



TRAIL RULES

- 1. Latodami Nature Center grounds and parking are open from dawn to dusk. The Barn is open during scheduled programs only.
- 2. Picking, disturbing, or defacing plants, animals, and other natural features is prohibited. Fishing and hunting are prohibited.
- 3. Stay on marked trails. Creating side paths disturbs native habitats and causes many issues like erosion.
- 4. Pets must be leashed at all times. Bag and properly dispose of pet waste.
- Mountain bikers should use the designated mountain biking loop for a more enjoyable ride and to avoid sensitive habitats. This loop is marked with bicycle symbols 'So' on the trail maps and at trail intersections.

For more information about environmental programs and volunteer opportunities available through North Park's Latodami Nature Center, please call a Naturalist at 724-935-2170.

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NATURE CENTER RED-NATURE ACCESS TRAIL 0.40 miles, easy, loop

One of the most well-known trails in North Park, the Nature Access Trail is an easy path that winds its way around streams with many educational signs. Originally designed for the visually impaired, a rubber rope will act as a guide throughout the forest. This is a great path for a casual family stroll or picnic among wildflowers.

NATURE CENTER ORANGE TRAIL 0.23 miles, easy, loop

One of the first trails built at Latodami. This route will provide new wildlife experiences as many habitats merge in one visual location. Walk past remnants of the Pig Sty and Turkey Pen, which were purposely located at a distance from the farmhouse to keep away the smell of the animals that were once farmed there.

NATURE CENTER GREEN TRAIL 1.15 miles, moderate, point-to-loop

Choose where to begin! Start from the Latodami Nature Center barn with an uphill climb through old pastures and apple orchards and end with a relaxing walk around the North Field, a 32-acre meadow bursting with wildflowers and pollinators. Or, start from the small parking lot on Reynolds Road and walk the perimeter of the North Field. Once in the North Field, stroll through many reconnecting paths to explore this important meadow habitat that was once cropland for the Latodami Farm. Notice the remains of the windmill which was used in the days before electricity to pump and store water for the farm.

NATURE CENTER BLUE TRAIL 1.2 miles, moderate, loop

This trail winds through a beautiful, mature woodland valley and an early successional forest that was once cropland. Crows can be heard and seen calling and playing during the day in the treetops. Barred Owls have been nesting in this valley since 1999, and Screech Owls are often spotted and heard along this loop.

NATURE CENTER PURPLE TRAIL 0.63 miles, moderate, point-to-point

This trail branches off the Nature Access Trail and continues to wind throughout the forest. The hike begins with an arduous, yet shady, climb up a long, windy hill to take you up to an early successional forest. Look for Hawthorne and Crab Apple trees. This trail intersects with Nature Center Blue Trail two times before heading back down a steep hill. As you walk downhill, notice the invasion of

Japanese Barberry from nearby housing developments. This trail ends with many stream crossings making for important aquatic habitat.

NATURE CENTER PINK-POND TRAIL 0.25 miles, easy, loop

This trail, closest to the Nature Center, is of special interest to children. Stop to look for tracks of raccoon, muskrat, white-tailed deer, and fox and pause to read a series of educational signs on the life in and around the pond.

NATURE CENTER WHITE TRAIL 1.17 miles, moderate, point-to-point

Choose where to begin! Start at the Nature Center barn for a pleasant stroll through successional fields, crossing Grom Run stream in Willow Flycatcher Wetland into our apple orchard, then cross Brown Road into our Monarch Meadow. Continue uphill to cross over the Rachel Carson Trail and enter first Walter Field, then Pigeon Field, both bursting with goldenrod and asters in late summer. Or, start at Pigeon Field and head downhill to the Nature Center barn!

BIKE FRIENDLY TRAILS 50

2.50 miles, loop

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