

# Woodcrest Villa Flower Factory, Nature Trail & Arboretum

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*Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees*

## Fear No More; Trail Crew Attacks Poisonous Plants & Ticks

### Poison Hemlock

**Threat:** Poison Hemlock was becoming common around wooded areas, especially around the edges of the woods, such as around Nature Trail entrances. It is extremely toxic if mammals ingest even a tiny amount of its oils. It can be fatal if pets chew on it.

**Action:** The Trail Crew has removed all Poison Hemlock on and around the Nature Trail and Arboretum. Some may come back next spring, hopefully in small numbers. It will be removed by the Trail Crew again then.



*Poison Hemlock Blossom*



*Poison Hemlock Foliage*

### Poison Ivy

**Threat:** Poison Ivy is spread by birds around the edges of the woods and nature trail entrances. If touched, it can cause serious skin reactions which may require medical attention. If pets are allowed to run into the woods, they can get the toxic oil from the plant on their fur and spread it to anyone that touches them.

**Action:** The Trail Crew checks the trail and the edge of the woods and kills poison ivy plants. It is always safest to stay on the trail to avoid weeds & unmowed areas.



*Young Poison Ivy Leaves*



*Mature Poison Ivy Leaves*

### Ticks

**Threat:** Ticks are spread by mice and deer. Ticks climb to a high point on tall grass and weeds in hopes an animal or human will come close enough so they can drop onto them. Ticks sometimes spread diseases, some quite serious that need medical attention.

**Action:** The Trail Crew keeps wood chips on the trail and is widening the trail, creating a plant-free, tick-free safe trail. Stay safe by avoiding tall grass and weeds and keep your pets on the trail also. Always wash & check for ticks just in case.

#### Blacklegged Tick



#### Lone Star Tick



#### Dog Tick



#### Female Engorged Tick



*Some Types of Ticks (~5x)*



*Jim McCoy and Bruce Metzler, with help from John Carpenter and Dave Warfel, keep vegetation trimmed back from the sides of the Nature Trail.*



*Lew Kauffman stopped by the Nature Trail Crew table at the Activities Fair. Lew started the Nature Trail in 2013 and built it with the help from the members of the Nature Trail Crew.*



*Jerry Lawrence staffed the Cut Flower Garden table at the Activity Fair. Jerry started the cut flower garden in 2018 when the WCV greenhouse was built. He supplies cut flowers to the Flower Factory.*



*Nancy Bare stopped by the Arboretum table at the Activity Fair. In 2019, Nancy told Jerry Lawrence that she wanted to plant a tree in memory of a loved one. Jerry, Dennis Good, and Shirley Harms took the idea to MHC. The first Memory tree was planted in memory of Eugene Bare, hence the Woodcrest Villa Arboretum began. 12 trees are planted & 3 more in the fall.*



*Shirley Harms and Nancy Landis staff the Flower Factory Table. They, with the help of Ester Murphy & PJ Esbenshade, arrange bouquets from several buckets of flowers that Jerry brings in several times a week. These flowers grace the public areas at Woodcrest and are also sold in the Market Place to benefit the Benevolent Care Fund.*

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