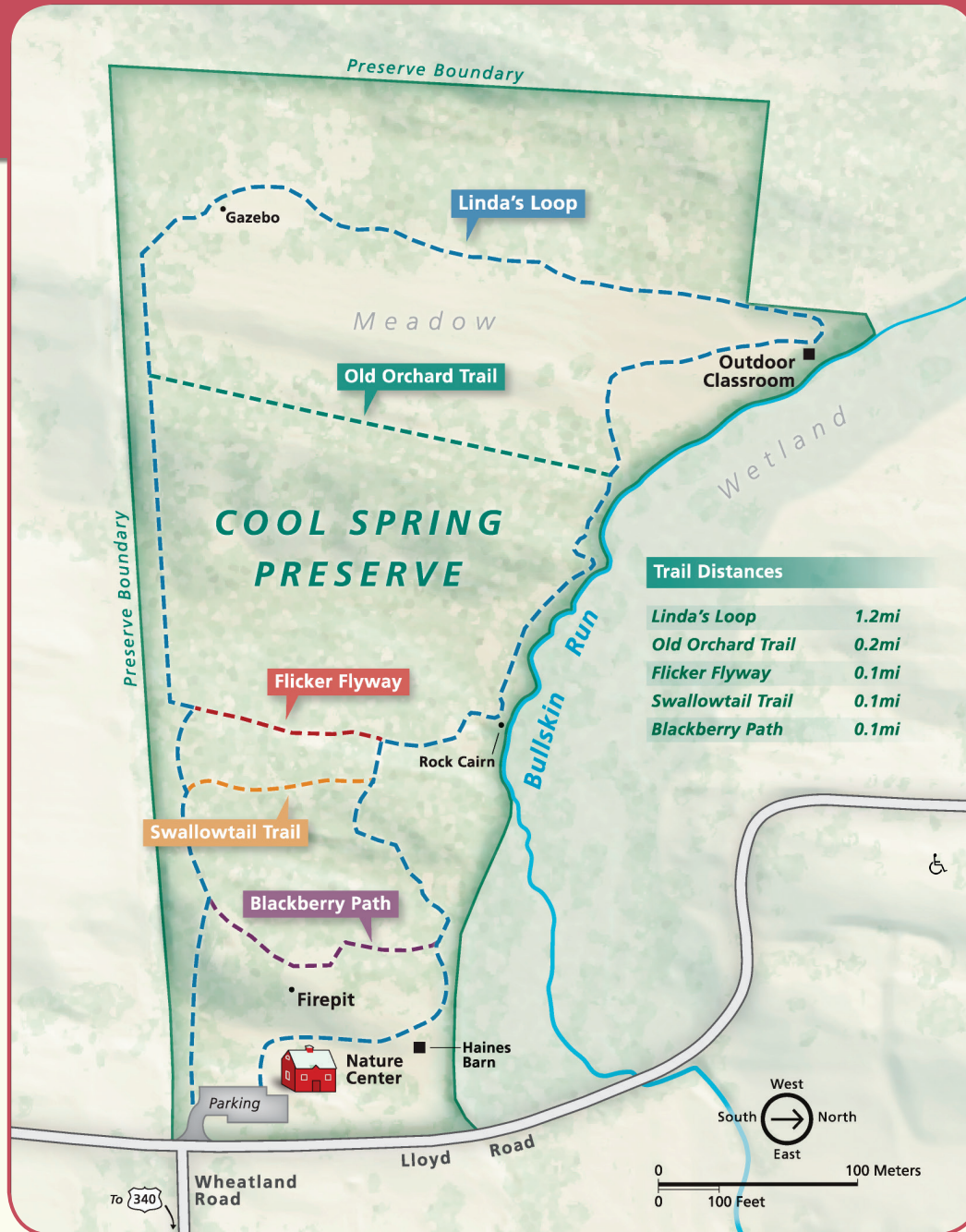


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Welcome to the Cool Spring Preserve!

This 22-acre nature preserve is operated by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS), a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to preserving, restoring & enjoying the natural world through education & action. Cool Spring Preserve features a wooded landscape bordered on one side by Bullskin Run, a major stream with significant historical value. Much of the land is wooded and is designated a birding "hotspot." Cool Spring Preserve is the headquarters for PVAS and features a natural amphitheater, an outdoor classroom, and maintained walking trails.



The Cool Spring Story

The property that is now Cool Spring Preserve was first surveyed in 1734. Originally part of a 1,222-acre tract, it became divided up over the years. George Washington purchased a third of the tract, and the remaining land went to two brothers, Abraham and Joshua Haines. The Cool Spring lands remained in the Haines family until the early 1800s. Thereafter, the property was owned and farmed by various families and businesses, including Jefferson Orchards, Inc.

In 1998, John Rayburn and Linda Case purchased the property. Ms. Case went on to found CraftWorks at Cool Spring in 2008, a nonprofit dedicated to using the arts, nature and sustainability to connect people to the environment and their communities. CraftWorks donated the property to PVAS in the fall of 2016 and Cool Spring Preserve was established.



A Rare Find

Cool Spring Preserve features unique habitat including mixed hardwood forests, a meadow, and the Shenandoah Valley Wet Prairie Marsh. Only 100 acres of this marsh type are known to exist globally, and Cool Spring Marsh is the only example in the state. The Cool Spring Preserve marsh hosts over 182 different plant species, 18 of which are rare in West Virginia. Natural springs contribute to the Bullskin Run, which empties into the greater Shenandoah and the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay watersheds downstream.

Due to the presence of rare plants on the preserve and overall ecological diversity, Cool Spring is an important habitat to conserve. PVAS is proud to steward this unique landscape, but our success is dependent on public support. We ask visitors to stay on the trails and to not remove or disturb the flora and fauna.

Location & Directions

The preserve is located at 1469 Lloyd Rd., Charles Town in south Jefferson County, West Virginia.

Driving south on 340 toward Berryville, turn right onto Wheatland Rd. (WVA Rd 340/2). Continue down Wheatland Rd. for about 2 miles. The road will end at Lloyd Rd. Directly across from this intersection is the entrance to Cool Spring Preserve.

More about PVAS

PVAS strives to help connect people with the natural world. It's easy and affordable to become a PVAS member. To find out more and learn about upcoming events, check our website: www.PotomacAudubon.org.

Please Help Us Keep the Preserve Clean and Safe!

- Please be sure to carry out any trash and leave the preserve as you found it.
- To avoid trampling sensitive habitat and spreading weeds, please stay on the trails.
- Motorized vehicles and horses are not permitted on the preserve property.
- Dogs are welcome, but must stay on leash and not go off trails. Please pick up after your pet.
- Possession or use of alcohol is not permitted.
- Hunting is not permitted.

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