

Shenk's Ferry



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Directions to Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve

From Lancaster:

Take New Danville Pike to Conestoga, veer left onto River Corner Road at the post office. After 1.3 miles you will come to River Road. Go straight across River Road to Shenk's Ferry Road. Turn left at Green Hill Road. Follow this road through the tunnel and bear left 200 feet past the tunnel. The trailhead is located next to Grubb Run.

From York, Wrightsville and Columbia:

Take Route 30 east to Route 441 south. Route 441 south becomes River Road at Washington Borough. Follow River Road all the way to the Safe Harbor Power Plant entrance. Continue on River Road and take the second right-hand turn, 2 miles after the plant entrance, onto Shenk's Ferry Road. Turn left at Green Hill Road. Follow this road through the tunnel and bear left 200 feet past the tunnel. The trailhead is located next to Grubb Run.

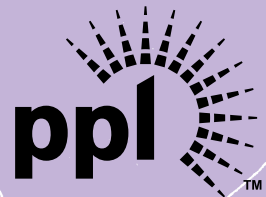
Approaching from the south:

From Route 372 (southern end of the Holtwood Environmental Preserve) take River Road north on the Lancaster County side. At the intersection of Route 324, turn left and travel over the Pequea Creek, and make an immediate right after the bridge onto River Road. Continue 2 miles and turn left onto Shenk's Ferry Road. (Note: PPL directional signs). Turn left at Green Hill Road. Follow this road through the tunnel and bear left 200 feet past the tunnel. The trailhead is located next to Grubb Run.



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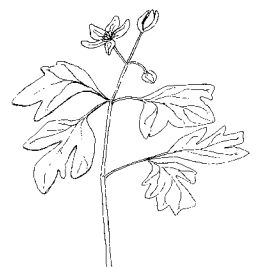
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JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT



BLUE COHOSH



BLOODROOT



WILD GERANIUM



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Shenk's Ferry is one of the most impressive wildflower sanctuaries in the eastern United States, and PPL takes pride in preserving the wooded glen in

Spring Beauty



buildings and surrounding woods. The victims were buried at the nearby Colemanville United Methodist Church. Their graves are identified with the inscription "our boys."

Please help PPL to preserve this unique botanical area by observing the following rules:

- Stay on the trails. Do not walk on the plants.
- Do not dig up or remove any plants, seeds or fruit.
- Place trash in the receptacle provided at the trailhead.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Camping is not permitted.
- Horseback riding and mountain bikes are not allowed.
- Shooting of firearms is permitted only during hunting seasons.
- Return all unwanted literature to brochure box at trailhead.
- All dogs must be leashed and controlled by their owners at all times.
- Parents - Please teach your children to respect this natural area.
- Photographers - First, do not harm! No photograph is worth destroying beauty.

This is a fragile site, and PPL is concerned with preserving all the species of wildflowers. Littering, target shooting, removal of any parts of plants and dirt bike riding can damage the wildflowers. These are all illegal acts, subject to prosecution. If you witness any of these activities, please report them to the Environmental Preserve Office.

Dutchman's Breeches



southern Lancaster County as part of its Holtwood Environmental Preserve.

The 50-acre sanctuary is best known for its extensive variety of spring woodland flowers. It supports more than 70 species that bloom from mid-March until the end of May and another 60 species of flowers that bloom in summer and fall. Some common varieties include Dutchman's breeches, wild geranium, wild ginger, Virginia bluebells, mayapple, trillium and spring beauty.

In addition to its abundant natural resources, Shenk's Ferry is rich in pre-colonial and colonial history.

Native Americans lived in villages scattered throughout Lancaster County in the 1300s and 1400s, occupying a community of three or four lodges at Shenk's Ferry. The ravine provided protection from extreme weather and the neighboring Susquehanna tribe.

Later, European colonists came to Shenk's Ferry and established a charcoal briquette plant, an iron ore mine and a dynamite factory. Well known locally, the dynamite factory exploded on June 9, 1906, killing 11 men and leveling all of the

Partial Listing of Wildflowers Found at the Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve * Occurs in other color variations

RED FLOWERS

Columbine
Golden Saxifrage (very tiny)
Wood Betony (Lousewort)

PEAK BLOOMING PERIOD

April
April
May

WHITE FLOWERS

Aniseroot April
Bloodroot March - April
Broad-leaved Waterleaf April
Chickweeds (several varieties) March
Cleavers April
Dutchman's Breeches April
Dwarf Ginseng April
Early Saxifrage April
False Solomon's Seal May
Garlic Mustard April
Hepatica* April
Lyre-leaved Rock Cress April
Mayapple May
Miterwort (Bishop's Cap) April
Pennsylvania Bitter Cress April
Queen Anne's Lace June
Rue Anemone April
Shepherd's Purse May
Smooth Rock Cress May
Spring Cress April
Squirrel Corn April
Sweet Cicely April
Trillium (Erect)* April
Virginia Waterleaf* May
White Violet April
Whitlow Grass April
Wild Stonecrop May
Wild Strawberry May
Wood Anemone April
Yarrow May

GREEN FLOWERS

Alumroot April
Blue Cohosh April
Clearweed July
False Nettle July
Great Solomon's Seal May
Green Violet May
Jack-in-the-Pulpit April
Skunk Cabbage March

Stinging Nettle June
True Solomon's Seal May
Wood Nettle June

PINK FLOWERS

Bouncing Bet July
Cut-leaved Toothwort April
Robin's Plantain (Fleabane) May
Spring Beauty* April
Wild Bergamot June
Wild Geranium* April

YELLOW FLOWERS

Black-eyed Susan June
Black Mustard May
Celandine May
Cinquefoils (several varieties) May
Colt's Foot April
Common Mullein June
Common Winter Cress April
Dandelion March
False Hellebore May
Golden Ragwort April
Indian Strawberry May
Jerusalem Artichoke August
Kidney-leaved Buttercup April
Pale Touch-me-not (Jewelweed) July
Puttyroot May
Small-flowered Leaf Cup June
Smooth Yellow Violet April
Spicebush April
Trout Lily* April
Yellow Corydalis April

BROWN FLOWERS

Wild Ginger April

ORANGE FLOWERS

Day Lily June
Spotted Touch-me-not (Jewelweed) July

BLUE OR PURPLE FLOWERS

Corn Salad April
Dead Nettle April
Field Pansy April
Gill-over-the-ground (Ground Ivy) April
Grape Hyacinth April
Heal All May
Henbit* April
Quaker Ladies (Bluets) April
Pennywort April
Speedwells (several varieties) April
Venus' Looking Glass May
Violets* (several varieties) April
Virginia Bluebells* April
Wild Blue Phlox April