Butterfly: Cindi Williams; Flower: Jean Kuns; Mushrooms: Larry Foltz; Owl: Jordan West

Visit, your actions truly matter. This land is a nature preserve, a heritage for the future. Please remember you share this land with others. During your visit, you must exit the grounds at closing time.

TRAIL MAP

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Mashburn Family Discovery Trail (0.72 miles, all-accessible)
This level trail is designed for persons of all abilities. It features interactive exhibits to enhance your understanding of the natural world. As the trail winds through forest and grasslands, explore these habitats, as well as two ponds, a vernal pool, our 19th century Abner Hollow Cabin and our Witt Family Pollinator Garden.

Edge Trail (0.66 miles, easy)
This loop trail serves as a connector trail to several other trail options while meandering around Powell Creasy Lake. In the spring, be sure to stop by Marsh Pond to look for salamander larvae, or in the summer, count butterflies drinking nectar from the buttonbush flowers.

Upland Trail (1.54 miles, easy)
This easy trail circles the core of our property, encompassing the historic Krippendorf Estate, including the Krippendorf Lodge, Herb Wall and Swimming Pool. This trail meanders around Reservoir and Lotus Ponds, through the old growth forest and around our annexed pollinator habitat. This trail is a connector trail for the Wildflower and Fernwood Trails, as well as the Limestone Steps.

Whitetail Trace (1.22 miles, easy)
Extend your hike on the Edge Trail or connect to the Redwing Trail. Either way, this trail offers a beautiful field, a gentle meander along Avey’s Run and a pleasant view of a waterfall. Spring is an excellent time to discover and listen to the spring peepers and wood frogs calling near Spring Pond.

Geology Trail (1.33 miles, moderate)
This loop trail features several unique geological features. Fossil-rich, Ordovician-age limestones, shallows of ancient waters are found along this trail. Fox Rock, at the end of a long glacial till ridge, is at a rocky outcropping with a viewing deck, shelter and a spectacular vista of the stream valley below. This trail has several good climbs, nearly 200 stair steps, a historic Pump House and three stream crossings.

Lookout Trail (2.27 miles, moderate)
Throughout the summer, butterflies flourish in the 26 acres of native grassland that highlight this hike. Mostly level, this trail winds through the grassland and into young forest which allows for healthy edge habitat for birds and other wildlife. A side trail leads to a shelter providing a place to relax.

Wildflower Trail (1.31 miles, moderate)
As the name suggests, this is the best trail for wildflowers, especially in the spring. This trail winds through our old growth forest, around the valley field along Avey’s run and back up to the ridgetop. This trail provides a beautiful ridgeway view overlooking the valley.

Fernwood Trail (1.56 miles, difficult)
Discover this old camp trail, which takes you past the Historic Crossbeck Lodge, now our Center for Conservation. This trail will take you across hilltops and into the valley where you will cross several small tributaries. Catch a scenic view of the valley and wetland below.

Far Ridge Trail (1.40 miles, difficult)
Explore the further reaches of our property on this quiet loop trail. Cross the stream and enter the forest for a peaceful but challenging hike. At the top, take a tangent trail to Harmony Ridge where you can hang a hammock on the stands provided. Enjoy the serenity of nature!

Redwing Trail (2.86 miles, difficult)
Old fields, woods, streams, a restored wetland and native grassland will be yours to discover on our longest trail. Be sure to check out abundant spring wildflowers in the mature forest by taking the long way around the small loop.

TRAIL RATINGS

An easy trail:
• Is comparatively flat
• Is < 1.25 miles in length
• Is at least 3 feet in width
• Has stream crossings with bridges

A moderate trail:
• Contains greater elevation changes
• Is 1.5 miles in length
• Varies in width and elevation
• Presents a stream crossing with abundant stepping stones
• Has a natural surface and could be muddy or slippery when wet

A difficult trail has at least one of the following characteristics:
• Has significant elevation change
• Is a 2.5 miles in length
• Presents a stream crossing with fewer stepping stones
• Is comparatively remote to other trails

TRAIL RULES AND CONSERVATION ETHICS

Remembering the efforts we have put in place. In such a case, no refund will be issued.

To protect our land:
1. Remain on designated trails to protect woodland habitat
2. Dogs must be leashed and under control at all times.
3. Keep your dog on the path provided. Dogs are prohibited off-trail activity
4. Do not litter. Pack it in, pack it out.
5. Clean up after your dog AND carry the bag to the nearest garbage can.
6. Tree climbing is not allowed. Trees are habitat for mammals, birds, insects, etc.
7. Hunting is not allowed.
8. Wading and fishing are not allowed.
9. Remains on boardwalks and stepping stones to protect aquatic plant and animal life.

To protect our water:
10. Remain on boardwalks and stepping stones to protect aquatic plant and animal life.
11. Wading and fishing are not allowed.
12. Tree climbing is not allowed. Trees are habitat for mammals, birds, insects, etc.
13. Pond exploration is allowed only at Matt’s Pond with a gentle used map to the Rowe Visitor Center.
14. Do not feed the wildlife.
15. Children 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
16. Weapons, including concealed firearms, are prohibited on the grounds.
17. Smoking, including e-cigarettes and all other smoking products are not allowed on the grounds.

For everyone’s enjoyment:
1. Remain on designated trails to protect woodland habitat
2. Dogs must be leashed and under control at all times. Six-foot leash rules apply to the entire property at all times.
3. Walk in groups of 12 or fewer. Run in groups of 6 or fewer.
4. Prevent contact between your dog and other guests.
5. Dogs are not permitted on the Hammock Hangout posts found on this quiet loop trail. Either way, this trail offers a beautiful field, a gentle meander along Avey’s Run and a pleasant view of a waterfall. Spring is an excellent time to discover and listen to the spring peepers and wood frogs calling near Spring Pond.

TRAIL AND WEATHER CONDITIONS
Check with Visitor Services staff for updated trail information. During inclement weather, some trails may close. Boardwalks, bridges and steps become very slippery when wet. Please use caution as you hike.

Trail Markers
At trail intersections, you will find posts with color-coded trail symbols and directional arrows. Most trail markers are numbered on the back. If you are lost, go to the nearest trail marker and locate the number on the back. Call Visitor Services at (513) 831-1711 or (513) 965-4245, provide the number and a staff person will orient you.

Arrows
Arrows show direction of the trail.

Dashed arrows
Show direction of an alternate, shorter route on the same trail.

Parking Lot
Follow the “P” symbols for the shortest route back to the main parking area.

Trail Map
Trail map is available for sale (seasonally) at The Nature Shop.

Nature Center dipping net and pond pack available at the Rowe Visitor Center.

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