

## DVFWS 2024 FIELD TRIPS

### **February 17 (Saturday) at 10 AM: Pennypack Preserve, Montgomery County, PA**

This is a joint trip with the Philadelphia Botanical Club. The Pennypack Preserve, almost 900 acres, is owned by the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust. It has a range of habitats, making it a good site for wintertime botany. We will explore woods, restored grasslands, marsh, and pondside. Some of the woods is old growth, with oaks that date back as far as the 1760s. The grasslands offer sweeping views over Huntingdon Valley. The preserve has been designated as an Important Bird Area, so birding enthusiasts may want to bring binoculars. We will walk approximately 2.5 miles, including some moderate hills. Expect dry walking, though we may encounter some mud if it rains shortly before the trip. If there is deep snow or steady rain, the trip will be postponed to February 24. To learn about any postponement, register with the leader ([botany@indri.org](mailto:botany@indri.org)) or check the Philadelphia Botanical Club field trip page ([http://philbotclub.org/field\\_trips.html](http://philbotclub.org/field_trips.html)) after 7:30 AM on the day of the trip.

**Registration:** Registration is encouraged. Register by emailing the trip leader ([botany@indri.org](mailto:botany@indri.org)).

**Directions:** Park in the main preserve parking lot at 2955 Edge Hill Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA. If you are using Google to navigate, enter the street address or "Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust **Parking**" or you may be sent to the wrong entrance.

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### **April TBD Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve Lancaster Co., PA**

This is an annual trip to one of the most extensive natural displays of native wildflowers in SE Pennsylvania. We will meet at the parking area just below the railroad tunnel between 10 AM and 10:30 and proceed down the road and then onward at our own pace on a good path.

<https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/preserves/shenks-ferrywildflower/> ;

<https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ShenksFerryHikingMap2019.pdf>

Parking is no longer possible at the bridge near the base of the trail. If you have attended one of these trips before you know how fantastic this site is. If you haven't attended but can join us this year, you will be in for a treat! Directions: Coordinates- 39.902012, -76.366648 Go to Google Maps, enter these coordinates and obtain directions to the Preserve from your home or departure point. Or, in Google Maps just search for "Shenk's Ferry. You can also use your driving app on your cell phone or car. There is a casual restaurant in Conestoga where you can get a cup of coffee before the hike, or lunch afterwards.