Description of Nature Trails

(TRAILS OPEN FROM DAWN TO DUSK)

TOWPATH TRAIL

1 mile • easy, level trail • covered with Pathway mix • not ADA accessible

This trail provides views of the lake and remnants of the Pennsylvania Canal. It links with Wildwood Way to form a 3.1 mile loop around the Lake. Bicycles are permitted on this trail.

WILDWOOD WAY

2.1 miles • moderately difficult with several long hills • blacktop • ADA accessible (with assistance on hills)

Part of the Capital Area Greenbelt, it features a variety of upland habitats including a meadow. There are three trailheads: North Lot, South Lot and the Nature Center Lot. Wildwood Way combined with the Towpath forms the 3.1 mile loop around the lake. The southern 0.3 mile leg of Wildwood Way is also the vehicular entrance to the Nature Center. Please be aware of traffic. Bicycles, skateboards and roller blades are permitted on this trail.

DELTA BOARDWALK

0.4 mile • easy, level, wooden walkway • ADA accessible

The Delta Boardwalk meanders through a marsh and wet woodland where a variety of wetland and upland birds may be seen. The marsh is an important nesting area for wetland birds such as Canada geese, various ducks and red-winged blackbirds. Approach the boardwalk from Wildwood Way at the base of the hill behind Olewine Nature Center. The boardwalk is temporarily closed at the east end near Wildwood Way Trail. No bicycles, roller blades or skateboards are permitted on the boardwalk. Bicycles must be walked on the boardwalk.

MEADOW TRAIL

0.2 mile • grassy trail • loops through an open meadow • not ADA accessible

Both trailheads are located on Wildwood Way across from the southern entrance to Tall Timbers Trail. Bicycles are not permitted on this trail.

NORTH BOARDWALK

0.4 mile • does not connect with any other trail so users must return to the trailhead for a hike totaling 0.8 mile • easy, level, wooden walkway • ADA accessible (with assistance)

This boardwalk winds through a wooded flood plain and wetland. Two covered observation areas provide viewing of the lake and wetland. The trailhead is on Wildwood Way north of the Nature Center. Bicycles, skateboards and roller blades are not permitted on the boardwalk.

EAST SHORE TRAIL

0.9 mile • moderately difficult, unimproved, soil trail • wet, muddy areas for much of the year • not ADA accessible

There are two trailheads; one trailhead is on Wildwood Way north of the Nature Center and the other trailhead is located on Wildwood Way approximately 0.5 mile from the pavilion at the North Lot. Bicycles, skateboards and roller blades are not permitted on this trail.

TALL TIMBERS TRAIL

0.25 mile • difficult, unimproved soil trail that drops from a ridge into a gorge and then climbs up a steep incline to another ridge • not ADA accessible

This trail has two trailheads; one is directly across Wildwood Way from the northern trailhead of the East Shore Trail; the other is across Wildwood Way from the meadow. Bicycles, skateboards and roller blades are not permitted on this trail.

FOX RUN TRAIL

0.25 mile • primitive, unimproved soil trail • loops through a very wet woodland, crossing over Fox Run and returning to Wildwood Way • not ADA accessible

The two trailheads are only 50 feet apart and are located 0.4 mile from the pavilion at the North Lot. Bicycles, skateboards and roller blades are not permitted on this trail.



