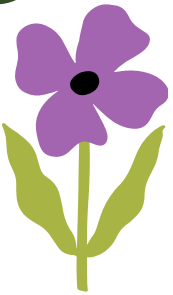


CAMPUS NATURE

WALKING TOUR

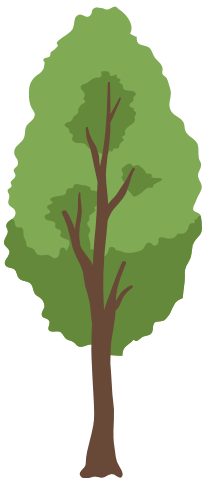


1 ONE EARTH MURAL



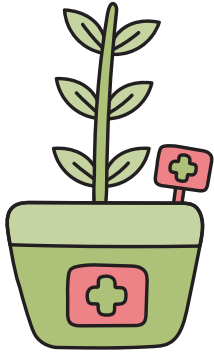
- Created by artist Erykah Wildflowers, student artist Ivy Santeler, and community volunteers, One Earth celebrates Iowa's native prairie while reminding us that there is no Planet B.
- The mural was envisioned by University of Iowa student Olivia Arkfeld as a lasting symbol of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

2 MIYAWAKI FOREST



- This forest was planted in April 2025 using the Miyawaki method, which recreates natural forests by planting native trees very close together.
- Over 4,000 native trees were planted by around 400 volunteers.
- Benefits:
 - Supports birds, insects, and wildlife
 - Improves stormwater management
 - Captures carbon and improves air quality
 - Requires very little maintenance after establishment

3 ROOTS OF MEDICINE



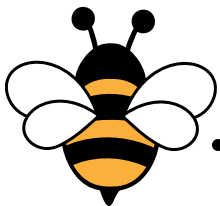
- This living lab explores how plants have been used for healing across cultures and throughout history.
- Each plant includes a QR code linking visitors to:
 - Historical illustrations
 - Traditional medicinal uses
 - Modern scientific research
- Nearby you'll also find Synthesis, a sculpture symbolizing the connection between nature, medicine, and scientific discovery, along with excerpts from Joy Harjo's poem Remember.

4 QUAD RAVINE



- The Quad Ravine provides important habitat while helping manage stormwater and reduce erosion.
- Recent restoration efforts have added thousands of native woodland plants to improve biodiversity and strengthen this ecosystem.

5 SEAMANS CENTER GARDEN



- The Seamans Center Pollinator Garden, planted in 2023, contains more than 100 native plants representing over 20 species.
- Native pollinators – including bees, butterflies, flies, beetles, and hummingbirds – depend on habitats like this for food and shelter.

KEEP EXPLORING

The University of Iowa is home to many more living labs, including native prairies, rain gardens, edible gardens, forests, and more pollinator habitats.

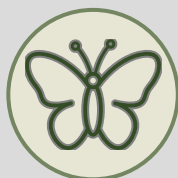
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AS YOU EXPLORE, THINK ABOUT:



Which space surprised you the most?



Where did you notice the greatest biodiversity?



How can cities better support people and nature?