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Subject: A WALK at ORDWAY.

The Katharine Ordway Natural History Area is primarily a facility for field studies in biology but it is of even wider interest and service to Macalester College students, faculty, alumni and friends. It is a good place to go for a nature walk, whether alone or with the family. It can be the opportunity for cultivating the therapeutic benefits of a walk in the open air; for enjoying the beauties and wonders of Nature - both big and small; or for taking a little while alone with one's thoughts, a meditative stroll. Almost any season is good for such a walk although it would be difficult to beat the autumnal display in the oak forests and along the river bluffs. The foot-trails are not arduous but they do afford one a good and exerciseful walk, depending upon the zeal with which he walks.

If it should happen that groups larger than a few persons should want to make a conducted tour it can be arranged by telephoning the Ordway Station (455-6204). Throughout the academic year there is apt to be someone at the property most of the daylight hours but it would be a good idea to check by telephone in advance.

Inasmuch as the Area is devoted to studies of nature and to the furtherance of college studies in field biology there are a number of activities which cannot be permitted - motorcycling; horseback riding; hunting; snowmobiling; camping; picnicking. However, for the low-key activity of walking in the woods and the attendant satisfaction of doing something one doesn't have to do and of leaving things to be enjoyed again - by one's self, by others and by one's descendents - it would be hard to recommend any more worthwhile expenditure of an hour or two - or more.

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