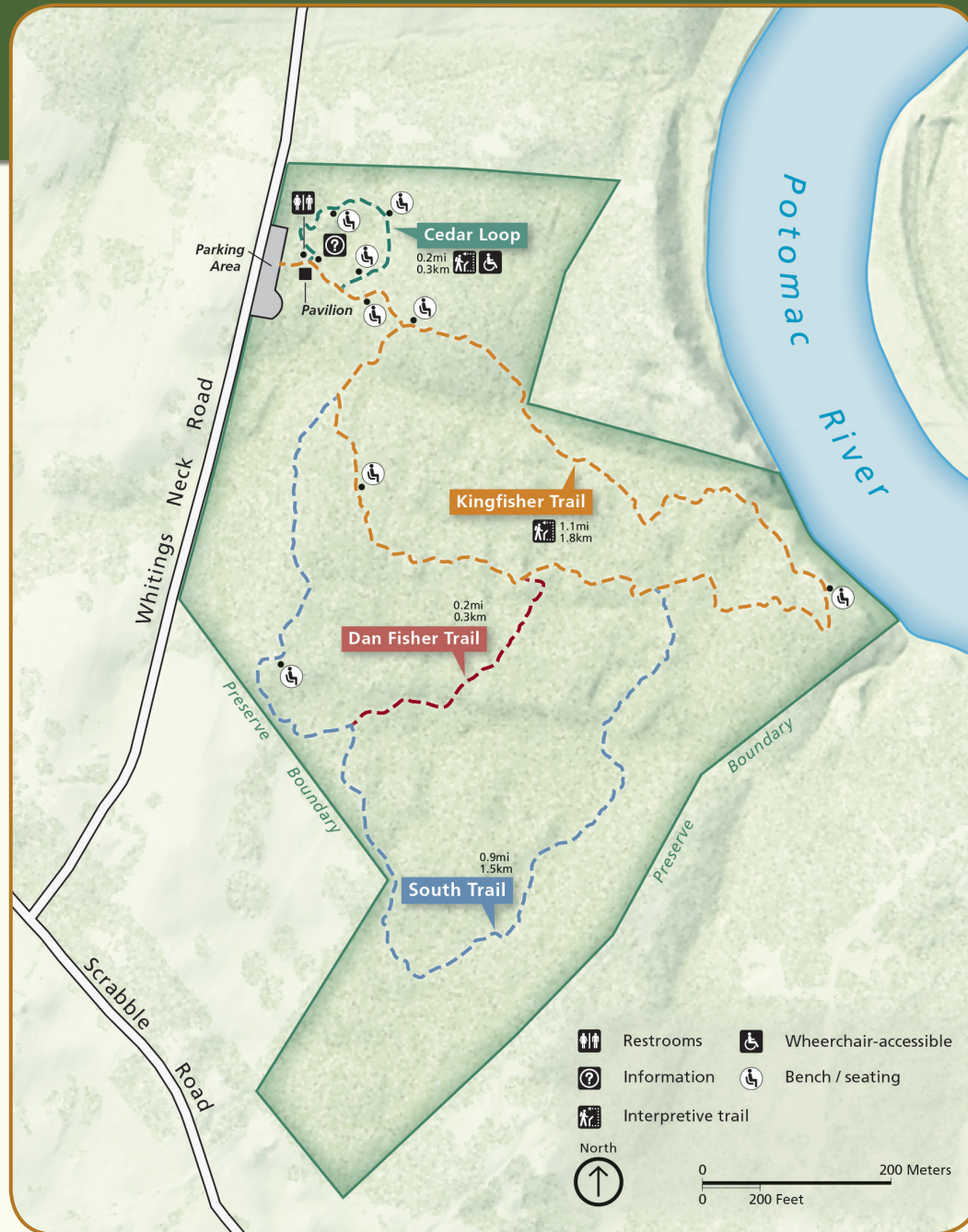


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Welcome to the Yankauer Nature Preserve!

This 104-acre nature preserve, operated by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) in partnership with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), has been set aside as a special place for those who appreciate the natural world and seek to learn from it.



The Yankauer Story

The preserve is named after Dr. Alfred Yankauer, a prominent physician and medical researcher, who donated it to TNC in 1967. It has been co-managed by PVAS since 1996.

It was Dr. Yankauer's vision that this land be preserved as a place for people to enjoy nature as he and his family had done for many years.

PVAS, TNC, and their many volunteers, partners and friends are committed to fulfilling this vision. Through environmental education programs, youth summer camps, a self-guided trail network and many other opportunities, we invite visitors from near and far to enjoy Dr. Yankauer's legacy.



Wander the Trails

Most of the preserve is gently rolling former farmland that is gradually returning to its natural forested state. This transitional forest makes an especially interesting and informative natural laboratory where visitors can view a constantly changing blend of fast-growing shrubs and trees, red cedar glades, and the re-emergence of an old oak forest.

The preserve also includes a section of wooded, high limestone bluffs overlooking the Potomac River, which adds variety to the landscape and habitat mix along with a wonderful view.

More than 100 plant species have been identified on the preserve and wildflowers are abundant in the spring. Animal life is equally diverse, with more than 100 species of birds. Waterfowl can be seen along the river during their spring migration. Breeding season welcomes sweet-singing warblers and vireos as they nest among the cedars. Barred Owls are often heard calling.

Location & Directions

The preserve is located on Whiting's Neck in northeast Berkeley County, West Virginia.

From Shepherdstown, turn left onto Shepherd Grade Rd. Follow that road about 1.5 miles, then turn left on Scrabble Road. Stay on Scrabble Rd. for 4 miles, then turn right onto Whiting's Neck Road. The preserve is about 1/2 mile on the right.

From Martinsburg, go north on Route 11 for 1 mile past the Berkeley Plaza and turn right onto Berkeley Station Rd. Follow that road 6.3 miles (after 3 miles it becomes Scrabble Road), then turn left on Whiting's Neck Road.

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 carry out any trash and leave the preserve as you found it.
- Motorized vehicles and horses are not permitted on the preserve property.
- Please leave dogs at home to help protect sensitive habitats and for the safety and comfort of other visitors.
- Camping and campfires are not permitted.
- Please refrain from smoking.
- Possession or use of alcohol is not permitted.
- Collection of plants and animals is not permitted.
- Hunting is not permitted.