

**Location:** Confluence Borough, Somerset County

**Size:** 40 acres (part of 640-acre Casselman River Conservation Area)

**Date acquired:** 2013

**Notable features:** Forested hillsides along the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) trail, scenic vista (seasonal)

**Recreational activities (see inside for details):** Hiking, wildlife-watching, biking along the nearby GAP, hunting

**Directions:** From PA-281 in Confluence, turn onto River Rd., and follow to the parking lot on the left.

Other portions of the conservation area can be accessed off PA-523/Listonburg Rd., or from several points along the GAP.

**Description:** This 40-acre recreation area protects a forested rise, part of Klondike Ridge, which overlooks the southern edge of the Borough of Confluence, the Casselman River, and the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) trail as it follows the Yougheny River through Laurel Hill. The property is part of the Casselman River Conservation Area, which protects over 600 acres along several sections of the GAP trail and the Casselman River.



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## JOSHUA C. WHETZEL, JR. MEMORIAL RECREATION AREA

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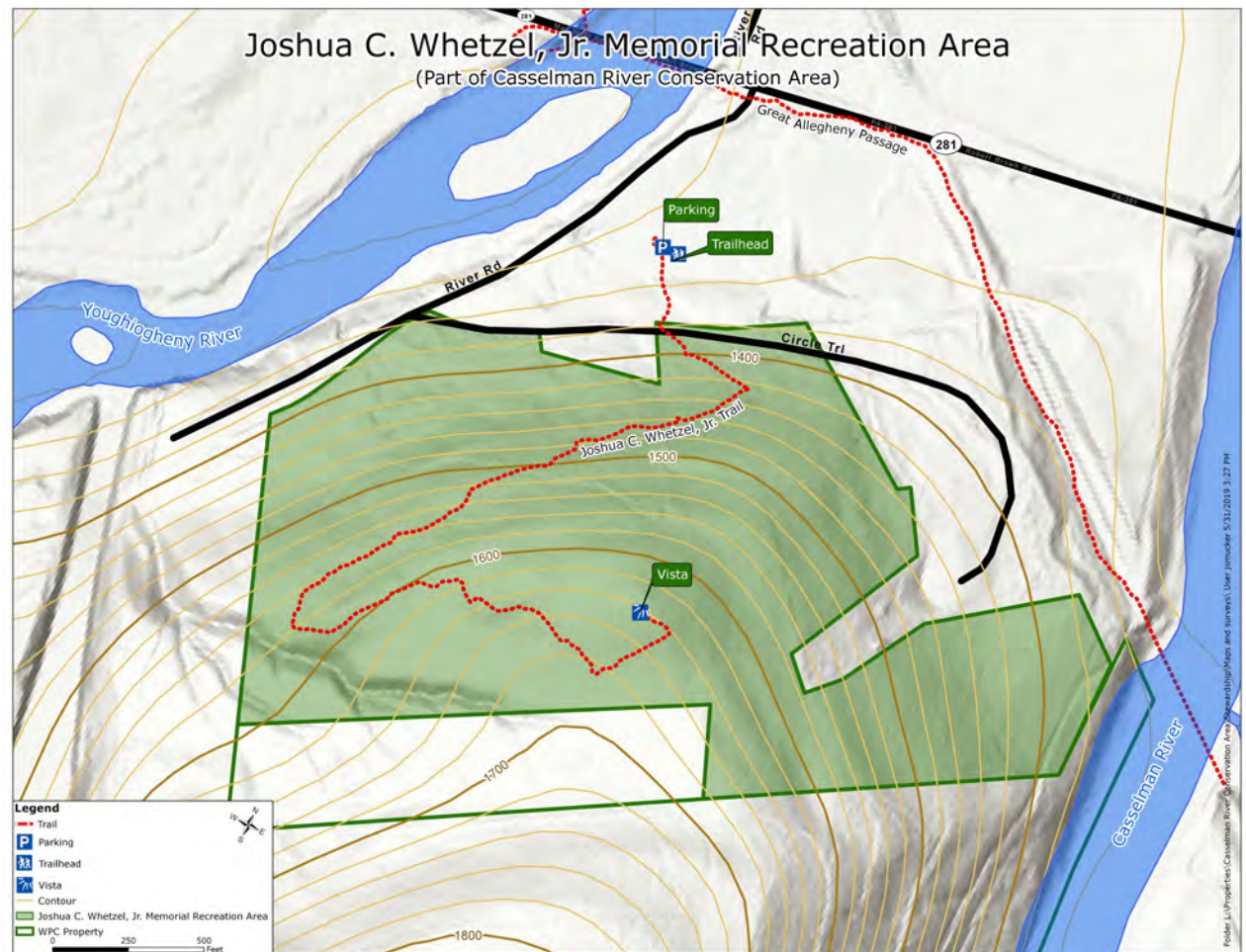
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**Recreational activities:** From the parking area off River Rd., an approximately 1.2-mile (up and back) **hiking trail** leads to a small maintained overlook. Sturdy footwear is recommended. Portions of the trail may be wet.

**Hunting** is permitted except on Sundays. Loaded firearms are prohibited within 50 feet of the GAP. All trapping is prohibited. Please exercise caution and wear blaze orange during hunting season.

**Biking** is permitted on the GAP trail, which passes close by this property. The GAP also passes through or in proximity to other sections of the larger Casselman River Conservation Area.



This property is named in honor of former president and board chair of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Joshua C. Whetzel, Jr., who recognized the value of protecting a former railroad corridor as green space for hiking and biking, and whose efforts led to the preservation of 25 miles along the Youghiogheny River near Ohiopyle, which ultimately became the first segment of the GAP.

When visiting this property, please remember:

- Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- Bicycles are permitted on the GAP trail only.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- All hunting is prohibited on Sundays.
- Dumping/littering is prohibited.
- Dogs must be on a leash.
- Collecting (animals, plants, rocks, etc.) without permission is prohibited.