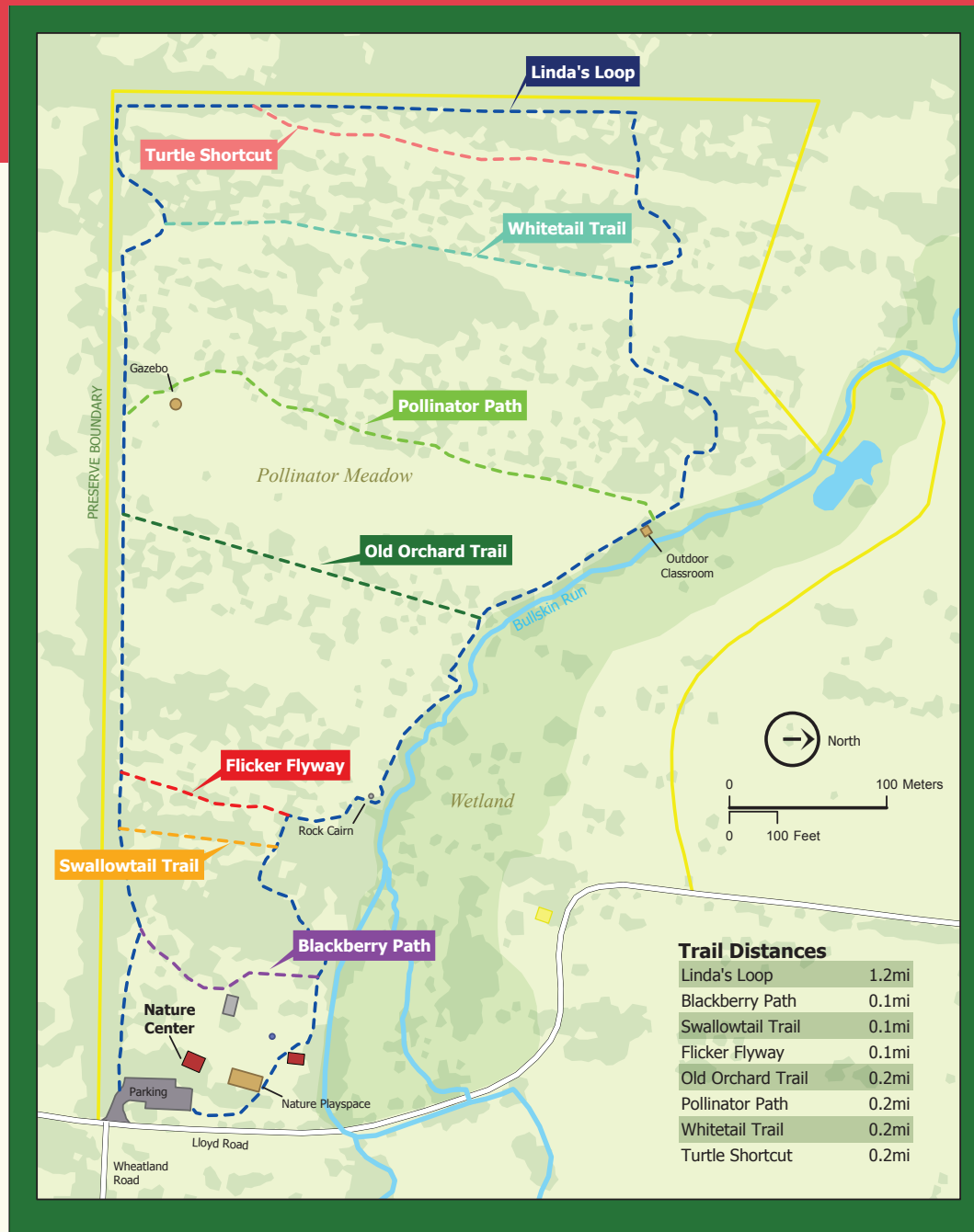


Cool Spring Preserve

Cool Spring Preserve

Jefferson County, WV



For more information contact:

Potomac Valley Audubon Society

PO Box 578

Shepherdstown, WV 25443

681-252-1387

Admin@PotomacAudubon.org

For more information please visit our website:

www.PotomacAudubon.org

Welcome to the Cool Spring Preserve!

This 63-acre nature preserve, owned and operated by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS), is fully protected by a Conservation Easement held by the West Virginia Land Trust. Cool Spring Preserve is the headquarters for PVAS and the home of our Nature Center. The primarily wooded preserve is bordered on one side by the Bullskin Run and a globally rare marl marsh.



The Cool Spring Story

The property that is now Cool Spring Preserve was first surveyed in 1734. Originally part of a 1,222-acre tract, it became divided up over the years. George Washington purchased a third of the tract, and the remaining land went to two brothers, Abraham and Joshua Haines. The Cool Spring lands remained in the Haines family until the early 1800s. Thereafter, the property was owned and farmed by various families and businesses, including Jefferson Orchards, Inc.

In 1998, John Rayburn and Linda Case purchased the property. Ms. Case went on to found CraftWorks at Cool Spring in 2008, a non-profit dedicated to using the arts, nature and sustainability to connect people to the environment and their communities. CraftWorks donated the property to PVAS in the fall of 2016 and Cool Spring Preserve was established.



A Rare Find

Cool Spring Preserve features a mixture of habitats including mixed hardwood forest, a pollinator meadow, and a marl soil marsh, the Shenandoah Valley Wet Prairie Marsh. Only 100 acres of this marsh type are known to exist globally. The Cool Spring marsh hosts over 182 different plant species, 18 of which are rare in West Virginia. Natural springs contribute to the Bullskin Run, which flows through Cool Spring before emptying into the Potomac River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

Due to the presence of rare plants on the preserve and overall ecological diversity, Cool Spring is an important habitat to conserve. PVAS is proud to steward this unique landscape, but our success is dependent on public support. We ask visitors to stay on the trails and practice leave no trace principles.

Location & Directions

The preserve is located at 1469 Lloyd Rd., Charles Town in south Jefferson County, West Virginia.

Driving south on 340 toward Berryville, turn right onto Wheatland Rd. (WVA Rd 340/2). Continue down Wheatland Rd. for about 2 miles. The road will end at Lloyd Rd. Directly across from this intersection is the entrance to Cool Spring Preserve.

More about PVAS

PVAS is dedicated to preserving, restoring and enjoying the natural world through education and action. To learn more about our programs, activities and membership, go to www.PotomacAudubon.org

Please Help Us Keep the Preserve Clean and Safe!

- Please be sure to carry out any trash and leave the preserve as you found it.
- To avoid trampling sensitive habitat and spreading weeds, please stay on the trails.
- Motorized vehicles and horses are not permitted on the preserve property.
- Dogs must remain on a leash and are not allowed in the stream.
- Possession or use of alcohol is not permitted.
- Hunting and fishing are prohibited.
- Swimming is not permitted.