

9. ROSE GARDEN TO WILDFLOWER GARDEN  
Sam and Blanche Halle loved roses and designed this garden with four sections, each with a different color rose. Today native wildflowers such as Virginia bluebells, twinleaf and bloodroot bring beauty to this forest garden. Notice the stone paths that separated the garden's sections. Now journey back toward the Nature Center.

10. FARM ANIMALS TO WILDLIFE EDUCATION  
Imagine the sounds of farm animals and the smell of newly mown hay. Hallefarm was a self-sufficient family farm with cattle, work horses and chickens. Today, the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center cares for native wild animals with a mission to reduce human impact on wildlife through education and rehabilitation. Visit the Wildlife Center for an up-close look!



11. HOME GARDENING TO GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE  
Hallefarm, like many farms of the mid-1900s, had large vegetable and flower gardens. The Halles and Burnetts shared with their neighbors and Sam Halle took extra produce to the downtown store. Today's Nature Center gardens feed butterflies and hummingbirds. Explore the gardens and Window on Wildlife for ideas to create a backyard refuge!



12. TACK ROOM TO HERITAGE LIBRARY  
Inquire at the Visitor Service Desk for a glimpse of a special room. In the horse barn was a tack room with Ann Halle's horse show trophies and Walter Halle's African safari mounts. Today the room retains its stateliness and is Lake Metroparks' Heritage Library where the history of the park district is preserved.

# HALLEFARM

Imagine this place 80 years ago—kittens in the hayloft, manicured gardens, nature walks in the gorge, laughter of children swimming and playing and the scent of roses in bloom. It was a different time and a different world...and today this land and its heritage are preserved and can be enjoyed by all!

**Lake Metroparks thanks the Halle and Burnett families for sharing their photographs and memories.**

THIS SELF-GUIDED TRAIL MAP WILL  
HELP YOU EXPLORE THE MEMORIES OF  
HALLEFARM, FORMER SUMMER ESTATE  
AND WORKING FARM OF  
SAMUEL AND BLANCHE HALLE.



# HALLEFARM

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## INTRODUCTION

The use of the land known as Penitentiary Glen Reservation has changed over the years. In the early 1900s it was a self-sufficient working farm that was also a country getaway for a prominent Cleveland family. The wise use of the land by former owners and managers has preserved this very special area for today and the future.

We invite you to explore the Hallefarm Self-Guided Trail. The photographs and descriptions in this guide will take you back to another era, when this land was a bustling farm and summer getaway for the Halle family.



## THE STORY BEGINS...

In 1912, Samuel and Blanche Halle, owners of The Halle Bros. Co. department store in downtown Cleveland, bought 184 acres in Kirtland as a summer estate and weekend retreat. The Halle family, including their five children, spent many years enjoying the country life and learning about nature. This land was also a working farm, managed by Jack Burnett, and the year-round home of the Burnett family.

Today this property is known as Lake Metroparks Penitentiary Glen Reservation.



1. HORSE BARN TO NATURE CENTER

Standing in front of the Nature Center, imagine it as a horse barn built in 1930 for the Halle family's horses. This is the only remaining structure that gives clues to Hallefarm, although additions have been made. Look at the building's roof. Can you see the tiles of the original barn?



2. APPLE ORCHARD TO ORCHARD RAILROAD

Sam Halle and Jack Burnett grafted apple varieties to create a successful apple orchard. Today this site is home to the Glen Meadow and Orchard Railroad with miniature trains operated by the Lake Shore Live Steamers. Watch for the remaining apple trees on your next train ride. Schedules are available in the Nature Center.

3. COMMUNITY FESTIVALS: FAMILY FUN!

The Halle family hosted community picnics on these spacious grounds. Children participated in contests to win prizes from The Halle Bros. Co. department store. Today, local residents visit the park several times a year for family fun and nature education at special events such as Earth Day and Bug Day. Pick up a list of events at the Nature Center.

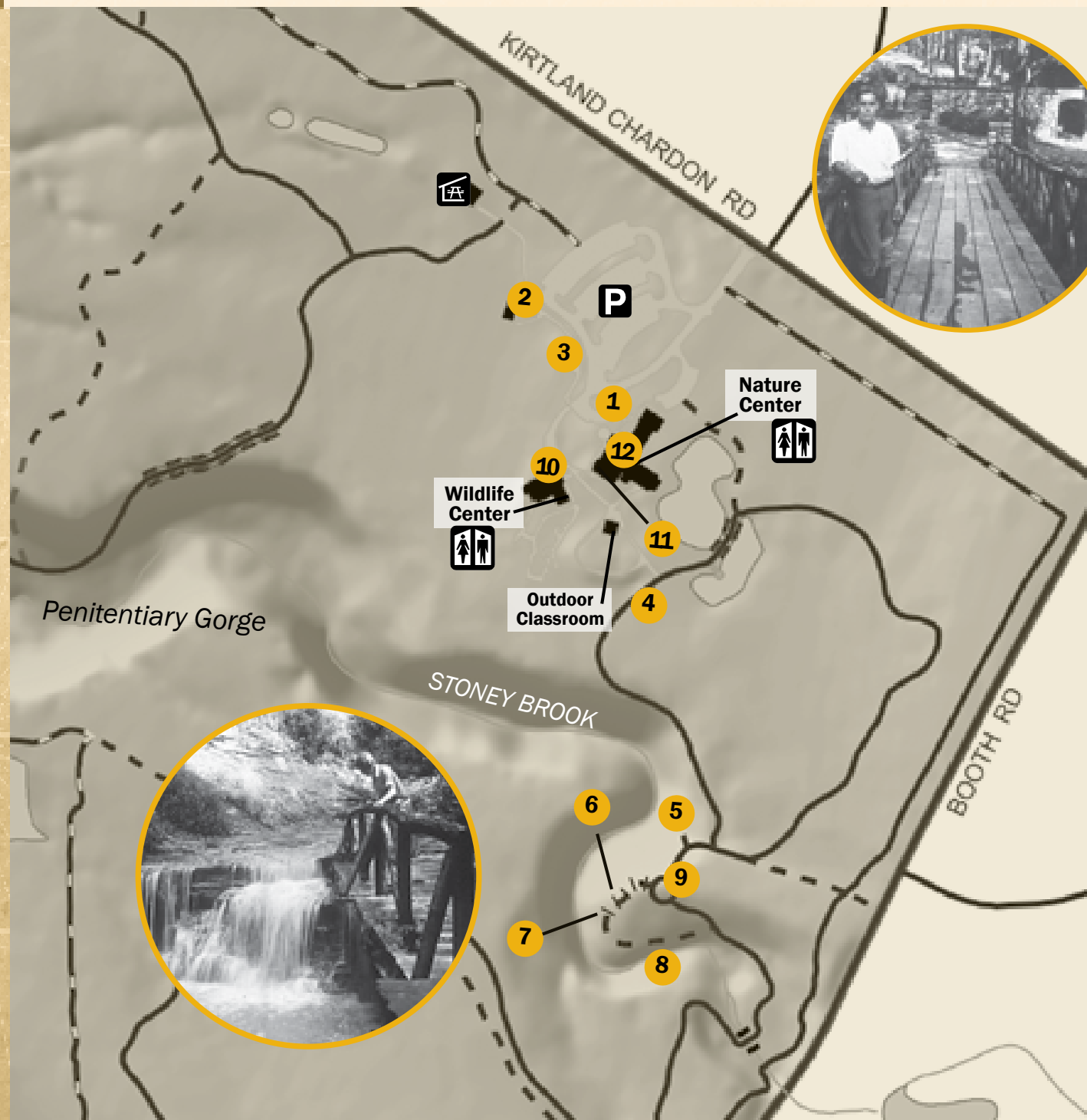
4. FARM FIELDS TO WILDLIFE MEADOWS

Look across the open field. Hallefarm continued the region's agricultural heritage by raising hay and corn. Today these fields are habitats that feed and provide cover for native wildlife, such as red fox, butterflies and bluebirds. Notice the nesting boxes installed for the wild residents. Who might live there?



*As you follow the trail along the edge of the gorge, notice the boulders and hemlock trees that line the path. This roadway connected the farm buildings to the Halle family's cabin in the woods.*

TO USE THIS GUIDE, LOOK FOR NUMBERED WOODEN POSTS ALONG THE TRAIL.  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS AT ALL TIMES.



5. THE GORGE: A NATURAL CONNECTION!

Enjoy the view from the deck. The beauty of the gorge attracted the Halles to this property. Maude Doolittle, the governess, taught the children about nature here. Its steep terrain has saved this special place from development, and today Lake Metroparks continues the legacy of nature education with guided gorge hikes. Ask for details at the Nature Center.



6. THE CABIN TO A NATURAL LANDSCAPE

Notice the stone wall? The Halles expanded an existing one-story log cabin into a Tudor-style "home away from home." Over the years, the house fell into disrepair and the family had it burned down prior to the Lake Metroparks purchase in the mid-1970s. Portions of its stone walls are all that remain.



7. FORMAL GARDENS TO CLUES TO THE PAST

These stone pillars supported a wooden suspension bridge that led to a guest cottage surrounded by formal gardens. Often used for garden parties, "Ann's cottage" site featured stone-lined paths, a gazebo and stone archway. Much of the original stonework remains — a testament to Jack Burnett's masonry skills.

*Look along the trail for landscape plants that the Halles left behind, such as rhododendron, myrtle and pachysandra.*

8. SWIMMING POOL TO STONEY BROOK

See the remains of cement walls in the creek bed? The Halle children swam in the natural deep pools of Stoney Brook until a snake joined them. They asked their father to build a swimming pool and he chose this scenic waterfall area. Stoney Brook is reclaiming the area and returning it to a habitat for salamanders and spring wildflowers.

