TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

CATBIRD LOOP: BLUE
This loop is named for the Catbird, which frequents the area during its breeding season. The successional field habitat contains thick stands of Grey Dogwood and Arrowwood Viburnum. A Cattail marsh, where many birds nest, runs along the western section. There’s also a small open area that allows a 360 degree view of maples and willows.
Length: 0.3 miles
Walking Time: 10 minutes

CONNECTOR TRAIL: GREEN
Running alongside the back pond, this trail is a place to see turtles, dragonflies, and frogs. Grey Birch trees dominate the pond’s edge and provide a nearly year-round food source for birds.
Length: 0.1 miles
Walking Time: Less than 5 minutes

OLD FIELD LOOP: PURPLE
This loop includes a riparian zone and a dense grove of Walnut Trees where, during spring and summer, Praying Mantis egg cases and wild strawberries may be found. The enormous coppiced white pine trees are remnants of the land’s past use—serving as a wind break between fields.
Length: 0.35 miles
Walking Time: 15 minutes

WHITE PINE TRAIL: YELLOW
This trail threads through a wooded area with thick stands of Eastern White Pine and Red Maples. There is a vernal pool that provides seasonal habitat for toads and tree frogs to lay their eggs. Young Ash trees also grow under the forest canopy.
Length: 0.3 miles
Walking Time: 10 minutes

POND TRAIL: ORANGE
Starting at the T.W. Phillips Barn, this trail skirts the nature play area and loops around the front pond. Belted Kingfishers and Great Blue Herons frequent the pond in search of food.
Length: 0.35 miles
Walking Time: 15 minutes

BUTTERFLY TRAIL: RED
Wild animal tracks abound on this trail. Goldenrod flowers are abundant in late summer—as are the calls of Eastern Towhees. During mid-to-late summer, look for Monarch Butterflies near the milkweed, the only plants on which these butterflies lay eggs. This trail has numerous species of trees, including Larch, Hickory, Sassafras, and Flowering Dogwood.
Length: 0.25 miles
Walking Time: 10 minutes

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Succop Nature Park dates back to John Maharg, who settled in Penn Township in 1805 when he received a deed for a farm that would encompass the property. In 1921, the home and property were sold to T.W. Phillips Jr., son of the founder of T.W. Phillips Gas and Oil Company. The house eventually passed to Phillips’ daughter Margaret and her husband, A. Craig Succop. At the time, the estate was a working farm with chickens, cows, and horses—and the public was invited to use the property for picnics and to collect fresh eggs from the onsite hens.

The Succop’s eldest son Tom and his wife Jo Ann acquired the family estate in the late 1990s and donated the estate to the Butler County Community College Education Foundation in 2001. Succop Nature Park was owned by the foundation until 2011 when Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania acquired the property.

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