Welcome to Pfeiffer Nature Center
Lillibridge Property: 1974 Lillibridge Road, Portville

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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Visit our website – www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org – or Facebook - @PfeifferNatureCenter - for the latest information on our programs. Many are free for our members.
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.

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 0.60 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.

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Warner’s Way
Chestnut
Cabin
Tap Line
White Oak
Tiger’s Trail
Yuba-Dam
Merrick’s Run
Hidden Trail
Adopt-a-Tree
Chesnut
Vernal Pool
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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.

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