

Welcome to Pfeiffer Nature Center

Lillibridge Property: 1974 Lillibridge Road, Portville



For your safety and to preserve our resources for other visitors:

- Our hiking trails are open from dawn till dusk.
- Use a **Leave No Trace** ethic – take nothing but photographs, leave nothing but footprints.
- All plants, animals, and natural objects are protected. Do not pick plants, disturb animal habitats, or collect natural objects without permission.
- Stay on the marked trails to be sure you don't disturb sensitive habitats, plants, or animals.
- The use of ATVs, snowmobiles, and other motorized vehicles is strictly prohibited.
- Leashed dogs are allowed, providing they are under the owner's control at all times.
- This is a carry-in, carry-out facility. Trash receptacles are not provided. Honor the wildlife and the beauty of the surroundings by removing any waste you brought with you. Open flames, fireworks, and the release of balloons are prohibited.

A few ways to enjoy Pfeiffer Nature Center

Hike our trails – We maintain over four miles of marked trails. There's something for everyone, whether you like a short, easy stroll through a successional meadow or a moderately difficult climb through the woods. Our accessible trail makes a section of old-growth and second-growth forest available to people with mobility or sensory impairments.



View the wildlife – If you're quiet and alert, you're sure to see and hear lots of squirrels and chipmunks. If you're lucky you'll also see deer, turkey, salamanders, skunks, opossums, raccoons, and maybe even a bear.

Watch the birds – Our property abounds with birds. Some seek deep woods, others prefer forest edges; some require coniferous areas, while others thrive in and around deciduous trees. The meadow is home to some bird species, and its edge provides a transition area crucial for others.



Enjoy the wildflowers and plants – From broad stands of goldenrod to the single, rare, deep-woods orchid, something is in bloom from April through October. The winter months provide their own beauty, with spore stems, seed pods, open branches, and evergreens for visitors to appreciate.

Stimulate your adventurous side – Use your GPS unit to navigate to our geocache sites. They'll take you to different parts of the property, and you might learn something on the way.



Renew your energy – The solitude and beauty of the natural world is a tonic that can't be matched. Whether hiking or sitting quietly, leave your daily stress behind and breathe in the wonder of your surroundings.

Share your observations and comments – Sign the visitor registry & log your observations. It's fun to read what others have seen, too. Reach our staff by mailing a note, calling, or sending an email.



Share the benefits – Tell others about our Center and encourage them to visit. Become a member of Pfeiffer Nature Center. Membership information can be found at the kiosk or on our website. Your support helps us to achieve our mission and ensure that our preserve will be here for generations to come.

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or Facebook - @PfeifferNatureCenter - for the latest information on our programs. Many are free for our members.

Pfeiffer Nature Center – where science, art, & nature come together!



We're in the ...



Griffin's Way – You'll see lots of sights along this easy wooded trail, including the remnants of an ancient hemlock beloved by our founder, Wendy Pfeiffer Lawrence. Easy walk – One way 0.18 mi. – **WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TRAIL WITH CRUSHED ROCK SURFACE**

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Wendy's Trail – Taking you from the kiosk to deep in the woods, Wendy's Trail is a relatively flat & easy walk with lots to see. Easy walk – One way 0.2 mi.

Question Mark Trail – With several switchbacks, this wooded trail offers a less strenuous climb to the mountain & plenty of beauty of its own. Moderate climb – One way 0.37 mi.

White Oak – Our longest trail, travels our eastern boundary. Travel through the forest as you climb up to Overlook where you'll get a scenic view of the surrounding hills and the Wolf Run Road valley. Moderate grade – One way 0.59 mi.

Tiger's Trail – A lovely little spur, this path provides another view of the forest. Slight grade – One way 0.1 mi.

Tap Line – Gain great heights as you climb this hill through the woods. Difficult climb – One way 0.28 mi.



Sally's Alley – This forest path is short & sweet. Slight grade – One way 0.06 mi.

Loop – An interesting look at different forest types, be sure to look up at the canopy & down at the forest floor as you travel. Moderate climb – One way 0.32 mi.

Kay's Cove – Travel down this one-way trail to a landing area overlooking a small gully. VERY STEEP grade – One way 0.11 miles.

Hidden Trail – A fun crooked trail through a delightful forest. A fairly easy grade – One way 0.15 miles.

Adopt-a-Tree – Walk this trail and see many adopted and ready-to-be adopted trees. There are some off-shoots of this trail that are not on the map. Moderate climb – One way on the main trail 0.11 miles.

-  Vernal Pool
-  Fields

Holcomb Over – Enjoy this forested path that will take you to the top. Moderate to difficult climb – One way 0.21 mi.

Pinkster – With much of its length running along the edge of the meadow, you'll get some great long-distance views on this trail. Slight grade – One way 0.28 mi.

Yuba-Dam – A forested shortcut, it's a great way down to the field. Moderate to difficult climb – One way 0.11 mi.

Emery – This path starts down at our beautiful timber frame pavilion in the meadow & takes you deep into the woods – the best of both worlds. Easy walk – One way 0.43 mi.

Merrick's Run – You'll get a workout on this hilly trail, but it will be all worth it. Moderate to difficult climb – One way 0.25 mi.

Hog's Back – Our eastern-most trail provides a lovely wooded walk. Stroll beneath our largest grouping of stately red & white oaks we estimate to be 150 yrs. old or more. Slight grade – One way 0.16 mi.

Chestnut – Go from our small pond to the woods and you'll pass by a few medium sized (approx. 60 yrs old) American Chestnuts that have since succumbed to the blight. Saplings continue to sprout from their roots. Slight grade – One way 0.28 mi.

Thornton Thruway – Wind your way along the Southern border of our property, seeing one of the oldest Black Gum trees in the east – more than 500 yrs old. Moderate climb – One way 0.44 mi. – Location of NYS Champion Black Tupelo Tree.

Warner's Way – With some fragile wet spots, you'll get a view of a different forest ecosystem on this trail. Slight grade – One way 0.12 mi.

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Contour Line Vertical Scale = 20'. Parking Lot 2020'. Overlook 2300'.