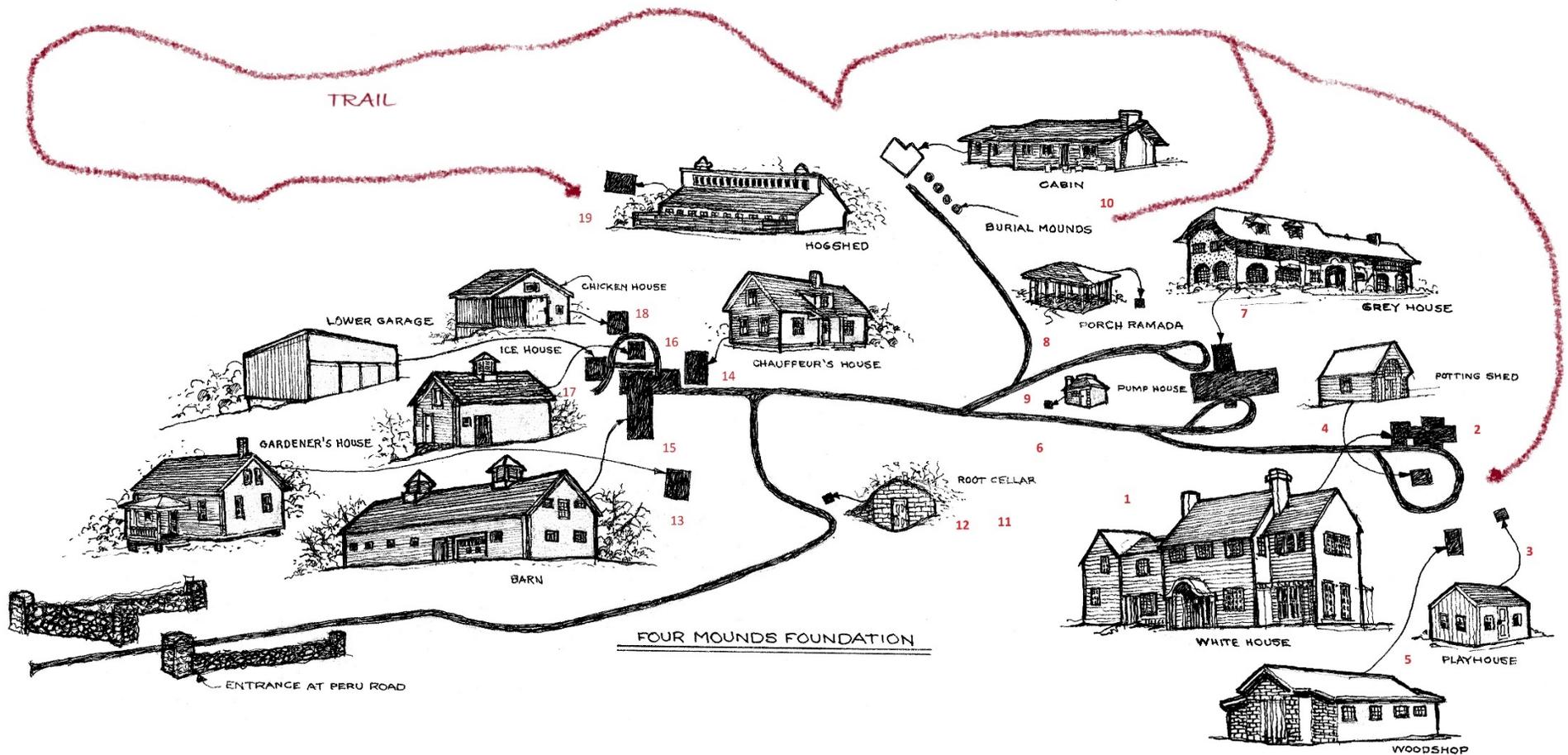


FOUR MOUNDS



The following guide takes you through Iowa's only intact remaining gentleman's farm,
or discover our site through its ¾-mile woodland and river-view trail

Hike through our woodland trail along the Mississippi bluff or explore our historic grounds

1. WHITE HOUSE: Built in 1924 for George R. (Bill), son of George A. and Viola, and Elizabeth (Adams) Burden. Elizabeth lived there until her death in 1982. This 12-room house serves as an extension of the Conference Center and Inn.

2. ROCK GARDEN: Created and cared for by Elizabeth Burden, this historic garden is believed to date from about 1930. A center of activity for the family.

3. PLAY HOUSE: This was one of two playhouses that was surrounded by a fenced yard, slide, swings, and wading pool. The houses had furniture, phones between them and even a stove.

4. POTTING SHED: Dates to the time of the White House, originally a garage and converted to a garden shed housing tools, compost, fertilizer, and other gardening needs for Elizabeth's garden.

5. WOOD SHOP: Bill Burden built the wood shop in 1924. The wood shop currently is used for restoration and maintenance projects at Four Mounds and HEART.

6. KITCHEN GARDEN: The original site of the Four Mounds garden, this was recreated to serve both our guests and programs.

7. GREY HOUSE: Built in 1908, this is an early example of craftsman style architecture. Designed by architect Lawrence Buck, and built for George A. and Viola (Rider) Burden, this 21-room house now serves as the Four Mounds Conference Center and Inn.

8. PORCH RAMADA: Built by the Burdens, the porch ramada had a spectacular river view in its day.

9. PUMP HOUSE: Originally, this limestone structure was built to house a gasoline driven pump. The water was pumped to a large, black iron tank still located in the basement of the Grey House. The entire estate is supplied with water from this single well.

10. CABIN: The cabin was built as a home for Frindy Burden, daughter of Bill and Elizabeth, in 1956. It is currently used as a guesthouse available to reserve for overnight stays.

11. ROPES COURSE: Constructed of wood, cables, and ropes, the course offers a series of elements that provide a challenge for corporations, non-profit organizations, and many other groups to inspire cooperation, teamwork, and problem solving. It is available by appointment through www.teambuidlingblocks.com.

12. ROOT CELLAR: It was traditionally used for the cold storage of fruits, vegetables, and other organic material. It is still in use today.

13. GARDENER'S HOUSE: This house was built in 1920 to accommodate the gardener. Two generations of the Heitzman family lived here. It currently serves staff housing.

14. CHAUFFEUR'S HOUSE: Constructed in 1907 and the first building at Four Mounds, the Burdens lived here until the Grey House was completed. It later became the home of the chauffeur Milton Kirch and his family. It currently serves as staff housing.

15. BARN: The main building of the Burden's farming operation; the barn housed a shop and garage as well as stalls for cows and workhorses. The second floor was a hayloft and grain storage as well as housing for the original carriage driver.

16. ICE HOUSE: This building was designed and insulated to store ice through the hot summer months. It now serves as tool and hardware storage.

17. LOWER GARAGE: This structure is used for mechanical and grounds equipment storage. The structure was reconstructed in 2003 by the HEART Partnership, as much of it had been destroyed by heavy snow loads by the 1960s.

18. CORN CRIB/CHICKEN HOUSE: The corncrib was originally used for storing corn and housing for chickens. It later became a shelter for split wood.

19. HOG HOUSE: This building was constructed with a cork-brick flooring to keep the hogs warm during the winter. The hog house has been completely restored.

Explore our woodland trail, picking it up at the White House Rock Garden or behind the Hog Shed