

## *Treefrog Trail*

Treefrog trail meanders for one-half mile through a hardwood forest surrounding a wetland. Located near the Lodge by Luna Lake, this trail was cleared in 1997 to provide a recreational opportunity for outdoors enthusiasts, and to serve as a forested classroom. The trail features over 50 interpretive signs, which explain the unique features of wetlands, describe some of Middle Georgia's wildlife, and identify plants.

Wetlands comprise over 2,200 acres on Robins AFB, and are characterized by uniquely adapted plants (i.e., called hydrophytic), soils low in oxygen content (i.e., called hydric), and the presence of standing water for at least a few weeks every year. Wetlands can function as filters by removing contaminants from water, help to recharge ground water supplies, and water fluctuation extremes, thereby reducing damage associated with floods. Wetlands are also extraordinary rich habitats, providing homes for an impressive diversity of plant and wildlife species. Eight of the ten rare plant species found on Robins AFB are dependent on wetlands for survival.

Other signs on the trail present information on endangered species, forest management, and creating backyard habitats for wildlife. The benches, trash cans, and recycling receptacles located along the trail are made from 100 percent recycled milk jugs.



**Treefrog Trail: a half-mile long recreational area complete with interpretive signs**