

Location: Kilbuck and Ohio townships, Allegheny County, PA

Size: 369 acres

Dates acquired: 1977-2018

Notable features: Mature maple/beech/oak forest, streams

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

Directions: From PA-65, turn north onto Toms Run Road. Follow for approximately 0.7 mile. **Do not follow the road uphill to the left.** Rather, continue straight for 0.4 mile to the parking lot on the left.

Description: Toms Run Nature Reserve is a destination for those seeking solitude and a connection with the natural world - a semi-wilderness experience in an area surrounded by increasing development and close to a major city - where residents can walk their dogs, families and small groups can take a vigorous hike or seek out a geocache, and kids can jump across a creek or climb on a log.



TOMS RUN NATURE RESERVE



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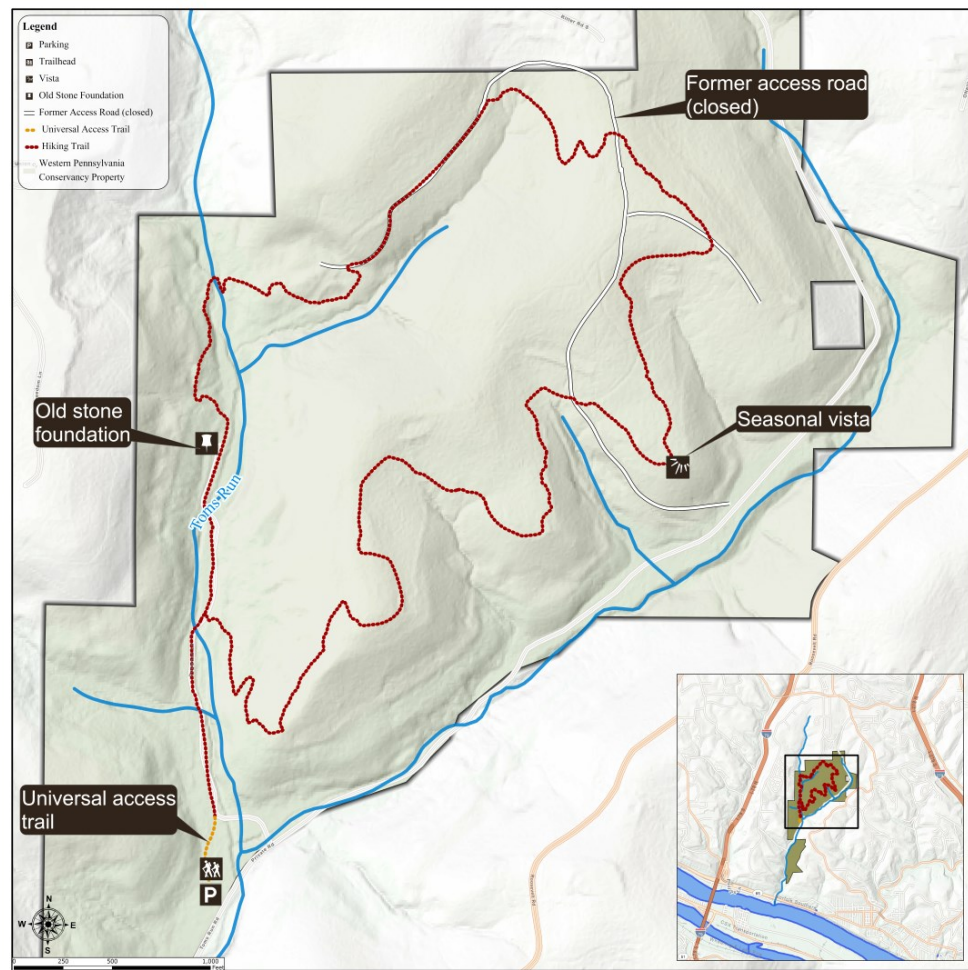


Recreational activities: From the parking area, an approximate 380-foot **universal access pathway** leads into the reserve. From there, a 3-mile loop **hiking trail** leads along a stream bottomland, up a steep forested slope, and across a dry upland plateau.

Wildlife watching: A variety of birds can be observed, especially during spring and fall migrations. Species include: Acadian flycatcher, yellow-throated warbler, pileated woodpecker, Baltimore oriole, scarlet tanager, wood thrush, and eastern wood pewee.

Pictured above, look for mounds associated with the Allegheny mound ant on the upland plateau.

Hunting is permitted except on Sundays. All visitors should exercise caution and wear blaze orange during hunting season (approximately mid-September through late January, and May [spring turkey season]). Trapping is prohibited.



The Conservancy first began protecting the Toms Run valley in 1977. After years of effort to remediate impacts associated with residential and industrial activities (which included the removal of houses, tire dumps, and abandoned oil/gas wells), a parking area and trail system were completed in 2020.



When visiting Toms Run Nature Reserve, please remember:

- All vehicles, including bicycles, are prohibited.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- All hunting is prohibited on Sundays.
- Dumping/littering is prohibited.
- Dogs must be on a leash or under control at all times.
- Camping and fires are prohibited.
- Collecting (animals, plants, rocks, etc.) without permission is prohibited.