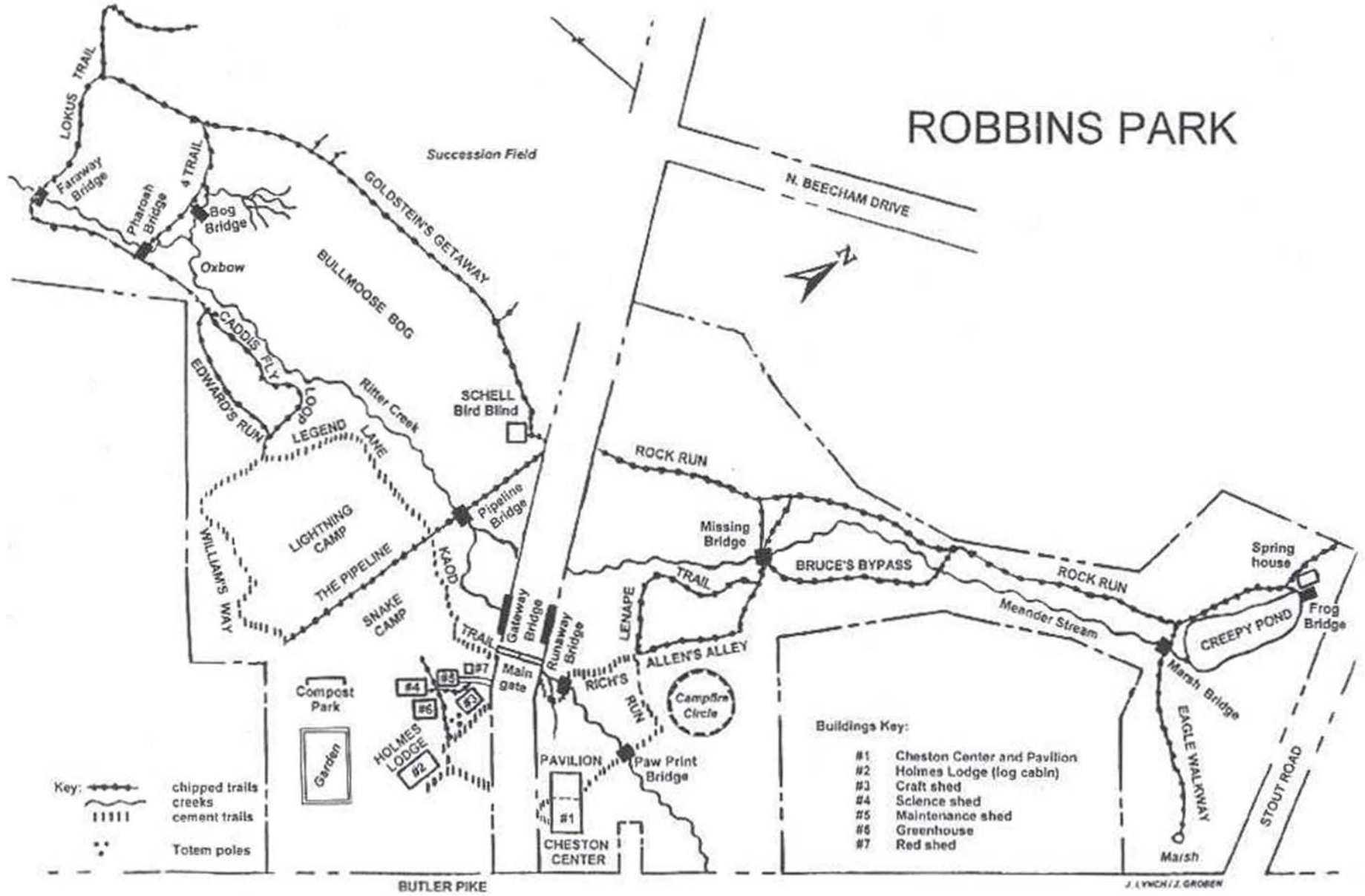


# ROBBINS PARK



Key:   
 chipped trails   
 creeks   
 cement trails   
 Totem poles

**Buildings Key:**

- #1 Cheston Center and Pavilion
- #2 Holmes Lodge (log cabin)
- #3 Craft shed
- #4 Science shed
- #5 Maintenance shed
- #6 Greenhouse
- #7 Red shed

## Robbins Park “Sneaker Walk”

1. Beginning at the Cheston Center and Pavilion - This hub of Robbins Park was dedicated in June of 1989. It was built under the direction of Dr. William Ritter who was the director of Robbins Park for nearly twenty years. Most of our classes begin and end here. Please have a look at our many animal mounts as well as our live animals used in teaching.
2. The Gardens - As you leave the building you will pass our triangle garden and head up to the log cabin flanked by gardens in which many native plants are on display. These gardens were developed by Joan Lynch who studied horticulture at Temple University. Beyond the cabin you will see our children’s educational gardens. Most of the fruits and vegetables have been planted by students from our elementary classes and some have been planted by students from the Life Skills classes in Montgomery County.
3. Holmes Lodge (“The Cabin”) - This structure was the first education center erected in Robbins Park. In 1976, a number of students and teachers from Upper Dublin built the cabin as a center for classes to meet. The herbs on the ceiling are from our gardens and add to the authenticity of the primitive cabin.
4. Solar Greenhouse - This solar greenhouse was originally built as an Eagle Scout project and was funded privately and by PECO Energy. In 1993 and 1994, the Ken Wiley Family began the project to refurbish and improve it. It is used in many of our classes taught at Robbins Park.
5. Handicap Trail - This trail is easily accessible for wheelchairs and for those with limited mobility on softer surfaces. Along the trail there are many rare and endangered wild flowers (in full bloom in April and May) as well as many varieties of trees. Many tales of Native American folklore are told along this trail. This is an especially cool and refreshing area of the park! Please enjoy a guided “Native Tree Walk” using our booklets available at the Center.
6. Pipeline Bridge - The pipeline bridge is a favorite spot for our students. Older students use this area as a study site for investigations of freshwater invertebrates. Younger students enjoy watching the flow of water, looking for “critters”, and sailing a wood chip down to the Wissahickon!
7. Birdblind - For many years we enjoyed watching the birds through a near lean-to of a structure. In 1994 John Schell and members of the UD Township crew rebuilt our “state of the art” blind with seating for a whole class and with enough shelter that one can enjoy bird watching on the rainiest days. Most of the funding for this project was provided by a generous grant from Rohm and Haas in Spring House.
8. Main Traffic Road - This road will take you back to the Cheston Center area. The railing over the stream serves as a good study site for watching fish. You may note the totem poles, which were carved by the Delaware Valley Wood Carvers.

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This short walk only gives you a glimpse of the forty acres that make up Robbins Park. When you have time, please return and visit our pond and bog area as well as the wonderful back field that borders on the old Cheston Farm. Robbins Park is truly a nature postcard in the middle of Upper Dublin!