

WELCOME
TO
PINEY RUN PARK
& NATURE CENTER
TRAIL GUIDE



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WELCOME PET OWNERS!

Piney Run Park LOVES animals, too!
We want every patron (whether human or animal) to have a safe and enjoyable visit.

Remember to always **B.A.R.K.** at our Park!

- B-** Bag all poop
- A-** Always wear a leash
- R-** Respect wildlife
- K-** Know where you can go

FIELD TRAIL - .7 miles

This easy to walk trail meanders through fields and groves of evergreen (Norway Spruce, Scotch Pine and White Pine). It then proceeds to the lake shore and woodland edge habitat. This is an ideal home for deer, groundhog, fox and a variety of birds. In summer it is also a place to look for wildflowers such as Black-eyed Susans, Joe-Pye Weed, Goldenrod, and St. John's Wort.

INDIAN TRAIL - .5 miles

This short-loop type trail was given its name due to the dugout canoe located along the side of the trail. The walk stays within the deciduous oak forest. Blueberry bushes, mountain laurel, and beautiful mosses grace the trail. The path is narrow and not recommended for baby strollers or cross country skiing in the winter.

LAKE TRAIL - .5 miles

This easy-to-walk trail follows the edge of the woods and is pleasantly level and wide. It is a delightful way to reach the Nature Center from the Park's boating and playground areas without encountering cars. Glimpses of the lake can be seen through the trees. Pause for a memorable picture of the reservoir at the Pavilion 1 overview. It will be framed by the wildflower meadow in the foreground.

INLET TRAIL - 3.5 miles

Please pay attention to your trail map and markers when using this trail since there are many paths and spur trails on this walk. The Inlet Trail's paths pass through a wide range of wildlife habitats; from cultivated farmland to bottom land areas; from deciduous oak/hickory forests to white pine groves. Deer and fox are often seen on the more secluded sections of the trails. The Stream Path (GOLDENROD) is the North most path of the Inlet Trail system and borders a stream through the oak/hickory forest. The Wood's Edge Path (WHITE) is a path which borders the edge of the deciduous forest. The Piney Path (PURPLE) is the South most of the Inlet Trail system and cuts through Piney Run Park's pine groves. The White Pine plantation is a perfect spot for a picnic, as it is flat and shaded and offers many wildlife viewing opportunities. The Inlet Trail continues as a loop back to the Nature Center road. On the loop back, you may take a detour on the Lake Trail and stop at Piney Run Park's Nature Center to check out our live animal exhibits!