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

place like no other. Help us in the community effort to protect our habitat for native plants and animals. Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor, it is up to you, and a gift for the next generation of visitors. It's up to the story of humankind, this land is our shared

YOUR ACTIONS MATTER

Long Branch Farm & Trails (members only), 6926 Gaynor Road, Goshen, OH 45122


Visit Our opening and closing hours change monthly.

Grounds Hours:

TRAIL AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

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 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 at (513) 831-1711 or (513) 965-4245, Dashed arrows

Parking Lot

parking area.

Dashed arrows

Show direction of the trail.

Arrows

Arrows show direction of the trail.

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TRAIL RULES AND CONSERVATION ETHICS

Our trail rules adhere to and promote healthy conservation ethics. To protect our land and our water, are supported by scientific research. Our efforts to preserve the ecology of this unique place are for you and for the next generation. Enjoy your time outdoors responsibly and with

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 Crossley 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 an enhanced pollinator habitat. This trail is a connector trail for the Wildflower and Fernwood Trails, as well as the Limekiln Steps.

White Tail 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, shale, waterfalls and a cascading stream may be 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 (1.39 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 ridgetop view overlooking the valley.

Fernwood Trail (1.56 miles, difficult)

Discover this old camp trail, which takes you past the Historic Grosebeck Lodge, now our Center for Conservation. This trail will take you across hillsides 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.

Geology Trail: Photo: Ken Howell

Far Ridge Trail: Photo: Richard Dreyer

1. Register your dog at the Rowe Woods Gatehouse.

2. Dogs must be leashed and under control at all times. Six-foot leash rules apply to the entire property at all times.

3. Is at least 3 feet in width

4. Has stream crossings with bridges

5. Presents a stream crossing with fewer than 3 feet in width

6. Is comparatively remote to other trails

7. Flower picking is not allowed. Flowers should remain for insects and birds.

8. Specimen, rock or fossil collecting is not allowed. Observe the geological features. Fossil-rich, Ordovician-age limestone, shale, waterfalls and a cascading stream may be 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.

9. Hunting is not allowed.

10. Turtle feeding is allowed only at Powel Crosley Lake from the Rowe Visitor Center.

11. Wading and fishing are not allowed.

12. Natural gas and petroleum exploration is allowed only at Matt’s Pond with a Nature Center dipping net and pond pack available at the visitor center.

13. Pond exploration is allowed only at Matt’s Pond with a Nature Center dipping net and pond pack available at the visitor center.

14. Use designated trailheads only.

15. Children 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

16. Weapons, including concealed firearms, are prohibited

17. Bicycles are not allowed.

18. Because hammocking can be harmful to trees, it is only permitted on the Hammock Hangout posts found on Harmony Ridge. Hammocks are available for check-out at (513) 965-4245, Dashed arrows

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