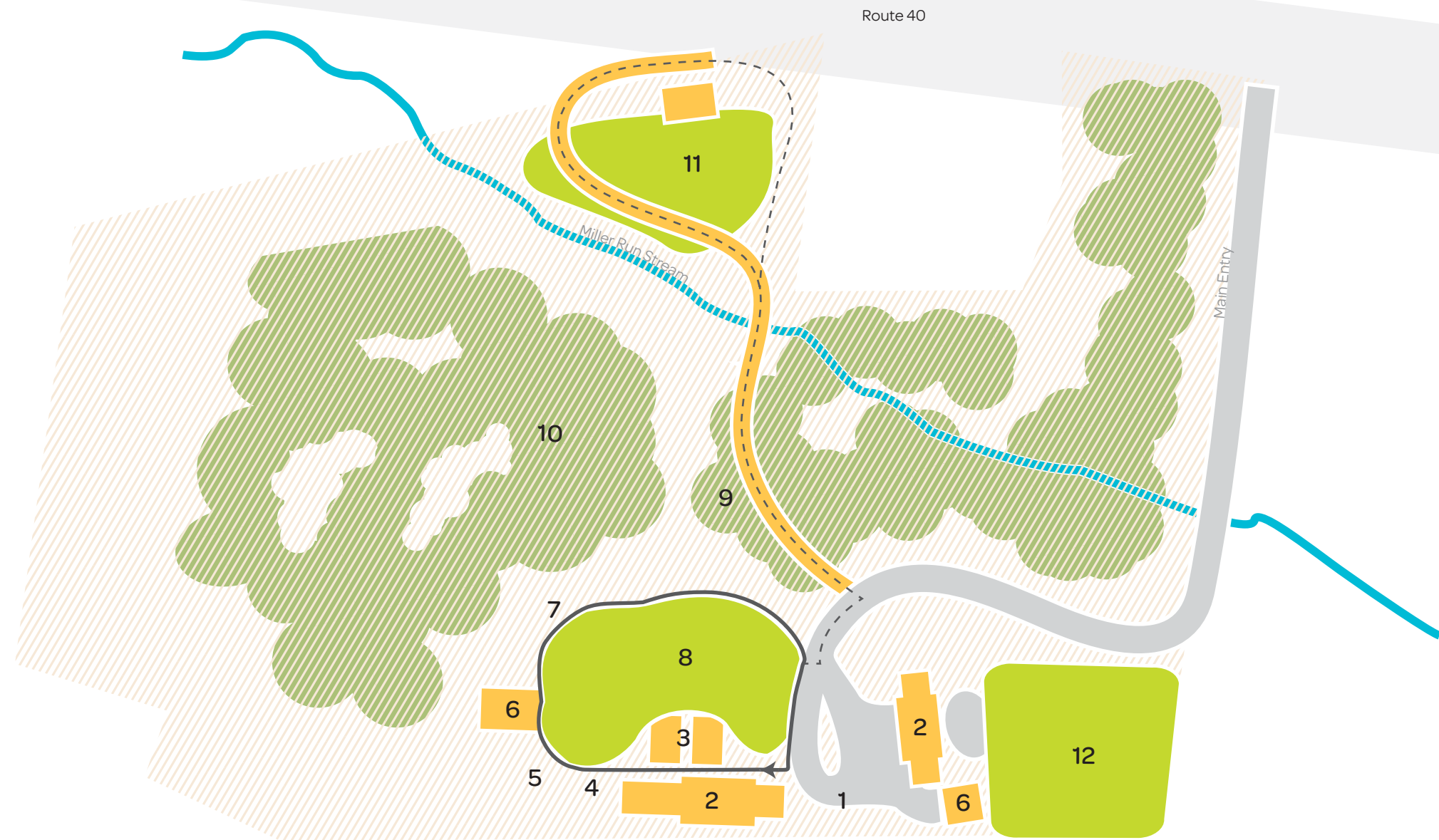




GREAT KIDS FARM

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Activites

- 1** **Parking and Student Drop Off**

Nestled in between Patapsco Valley State Park, residential developments and commercial areas, Great Kids Farm is surprisingly secluded. Students and visitors leave buses and cars here to begin their journey at the farm..
- 2** **Historical Buildings**

One of the most impressive features of Great Kids Farm is the historic stone buildings that form the heart of its campus. Begun in the 1940's, when the land was home to a respected orphanage, and completed in the 1950's by City Schools, these building carry forth a legacy of bright students and caring teachers who have worked together here since 1912.
- 3** **THE NURSERY**

Plants are the foundation of the food chain and our bread and butter at Great Kids Farm. The plants we grow for food begin their life as seeds in the nursery before being planted in our fields and in schoolyards across Baltimore. Students also begin their visit to the farm here with hands-on activities – such as seeding, propagating, or harvesting – to study subjects ranging from botany to ecosystems
- 4** **School Yard Idea Garden**

This space is designed to inspire teachers and students to create a living classroom within their own school. Concepts demonstrated in this area are easy and inexpensive to replicate. Living educational spaces are used to create engaging learning opportunities for students in a broad range of subject areas. They can also grow healthy snacks, support student clubs or simply provide a reflective space for students.
- 5** **Compost and Vermi-Compost**

Soil is the foundation of growth at Great Kids Farm and an integral part of life on Earth. This area of the farm is highlighted in the "Soil Science" school visit to explore soil, sustainability and health. During their visit, Students also investigate soil formation, texture, horizons and uses while touring the farm and doing hands-on activities that make soil science engaging and fun. Students and teachers are encouraged to bring a soil sample from their school yard or home to examine.
- 6** **Barn**

Great Kids Farm is home to a small herd of friendly goats and a flock of egg-laying hens who love attention from students. Students participating in the "Chickens and Goats" visit will learn about animal husbandry, interact with the animals and learn the ins and outs of the poultry industry. They also explore bird and egg anatomy, egg and meat production, and nutritional information.
- 7** **Honey Bees**

Great Kids farm is alive with insects! Students participating in the "Spring and Fall Insects" school visit begins with a tour of the farm to collect insects to study later in the day. They also engage in hands-on lessons that will help them discover the integral role of insects in food production and our environment. Students learn the stages of complete and incomplete metamorphosis, to distinguish between beneficial and harmful insects, and the role of honeybees in the environment.
- 8** **Vegetable Fields**

This area of the farm allows students to "Touch It, Smell it, and Taste it." A great first visit to the farm, this school visit introduces students to the operations and living systems of the farm. Students discover and explore vegetable fields, beehives, free range chickens, goats and worm composting bins—and get to touch, smell, taste and help cultivate fruits and vegetables.
- 9** **Orienteering Course**

Students participating in "Find Your Way to the Treasure" school visit will have fun while to connecting math, science, and social studies skills to the great outdoors. During this visit, students will receive instruction in map and compass reading and a review in basic geography. Later, they will use their new skills to locate a hidden treasure located on our 33 acre campus.
- 10** **Forest and Stream**

Most of Great Kids Farm's campus (and most of the earth) is home to wild spaces like forests and streams. From reflection and recreation to watershed and ecosystem studies these spaces create powerful learning experiences for students of every age.
- 11** **Agricultural Areas**

Great Kids Farm grows dozens of vegetables and fruits that represent the bounty of agriculture in our fertile Chesapeake Bay region. High school students are the lead stewards, from planting to marketing, of the fresh produce that we share with culinary arts programs, food literacy classes, our farmers' market stand, partnering restaurants, and a community supported agriculture program for parents and teachers.
- 12** **Orchard**

An orchard is an area planted with trees and shrubs for fruit production. The orchard at Great Kids Farm contains apple, pear, peach, and persimmon trees. Other fruits grown at the farm include strawberries, blackberries, wineberries, figs and raspberries.



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Field Notes



