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# TRAIL *Descriptions*

## SPRING HOLLOW (.45 miles)

This trail passes through a variety of habitats, hardwood forest, stream hollow, pond, meadow, where you will see plants native to the Ohio Valley. Stop by the treehouse for a bird's eye view of the forest. With easy walking in all weather, this is a good trail for families.

## UPPER FIELDS (.20 miles)

The Upper Fields trail connects the lower meadow by the nature center to the upper meadow on the hill. It passes through an edge habitat between the meadow and forest—often a good place to see birds. This is a great place to see lightning bugs on a warm summer evening.

# GOLDENROD (.14 miles)

Named for the flowers that paint the area gold in autumn, Goldenrod passes from field to forest amidst grasses, berry bushes, shrubs and young trees. Look for galls on Goldenrod stems.

# TODDLER (.11 miles)

A short, hilly trail connecting Spring Hollow Walk to the top of Oak Forest Trail by the pond.

#### OAK FOREST (.53 miles)

See the ecosystem of a young, regenerating forest, which was once home to hay fields and farm worker's homes. At the top of the hill, look for large mature oak trees. This is a slightly bumpy and hilly trail.

#### VIOLET (.13 miles)

Narrow and steep in places, Violet leads over the damp floor of a mixed hardwood forest on the hillside above a stream. Look for tracks in the mud.

#### MEADOWVIEW (.41 miles)

Hilly, but well maintained, this trail passes through fields, thickets and the tip of a pine stand.

## WOODLAND (.51 miles)

Narrow, steep and shady. Large snags, once huge mature oaks, are now home to a variety of insects, birds, and mammals. Virginia Creeper and grapevines weave throughout the branches, while ferns and other green plants grow on the forest floor. Your nose will clue you in to the pine stand.

#### PINE HOLLOW (.91 miles)

Pine Hollow is the longest and most rigorous trail at Beechwood. Narrow and hilly, it branches off Meadowview to wind through fields, a shady forest of mixed hardwoods and conifers, and an old pine plantation. Listen to the wind in the pines.

## TRAIL GUIDELINES

The trails are open dawn to dusk 365 days a year, free of charge. Respect plants and animals by leaving them in their natural habitat and by staying on the trail.

Please leave your pets at home (service animals permitted). No bikes or motorized vehicles permitted.

All outdoor activities involve some risk, including falling trees and branches, wet or slippery conditions, and interactions with animals and insects. In using the trails at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, you are agreeing to assume those risks and to hold harmless Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania for those risks.

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