



**The Mon Valley Trailblazers Club of SW Pennsylvania  
Welcomes You to the  
Raccoon Creek State Park-Wildflower Reserve in Beaver County - YRW**

The Raccoon Creek State Park-Wildflower Reserve 5k and 10K walks are rated 3C and are composed of trails through the Reserve. Over 700 species of flowering plants can be found along the trails in the spring and summer months. The 314 acre tract contains one of the most biodiverse and unique stands of wildflowers. The trails are also beautiful during the fall and winter months. In the spring, the trails may flood so there are alternative trails to walk. The park is open every day of the year and can be walked from sunrise to sunset. The Event is an OSB and a PSB. The physical start box is located in the special stand to the left of the entrance doorway into the Wildflower Interpretive Center.

**Walk Registration:**

Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match. For example, if you register using the OSB, do not complete your event by using the PSB (nor sign the PSB log sheet). The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB." Please use the online start box provided by AVA at website (<https://my.ava.org>). Follow the 'Online Start Box', and the instructions provided to sign a waiver and register for this event. Follow directions to make payments for event credit and directions. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user. There are bathrooms at various locations throughout the walk.

**Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account and select the "Maps / Finish" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

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**Driving Directions:**

**From the NORTH:** Take I-79 South, take Exit 52 to I-376 W, drive to US 30 W, to the entrance to the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center at 482 State Route 30, Clinton, PA.

**From the South:** Take I-79 north to exit 52 to I-376 W, drive to US 30 W, to the entrance to the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center at 482 State Route 30, Clinton, PA.

**From the West:** Follow US 22 E and PA-18 N turning right onto Anderson Hozak Road, turn left onto US 30 W to the entrance to the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center at 482 State Route 30, Clinton, PA.

**From the East:** Follow I-76 W (toll) and I-376 W, drive to US 30 W to the entrance to the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center at 482 State Route 30, Clinton, PA.

**Driving Directions to the Start point:** See the above directions.

**Start Point:**

The Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center, 482 Stat Route 30, Clinton, PA. Walk during daylight hours only.

**Restrooms:**

Restrooms are available behind the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center.

**Emergency Numbers:**

In case of Emergency: Dial 911  
For assistance: Mary Minderlein (717) 658-7128

**These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.**

**Dogs are not permitted on these trails in the Wildflower Reserve or in the Interpretive Center. However, if you walk the alternative trails due to flooding, dogs are permitted in the Raccoon Creek State Park but must be picked up after.**



## Raccoon Creek State Park 5K Trail

Emergency Phone Numbers: Wildlife Reserve Interpretive Center (724) 899-3611, Park Office (724) 899-2200, or 911

*Start is at the Wildlife Reserve Interpretive Center, 482 State Route 30, Clinton, PA 15026. (Note that GPS will take you a short distance past the entrance to the Wildflower Reserve).*

*Directions from Lu-Lou's Country Restaurant:*

1. *Exit left onto US-30 West for about 3 miles.*
2. *The entrance to the Wildlife Reserve will be on the right and marked by a small sign. If you come to the entrance for Raccoon Creek State Park on the left, you went about 200 yards past the Wildlife Reserve.*

*There are restrooms at the end of the Interpretive Center.*

*Please follow these rules:*

1. *Picking or collecting of plants is prohibited.*
2. *Smoking on the trails or in the Interpretive Center is prohibited.*
3. *Pets are not permitted on the trails or in the Interpretive Center.*

*There are no trail markings so carefully read and follow these written instructions, referring to the map provided.*

*The 314 acre tract, originally purchased in 1962 by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, contains one of the most biodiverse and unique stands of wildflowers in Pennsylvania. Over 700 species of flowering plants can be found along the five miles of trails, which lead the visitor through a variety of habitats.*

1. **From the back of the Interpretive Center and go onto the Audubon Trail (white blazes).**
2. **At the end of the Audubon Trail, go downhill and turn left on the Max Henrici Trail (red blazes).**

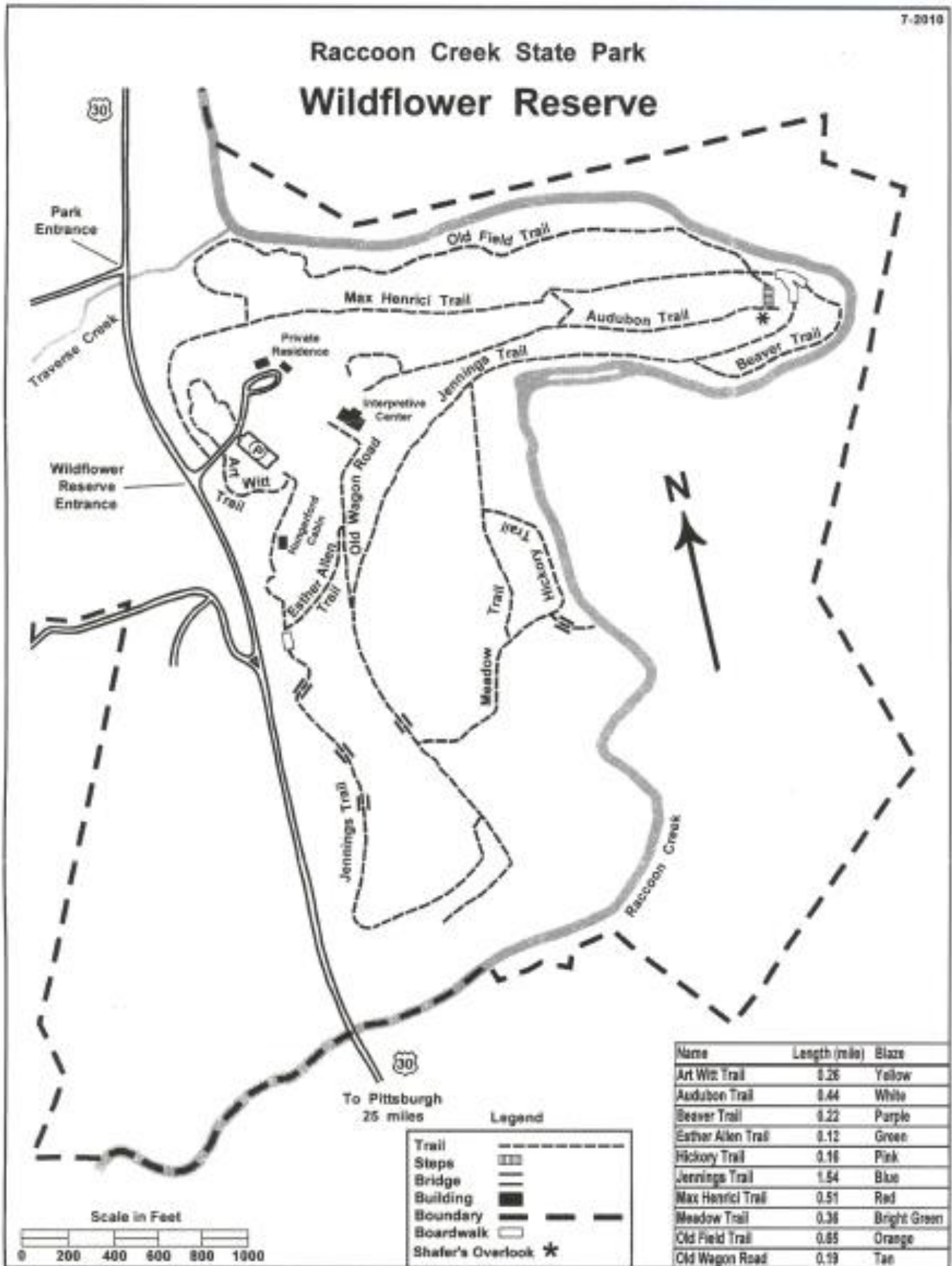
3. **At the end of the trail, turn left on the entrance road. Pass where the Art Witt Trail crosses the road, and turn left onto the Art Witt Trail (yellow blazes) where it begins.**
4. **Turn right onto the Jennings Trail (blue blazes).**

*Pass the Hungerford Cabin. Cyrus Cotton "Cy" Hungerford was an American editorial cartoonist who produced daily cartoons for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for seventy-four years from 1927 until his retirement in 1977 at the age of eighty-nine.*

*The Jennings Trail goes along US-30, The Lincoln Highway. Conceived and promoted by Indiana entrepreneur Carl G. Fisher, the Lincoln Highway spanned coast-to-coast from Times Square in New York City to Lincoln Park in San Francisco. Conceived in 1912 and formally dedicated October 31, 1913, the Lincoln Highway was America's first national memorial to President Abraham Lincoln. As the first automobile road across America, the Lincoln Highway brought great prosperity to the hundreds of cities, towns and villages along the way. The Lincoln Highway became affectionately known as "The Main Street across America." The highway was rerouted past here in late 1927 to go between Pittsburgh and East Liverpool, OH.*

5. **Shortly after crossing the boardwalk and at the intersection with the Old Field Trail to the right, turn left and go uphill to intersect with the Audubon Trail.**
6. **Follow the Audubon Trail back to the Interpretive Center (water and restrooms available).**

**Thank you for walking. Hope you enjoyed the walk.**



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## Raccoon Creek State Park 10K Trail

Emergency Phone Numbers: Wildlife Reserve Interpretive Center (724) 899-3611 or 911

Start is at the Wildlife Reserve Interpretive Center, 482 State Route 30, Clinton, PA 15026. (Note that GPS will take you a short distance past the entrance to the Wildflower Reserve).

Directions from Lu-Lou's Country Restaurant:

1. Exit left onto US-30 West for about 3 miles.
2. The entrance to the Wildlife Reserve will be on the right and marked by a small sign. If you come to the entrance for Raccoon Creek State Park on the left, you went about 200 yards past the Wildlife Reserve.

There are restrooms at the end of the Interpretive Center.

Please follow these rules:

1. Picking or collecting of plants is prohibited.
2. Smoking on the trails or in the Interpretive Center is prohibited.

**Pets are not permitted on the trails or in the Interpretive Center.**

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7. **From the back of the Interpretive Center and go onto the Audubon Trail (white blazes).**
8. **When the Audubon Trail ends at the bottom of the downhill, turn left on the Max Henrici Trail (red blazes).**

9. **At the end of the trail, turn left on the entrance road. Pass where the Art Witt Trail crosses the road, and turn left onto the Art Witt Trail (yellow blazes) where it begins.**

10. **Turn right onto the Jennings Trail (blue blazes).**

*Pass the Hungerford Cabin. Cyrus Cotton "Cy" Hungerford was an American editorial cartoonist who produced daily cartoons for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for seventy-four years from 1927 until his retirement in 1977 at the age of eighty-nine.*

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**At the "T intersection" where the Vernal Pool is to the right, the Jennings Trail turns left**

11. **Turn right onto the Meadow Trail (bright green blazes).**

12. Turn right onto the Hickory Trail (pink blazes).
13. Turn right onto the Meadow Trail (bright green blazes).
14. Turn right onto the Jennings Trail (blue blazes).
15. Turn right onto the Beaver Trail (purple blazes).  
Shortly after crossing a boardwalk, turn right onto the Old Field Trail (orange blazes). Do NOT turn left at the sign "To Henrici Tr". Stay on Old Field Trail until it intersects with the Max Henrici Trail (red blazes).
16. Turn left on the Max Henrici Trail (red blazes).
17. At the intersection with the Old Field Trail to the left, turn right and go uphill to intersect with the Audubon Trail.
18. Follow the Audubon Trail back to the Interpretive Center (water and restrooms available).
19. From the front of the Interpretive Center, turn onto the Old Wagon Road (tan blazes).
20. Turn left onto the Meadow Trail (bright green blazes).
21. Turn left onto the Jennings Trail (blue blazes).
22. Turn right onto the Old Wagon Road (tan blazes) and return to the Interpretive Center.

**Hope you enjoyed the walk. Thank you for walking our trails.**



**Raccoon Creek State Park  
Alternative Trails Only - Two 5K Trails  
Use these trails only if the Wildflower Interpretive Center Trails are flooded.**

Emergency Phone Numbers: Park Office (724) 899-2200 or 911

Start is at the Park Office, 3000 State Route 18, Hookstown, PA 15050

Directions from LuLu's Country Restaurant (*note that GPS will probably take you a long distance out of the way*):

1. Exit left onto US-30 West for about 3 miles.
2. The entrance to the Wildflower Reserve will be on the right and marked by a small sign. Go about 200 yards further and turn left into Raccoon Creek State Park. You will be on the Raccoon Park Rd.
3. Go about 3 miles through the park to State Route 18.
4. Cross State Route 18 and the Park Office is straight ahead.

*There are restrooms at the Park Office. **Pick up a free copy of the Pennsylvania Recreational Guide for Raccoon Creek State Park at the Park Office. The guide contains a large color map of the park***

*There are no trail markings so carefully read and follow these written instructions, referring to the map provided. There are two 5K trails. Either may be done for 5K credit; both must be done for 10K credit.*

*Raccoon Creek State Park began as a Recreational Demonstration Area operated by the National Park Service in the 1930s. It is one of the largest and most beautiful state parks in Pennsylvania.*

### 5K Lake Trail

*The 5K Lake Trail is an out and back along Traverse Creek and part of the north side of Raccoon Lake. The trail has a natural surface (expect to find mud) and may have a downed tree that can easily be bypassed. This trail is not suitable for strollers and wheelchairs. This is the harder of the two 5K trails.*

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| <p>23. Find the Park Office on the map. State Route 18 runs in a north-south direction and divides the park. The Park Office is next to State Route 18 and is identified on the map with a blue person standing next to a building with a flag.</p> <p>24. From the Park Office, turn left onto State Route 18.</p> | <p>25. You will eventually be walking next to Raccoon Lake. Turn around where the Lake Trail crosses a creek. Immediately after the creek, the Lake Trail turns away from the lake.</p> <p>26. Return to the Park Office.</p> |
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## 5K Cabin Rd Trail

*The 5K Cabin Rd Trail is an out and back on paved roads and gravel roads leading to the Organized Group Camping Site #2. Wheelchairs and strollers will have some difficulty on the gravel roads. This is the easier of the two 5K trails.*

1. Find the Park Office on the map. State Route 18 runs in a north-south direction and divides the park. The Park Office is next to State Route 18 and is identified on the map with a blue person standing next to a building with a flag.
2. From the Park Office, follow the paved road (Cabin Rd) away from State Route 18. You will quickly cross Traverse Creek. Turn right on Nichol Road (a gravel road)
3. Pass the road going to the right towards the Sioux Group Tent Camp site and a campground.
4. Turn left on the road going towards Group Camping Site #2.
5. Go a short distance and turn around at the barrier blocking the road (the barrier may or may not be closed).
6. Return to the park office.

**Hope you enjoyed your walk. Thank you for walking the trails.**



Special programs this walk qualifies for:

- Walk the USA, A-Z (“C” for Clinton)
- KSVA Counties Program (Beaver)
- VETS

### Mon Valley Trailblazer's 2022 Events:

Three Rivers Heritage Trails	(Allegheny County)	Y2291	YRE	OSB	1B
Raccoon Crk St Pk./Wildflower Res.	(Beaver County)	Y2332	YRE	PSB/OSB	2C
Zelienople/Harmony Walk	(Butler County)	Y2309	Seasonal	OSB	1B
Linesville, Pymatuning Spillway	(Crawford County)	Y2725	YRE	OSB	1B
Meadville Ernst Trail	(Crawford County)	Y2624	YRE	OSB	1B
Erie Presque Isle Park	(Erie County)	Y1537	YRE	OSB	1B
Ohiopyle Ferncliff and GAP	(Fayette County)	Y2726	YRE	OSB	1B
Confluence Walk	(Fayette/Somerset County)	Y2275	YRE	OSB	1B
Sandy Lake-MK Goddard State Park	(Mercer County)	Y2990	YRE	OSB	1A
Wheeling, WV & Oglebay Park	(Ohio County)	Y2881	YRE	OSB	1A
Stoystown Flight 93 Memorial	(Somerset County)	Y2350	YRE	OSB	2B
Finleyville, Mingo Creek Park	(Washington County)	Y2727	YRE	OSB	2B
Cedar Creek Park, Belle Vernon	(Westmoreland County)	Y2987	YRE	OSB	1A
Twin Lakes Park, Latrobe	(Westmoreland County)	Y2986	YRE	OSB	1B
West Newton GAP/Town Walk	(Westmoreland County)	Y2230	YRE	OSB	1B
Great Allegheny Passage Bike	(Multiple Counties)	Y2989	YRE	OSB	1B
Great Allegheny Passage Walk	(Multiple Counties)	Y2988	YRE	OSB	1B