

Location: Borough of Fox Chapel, Allegheny County

Size: 131 acres

Dates acquired: 1976-1986

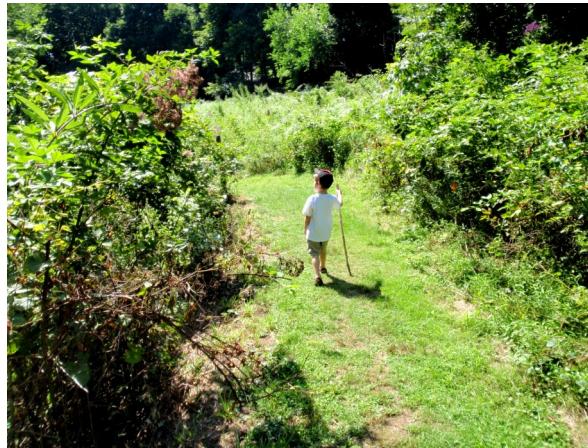
Notable features: Mature forest, meadow, shrubland, pond, trails, nature center

Recreational activities (see inside for details): Hiking, wildlife watching

Directions: Beechwood Farms is located on Dorseyville Road in the Borough of Fox Chapel. From Route 28, turn north onto Route 8 (toward Butler). At the first light, turn right onto Kittaning Road. Continue for 4.5 miles (Kittaning Road will become Dorseyville Road). Beechwood will be on the left.

Beechwood's address is 614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238-1618

Description: Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve is one of the largest private nature reserves in the Pittsburgh region. Managed by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania under an agreement with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, the reserve offers visitors the chance to explore diverse natural communities along well-marked trails. These communities include varying stages of mixed deciduous forest, an old conifer plantation, cleared meadows, shrubland, and a small manmade pond surrounded by wetland vegetation. Associated Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania facilities include educational classrooms, the Audubon Nature Store, a natural history library, an auditorium, and a native plant center.



BEECHWOOD FARMS NATURE RESERVE



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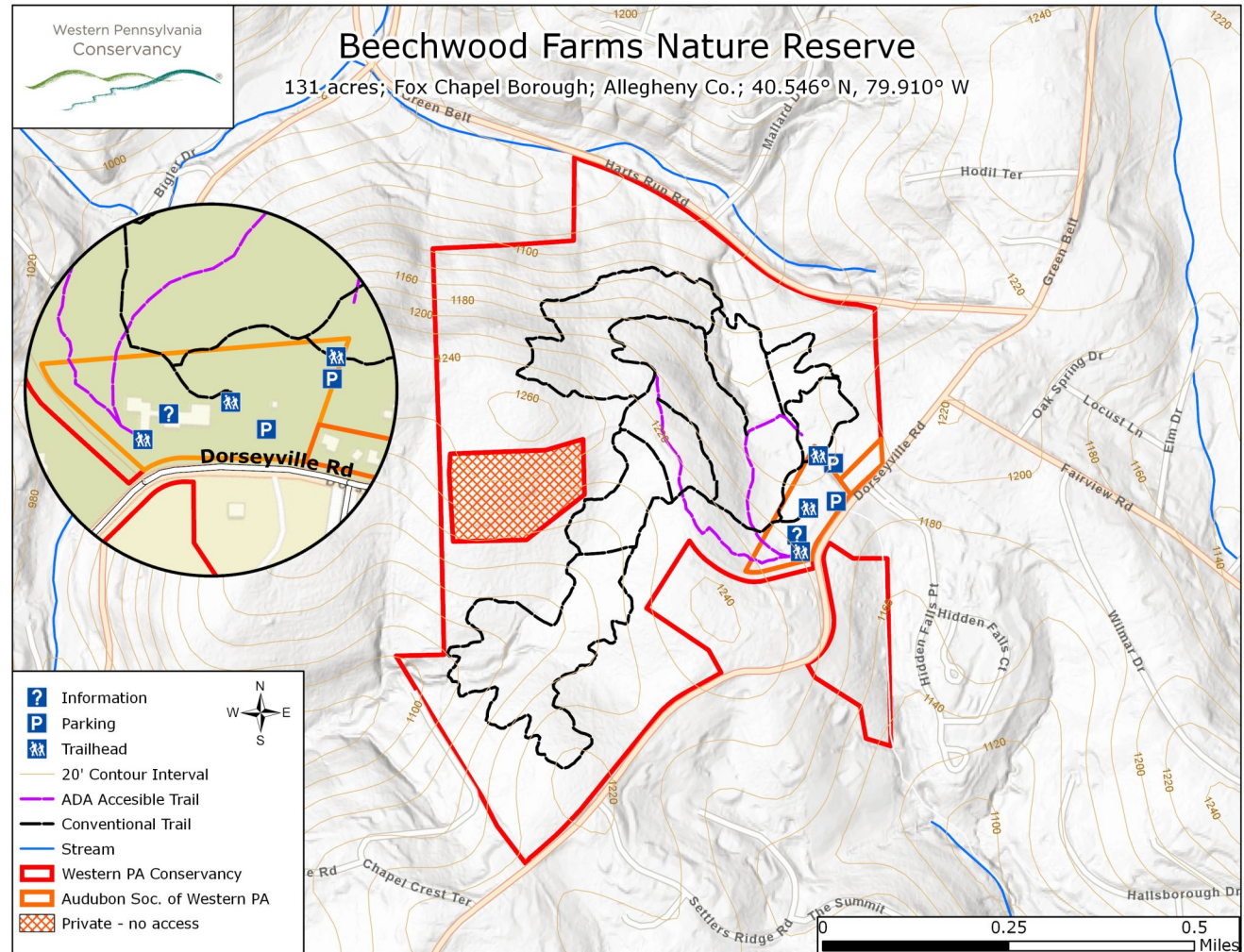
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Recreational activities: From the parking area, five miles of trails traverse the varied natural communities located throughout the reserve. **Wildlife** that may be encountered include white-tailed deer, eastern cottontail, raccoon, and red fox. Canada geese and mallards frequent the pond. The Tree Top Lookout (pictured above) gives visitors a birds'-eye view of the forest.

Background: In 1903, State Sen. William Flinn acquired more than 350 acres on both sides of Dorseyville Road, and named the property Beechwood Farms. Some of this property was acquired by Rachel Mellon Walton in 1951. Beginning in the 1970s, portions were donated to Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and, in 1977, the property became headquarters for the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. In 1989, the Conservancy conveyed a four-acre parcel containing the nature center and parking lot to the Audubon Society.



An agreement between the two organizations for the land still owned by the Conservancy allows the Audubon Society to operate the property as a nature reserve for public outdoor education.

Please note: A carefully managed hunting program to control the deer population may result in trail closures. Please exercise caution and wear blaze orange during hunting season.

When visiting Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve please remember:

- The hiking trails are open from dawn to dusk every day.
- Dogs are not permitted (service animals excepted).
- Bicycles are not permitted.
- Camping is prohibited.
- Collecting (animals, plants, rocks, etc.) is prohibited.