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The Dogwood Camp features a restored pond that includes a variety of aquatic plant species that provide habitats for insects, amphibians, fish and other wildlife. A loop trail around the pond allows people to view and study this rich ecosystem.