

Volunteer Outline of Aullwood Luminary & History:

Things to do at Luminary:

- Walk down the illuminated trail along the Stillwater River.
- Visit the Aull house.
- Drink hot chocolate by the fire.
- Go Stargazing (weather permitting).

Things to come back and see:

- Gardens: Blue bells (spring, April-May)
- The prairie: See Birds, butterflies, and flowers
- Giant trees:
 - ✂ Marie's Sycamore (MetroParks 8th largest tree)
 - 600-year-old Twin Sycamore tree
 - Its circumference is 197 inches, and it stands 31 feet tall.
 - ✂ "Big Macrocarpa", the bur oak (MetroParks 6th largest tree)
 - Its circumference is 186 inches, and it stands 42 feet tall.
 - ✂ "Big blue" the blue ash tree
 - It stands 127 feet tall.
- Historic buildings: Aull House and the Audubon Center & Farm

About the Aull's:

- Marie enjoyed golfing, while John enjoyed riding horses.
 - John would collect wildflowers to plant with Marie, and they decided that they would continue as long as they enjoyed making the garden.
 - From the beginning the Aull's wanted anyone to be able to wander and enjoy their gardens.
- A lot was developing during the 1920s, among them were the Dayton Art Institute and Dayton Children's Hospital, which the Aull's were supporters of.
- Marie was an active member of the Dayton Garden Club receiving their award for conservation and education in 1964.

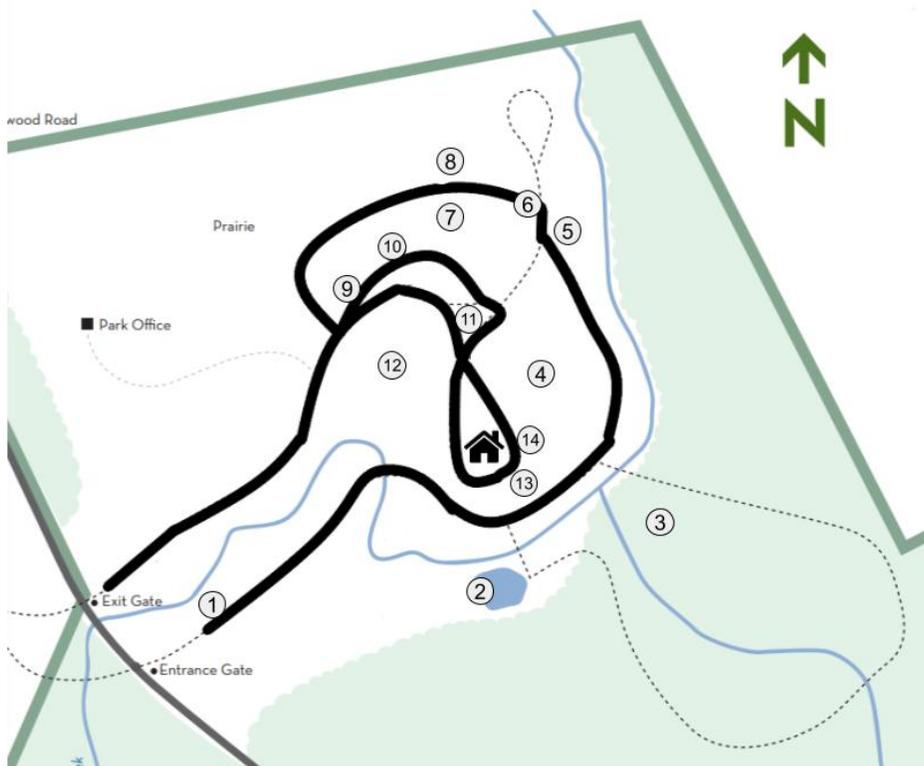
Who were the Aull's? A Timeline:

- ☞ John Aull (1866-1955) and Marie Sturwold Aull (1897-2002).
- ☞ 1885, John started working for his brothers' company, The Aull Brothers Paper & Box Company.
 - Originally the W. J. Aull & Brother.
 - He worked as a travelling salesman, a member of the firm, and then as a secretary.
 - John retired in 1945 and sold the company in 1947 to Gebhardt Box Folding Company.
- ☞ 1907, John purchased a 150-acre farm for rest and recreation.
 - The house was renovated up to the 1920s in the Craft and Arts style.
 - The Crafts and Arts style developed in the late 1900s in England and was to oppose the look of mass production. Incorporating handcrafted elements and using native plants and "old style" trees. Often referred to now as cottage gardens.
- ☞ 1918, Marie studied Botany, Geology, and Ornithology at the University of Cincinnati.
- ☞ 1918, John sold 116 acres of his land to the Miami Conservancy district.
 - The Englewood dam was built on this property and completed in 1921.
- ☞ 1922, John and Marie Aull met in Alaska.
 - Marie was running to meet her mother's friend on an already departing train. John helped Marie up onto the train and they kept in contact ever since.
 - John visited Marie so much that Governor Cox said that if he didn't go ahead and marry Marie, they would need to have a new road put down.
- ☞ In 1923, the Aull's got married.
 - They vowed that after 5 years it didn't work, they would amicably part ways. They were married for 32 years!
- ☞ Later in 1923, the Aull's purchased the first 100 Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) plants.
- ☞ 1956, Marie donated 75 acres for the Aullwood Audubon Nature Center, to honor John after his passing in 1955.
 - In 1957 the Audubon opened.
- ☞ 1962, Marie purchased the Antrim farm, which was added to the Audubon, becoming the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm.
- ☞ 1963, Marie helped found the Dayton-Montgomery Park District.
- ☞ 1977, Marie gifted her garden estate and home to the Dayton-Montgomery parks.

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| 1. Lower Lawn (Start of Tour) | 10. Rose Garden |
| 2. Pond/Natural Pool | 11. Island Bed and Glacier Stone |
| 3. Aullwood Double Sycamore | 12. Honey Locust Lawn |
| 4. Sycamore Lawn | 13. Beech Lawn |
| 5. Japanese tree lilac | 14. Portico |
| 6. Herb Garden | |
| 7. Butterfly Garden | |
| 8. Lilac Lawn | |
| 9. Antique Fence Garden | |

Lower Lawn: Begin at the *Welcome to Mrs. Aull's Garden* sign.

1920s John and Marie Aull

