

LOCATION INFORMATION

PARKING

- Carty Unit has a gravel visitor parking lot (entrance fee or valid pass is required).
- River 'S' Unit has limited parking at the start of the Auto Route, at the Viewing Blind, and at Kiwa Trail.
- All areas have accessible parking.

RESTROOMS

- Carty Unit has basic single-user restroom facilities at the visitor parking lot.
- River 'S' Unit has basic single-user restroom facilities at the start of the Auto Route and at the Viewing Blind location.
- Bring your own hand sanitizer or wipes.

CARTY UNIT TRAILS

- Begin near visitor parking lot and follow the trails to the Plankhouse, ancient oak, and Gee Creek.
- Route is flat and accessible.
- Trails are about 1.5 miles total distance.

RIVER 'S' AUTO TOUR

- Drive the 4-mile one-way loop, with optional stops at the Viewing Blind and Kiwa Trail (open seasonally).
- Listen to the free audio guide created by the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.
- Kiwa Trail is flat and 1.3 miles distance.

RIVER 'S' AUTO TOUR

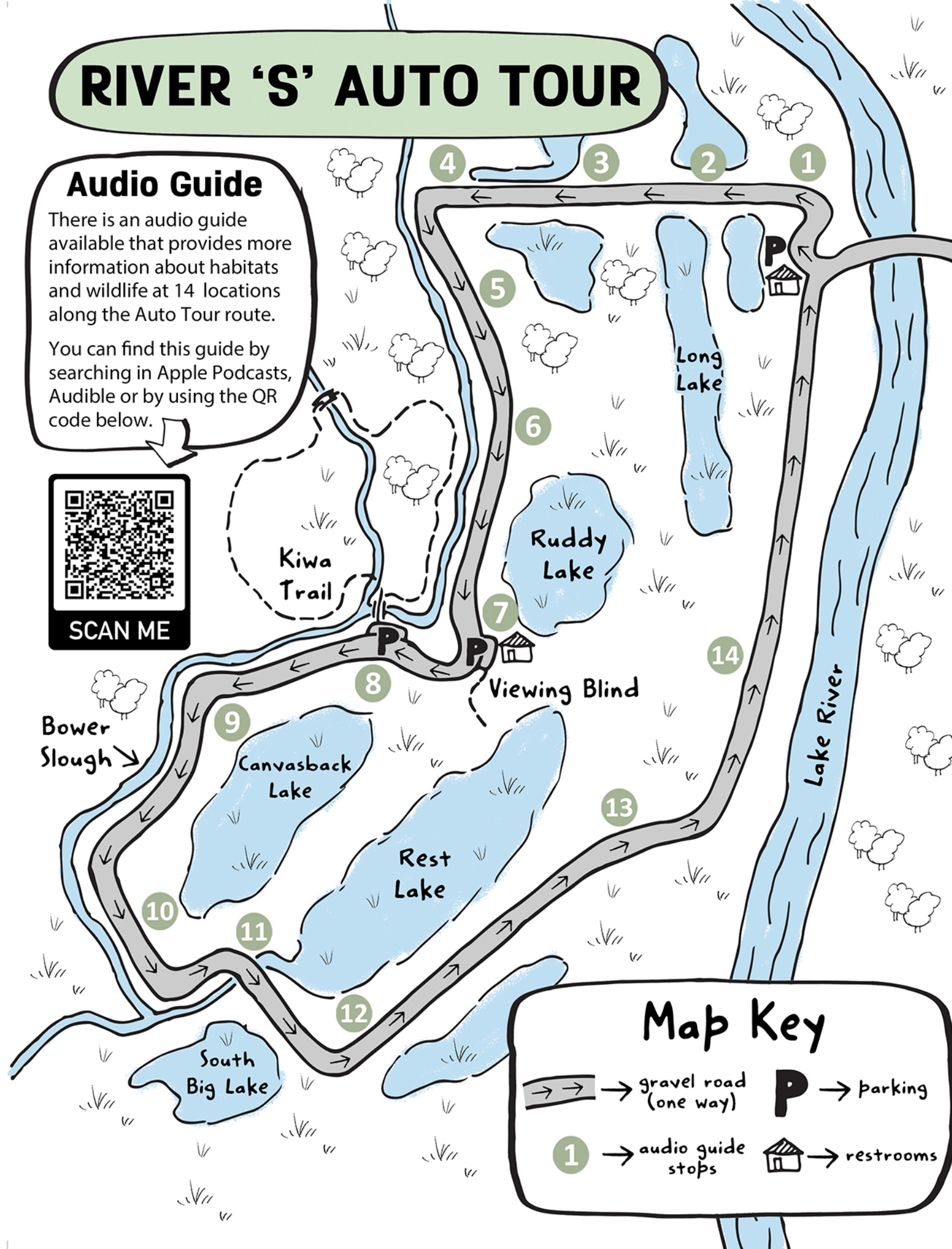
Audio Guide

There is an audio guide available that provides more information about habitats and wildlife at 14 locations along the Auto Tour route.

You can find this guide by searching in Apple Podcasts, Audible or by using the QR code below.



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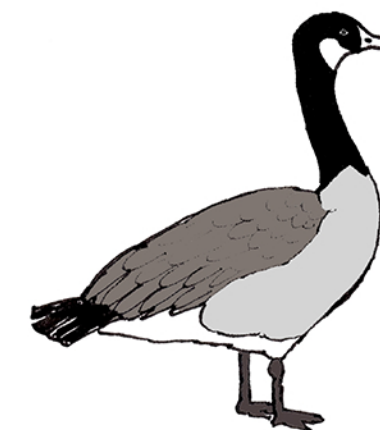


Map Key

- gravel road (one way)
- audio guide stops
- parking
- restrooms

HOPE WALKS

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Carty Unit & River 'S' Unit
RIDGEFIELD, WA



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Map Key

-  → paved path
-  → gravel path
-  → restrooms
-  → bench
-  → parking lot

Ancient Oaks

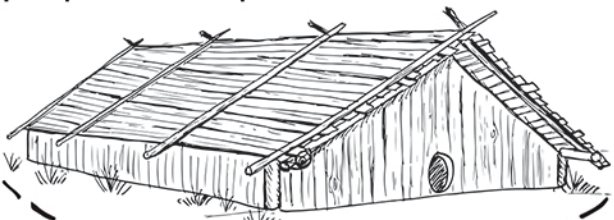
As you explore the trails in the Carty Unit, you will come across many old-growth Oregon white oak trees. These trees are native to this region, and grow in grassy savannas like those here at Ridgefield.

Be sure to visit the ancient oak at the viewpoint located north of Duck Lake. This tree is more than 400 years old.



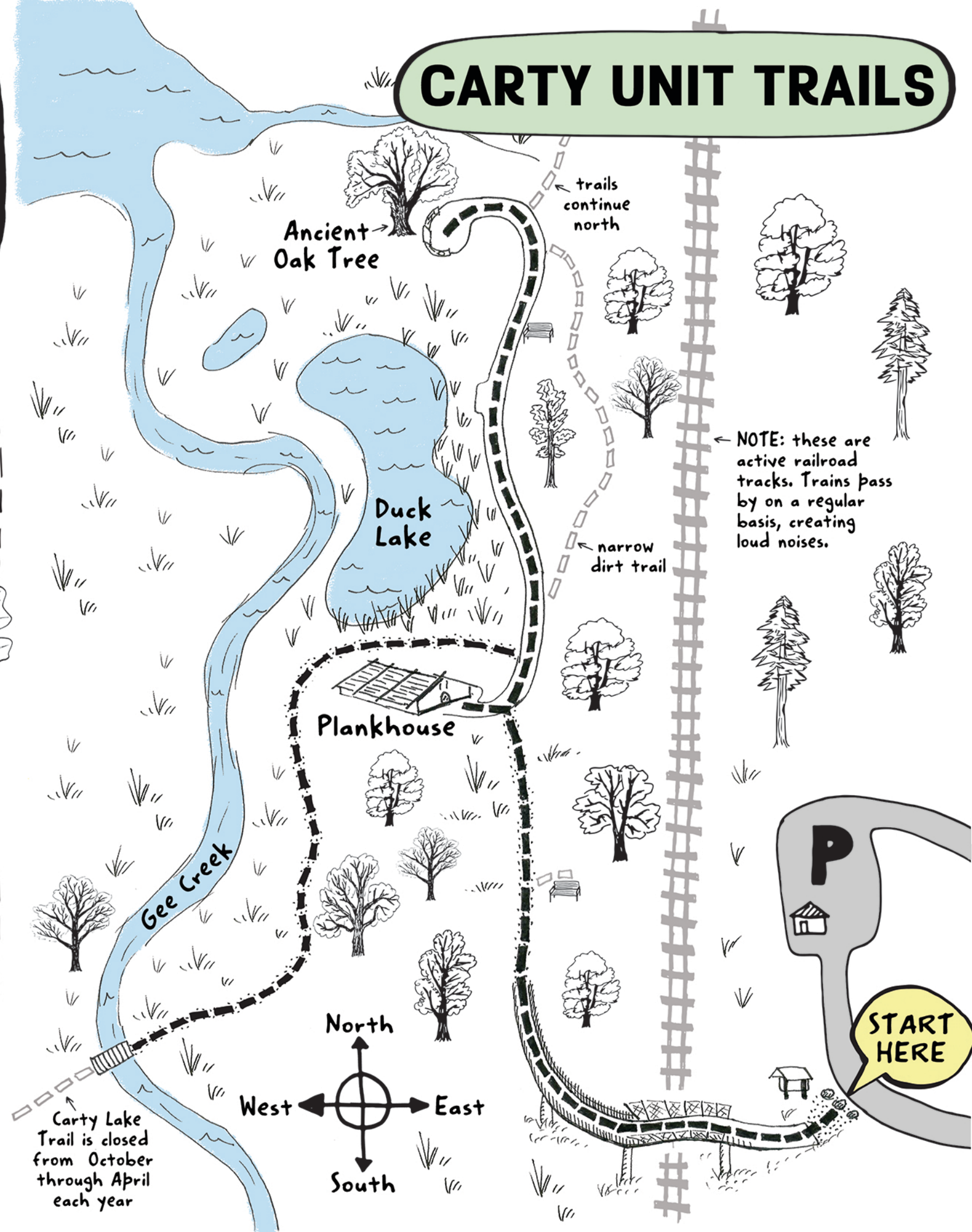
Plankhouse

Completed in 2005, the Cathlapotle Plankhouse is modeled after houses in a Chinookan town that once thrived near this site. This House is used by the Chinook Indian Nation for cultural events throughout the year, and offers a tangible link to the Indigenous peoples of this place.



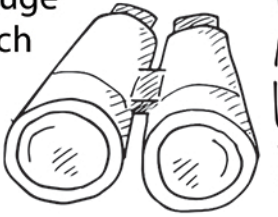
Sources: ridgefieldfriends.org and www.fws.gov

CARTY UNIT TRAILS



LOOKING CLOSELY

Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge is a great place to watch wildlife. Each season offers something different.



Bring binoculars on your trip and stop along your route to look up into the trees and out into the wetlands. Whether you have binoculars or not, take some time observing the natural world around you.

LISTENING TO BIRDS

Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge is a great place to listen for birds of all kinds, including many birds that migrate here during the winter season.



Find a comfortable place to stop and listen. Notice any bird sounds you might hear. Do they sound loud or soft, fast or slow, near or far? Are the birds repeating their calls?