

KEEP
LANCASTER
WILD



Susquehanna trillium
Trillium flexipes



Cutleaf toothwort
Cardamine concatenata



Dutchman's breeches
Dicentra cucullaria



Red columbine
Aquilegia canadensis



Squirrel corn
Dicentra canadensis



False Solomon's seal
Maianthemum racemosum



Spring beauty
Claytonia virginica



Virginia bluebells
Mertensia virginica

Help Lancaster Conservancy
Protect and Restore our Natural Lands.

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www.lancasterconservancy.org

PROTECT NATURAL LANDS

At the Conservancy, our job is to find, fund, preserve, and maintain natural lands in Lancaster and York Counties so that the community and visitors to the region can enjoy them for years to come.

RESTORE NATURE

The Conservancy manages 46 nature preserves and 69 conservation easements, over 7,000 acres in total. Our preserves are managed to create habitat for animals, to protect plants and trees, and to provide public access to nature.

ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY

Through educational programs, volunteer opportunities, and partnerships, the Conservancy engages and activates community members of all ages to protect and restore natural lands.

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117 S. West End Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603
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Providing wild and forested lands and clean waterways for our community, forever.

Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve



Wild geranium
Geranium maculatum

PHOTO: KERRY GIVENS

Help us protect this beautiful preserve!
Leave what you find. Don't injure or remove native plants, natural objects, or cultural artifacts.



Bloodroot
Sanguinaria canadensis



Woodland phlox
Phlox divaricata



Smooth yellow violet
Viola pubescens var. *scabriuscula*,
Viola eriocarpa



Roundlobe hepatica
Hepatica nobilis Schreb. var. *obtusa*



Mayapple
Podophyllum peltatum



Yellow Trout Lily
Erythronium americanum



Golden ragwort
Packera aurea



Jack-in-the-pulpit
Arisaema triphyllum

Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve

COORDINATES:
39.902012, -76.366648

ADDRESS:
Green Hill Road, Conestoga, PA
Parking. Kiosk. Trails.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ▶ Closed from dusk to dawn
- ▶ Use of preserve is at visitor's own risk
- ▶ Stay on marked trails
- ▶ Respect our neighbors
- ▶ No camping or overnight parking
- ▶ No motorized vehicles
- ▶ Leave no trace—carry out what you carry in
- ▶ Pets must be on leash
- ▶ No open fires (including fireworks, smoking and grilling)
- ▶ No alcohol or illegal substances
- ▶ No drones, game cameras, or amplified sounds
- ▶ No taking of mineral, fossil, or archeological specimens
- ▶ No disturbance, removal, or injury of native plants
- ▶ Hunting is only permitted on authorized preserves. PA Game Commission Rules and Regulations apply and are Strictly Enforced
- ▶ Events that include 15 people or more require Conservancy approval. See our website for details.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CALL 911

Nearest Hospital:
Penn Medicine Lancaster General Hospital
555 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602
(12.9 miles away)

LANCASTER CONSERVANCY Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve Trail Map



Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve is renowned as one of the most impressive wildflower sanctuaries in the eastern United States.



MARK KAISER

Tucked into the river hills of southern Lancaster County, over 70 species of wildflowers and 50 species of birds make their home in this sheltered ravine cut by Grubb Creek.

This Preserve has a long human history spanning thousands of years, from the site of what was a Native American village (now registered on the National Register of Historic Places) to the mills, railroads and other 19th century European industries that lined the Lower Susquehanna. In 1906 this was a place of a well-known local tragedy when a dynamite factory exploded, killing 11 men whose graves at a nearby church bear the inscription "our boys".

At over 90 acre, this preserve has a relatively flat and smooth one mile trail that is welcoming to visitors not familiar with hiking. The wildflower season can stretch from March through June, but the peak season tends to fall in April and May. Because of its regional popularity among botanists, photographers and nature lovers, the Lancaster Conservancy recommends visiting the preserve during the weekdays during peak season and strongly reminds people to follow all posted rules and regulations to ensure that this fragile and beautiful preserve and the historic resources it protects are not harmed.