TRAIL DESCRIPTONS

LOOP TRAIL: RED This trail leads through various forest habitats, including rock-strewn upland oak-hickory, the edge of hemlock ravines, and young red maple stands where there were once farm fields. Splits at the pond. One-way trail, with one option to join Loop Trail after about 0.5 mile.

INDIAN PIPE TRAIL: WHITE Named after the small, evergreen, polypody fern that grows on huge boulders along the western section of this trail. Intersected by Indian Pipe Trail, the eastern segment is level through young forest of red maple and black birch. Walking Time: Approximately 30 minutes (0.5 mile).

RAVINE TRAIL: PURPLE This trail follows an old logging road built in late 1950's that led to the location of the former Shoop Homestead. You will begin in an early successional forest with species such as big-toothed aspen. Areas of trail may be wet after rain. Walking Time: Approximately 60 minutes (1.0 mile).

WHITE – PURPLE/YELLOW WHITE/RED ROCKY TRAIL Meanders through former meadows that were once farm fields, but have now reverted to crabapple thickets and young aspen-red maple forests. Splits at the pond for the mountain meadow path. Crossing two one-way trails at the pond. Walking Time: Approximately 10 minutes (0.1 mile). One-way trail, with one option to join Loop Trail.

WHITE/RED ROCKY TRAIL This trail explores the newest addition to Todd, the site which appears on the forest floor in early July, and one or two medium-sized maple that provide shade. When many hemlock trees were cut down after being killed by a lopper moth outbreak. Gentle grade with few rocks. Walking Time: Approximately 10 minutes (0.1 mile). One-way trail, with one option to join Loop Trail.

Hemaploc Rail: GREEN This trail leads from the upland forest to shady streamside. Intersected by a small bridge that leads to the former Shoop Homestead. You will begin in an early successional forest with species such as big-toothed aspen. Areas of trail may be wet after rain. Walking Time: Approximately 15 minutes (0.3 mile).

WARBLER TRAIL: BLUE This trail leads through various forest habitats, including rock-strewn upland oak-hickory, the edge of hemlock ravines, and young red maple stands where there were once farm fields. Splits at the pond. One-way trail, with one option to join Loop Trail after about 0.5 mile.

POND TRAIL: YELLOW When approached from the road, this trail begins at a vernal pool, a seasonal wetland with unique flora. The area is adjacent to the playground: pool in the 1880's. Rocky portions, one stream crossing, which may require wading or challenging rock-hopping. Caution: rocks can be slippery. Walking Time: Approximately 20 minutes (0.3 mile). One-way trail, with one option to join Loop Trail.

POLYPOD TRAIL: ORANGE Named after the small, evergreen, polypody fern that grows on huge boulders along the western section of this trail. Intersected by Indian Pipe Trail, the eastern segment is level through young forest of red maple and black birch. Walking Time: Approximately 15 minutes (0.5 mile).

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In 1942, W. E. Clyde Todd (1874−1969), the Curator of Birds at Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, donated the first parcel of land that was to become Todd Nature Reserve. The land, a portion of his grandfather’s farm, was the place where Todd’s passion for birds began. Today, there are 220 secluded acres of forest and numerous streams in the reserve, and over five miles of walking trails.

When visiting Todd Nature Reserve, take only photographs; leave only footprints. Visit aswp.org for information about Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania’s events and education programs.

Our History

Become a Member

Legend:

- Wooded
- Stream/Pond
- Private Property
- PARKING

DONATE ONLINE ANYTIME AT ASWP.ORG