this field. By creating a concrete chute with blocks and channels, the spillway slows the flow of water and prevents soil erosion.

**Human History**  
 A group of signs found here with educational material on the history of Wisconsin's native people. This includes signs with information about several tribes in addition to a map with locations of villages, trails and burial sites in the surrounding area.

- ### Legend
- Agriculture Field
  - Oak Savanna
  - Prairie
  - Forest
  - Moraine Walk
  - Crop Walk
  - Country Walk
  - Stone Fence
  - Amphitheater
  - Picnic Area

## Conservancy Events

The Pope Farm Conservancy hosts several events each year in order to fulfil their educational goals. These events include several different tours of the conservancy with different guest speakers that can offer additional information about the subjects of many of the signs as well as wildlife such as the migratory bird tour in October. Most importantly they host field trips from local elementary schools during which fourth grade students are able to learn about modern farming, natural Wisconsin ecosystems, landscape formation and the cultural history of Wisconsin. To learn more about these and other events, visit [www.popefarmconservancy.org](http://www.popefarmconservancy.org)!