

CENTRE REGION PARKS & RECREATION – “Your Recreation Destination!”

The Nature Center is operated by Centre Region Parks and Recreation, an agency of the Centre Region Council of Governments, and the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, an IRS designated 501(c)3 organization. For more information, please contact Centre Region Parks and Recreation at 814-231-3071 or www.crpr.org.

EARLY HISTORY

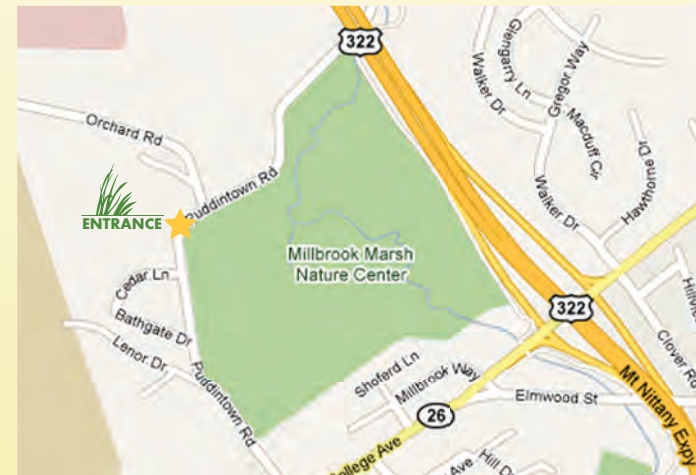
Most of the Nature Center property is part of the Houserville Archaeological District, which contains many prehistoric Native American sites. The most common evidence of prehistoric people living here are stone flakes, primarily jasper, produced as waste during the manufacture of stone tools, such as projectile points, drills and scrapes. The jasper source may have been discovered as early as 8000 B.C. A hearth, also found on site, was radiocarbon dated; the result was 745 years A.D., plus or minus 80 years.

DONATIONS

Generous community donations have contributed greatly to meeting the goals for developing Millbrook Marsh Nature Center into an innovative regional nature center. For information on opportunities to support the center, please contact us!

LOCATION

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center is located at 548 Puddintown Road, State College, PA 16801
GPS Coordinates: 40.8129' N; 77.83865' W



CONTACT INFO

For directions and information, please visit

www.MyMillbrookMarsh.org

or www.crpr.org

Phone (814) 235-7819 Fax (814) 272-1608

crpr@crcog.net



Centre Region Parks & Recreation MILLBROOK MARSH NATURE CENTER

In the heart of Central Pennsylvania's Happy Valley



www.crpr.org

www.MyMillbrookMarsh.org

All photos taken by
CRPR staff except
as marked.



OVERVIEW

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center is located in the heart of Central Pennsylvania – at 548 Puddintown Road, State College – and is a family friendly location to enjoy the outdoors and learn about this protected ecosystem. The beautiful 62 acres at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center provide a unique wetlands setting to explore and enjoy!

The wetlands, forests and meadows of Millbrook Marsh are home to many species of plants and animals that can be seen while exploring the boardwalks and paths at the center. Over 50 species of songbirds, as well as hawks and blue herons, have been sighted at the marsh. Millbrook Marsh is transected by three streams that join Spring Creek near the popular Spring Creek Park. Bathgate Springs Run, Thompson Run, and Slab Cabin Run offer unique wildlife viewing and nature education opportunities. Activities at the center take place in a restored 1850's bank barn and the new LEED Certified Spring Creek Education Building. The 50-acre wetland area at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center showcases several important types of wetlands, including natural springs and a calcareous fen.

The Mission

The Mission of Millbrook Marsh Nature Center is to educate and inspire people about the natural world, and to instill a passion for the environment through science, history, culture and art.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Millbrook Marsh Nature Center grounds are open from dawn to dusk, 7 days a week for day-use recreation such as hiking, bird watching, picnicking, etc. The barn and the Spring Creek Education Building at the nature center are open during scheduled public or private programs or posted hours, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the grounds when the buildings are not open. Admission to the center is free! (Programs and scheduled activities may incur a small fee.)

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center provides great educational and recreational programs, including programs for the public, for children, and for groups & school districts:

- Nature Programs for Young Children
- Puddle Jumpers – a Nature Play program for Pre-schoolers
- Guided Discovery Programs for Youth
- Exciting Summer Camps, including Fly Fishing and Canoe Camps
- Family Programs
- Special Events: Earth Day Birthday (April) & Historic Harvest Festival (Nov)
- Curriculum based Marsh Explorations for Schools & Groups
- Programs for Homeschool Families and Scout Groups
- Birthday Parties for Children
- Rentals Opportunities including the Barn, Picnic Pavilion, and the Spring Creek Education Building
- Wedding Rental Packages

For a complete list of programs and activities, visit www.MyMillbrookMarsh.org.



What can I do when I visit Millbrook Marsh Nature Center?

- Walk on the boardwalk
- Bring a picnic lunch
- Walk a dog (on a leash, please)
- Watch wildlife and birds
- Paint, sketch, draw, photograph
- Hike or run
- Enjoy nature
- Attend a program or activity
- Reserve the pavilion or classroom for a group activity
- Rent the barn for a wedding or a reception



Important Rules:

- Please stay on the trails and the boardwalk
- Permits are required in advance for any group use of the site
- Bikes must be walked on the boardwalk
- Refrain from cutting, removing or disturbing vegetation
- Please do not litter
- No alcoholic beverages
- Please respect the wild creatures and natural areas
- Hunting and trapping is prohibited
- Dogs must be kept on a leash; owners must clean up after the dogs
- All research projects must be approved in advance



"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions." -Oliver Wendell Holmes

