



# NATURE PARK TRAIL MAP

CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

1.22 mi
0.15 mi
0.33 mi
0.17 mi
0.16 mi
0.28 mi
0.12 mi
0.11 mi
0.14 mi
0.12 mi
0.09 mi
0.06 mi
0.03 mi
0.10 mi

- \* CHALLENGING TRAILS
- PARKING AREAS
- **(1)** INFORMATION CENTER

#### **Park Information**

The natural beauty of the park invites visitors to explore trails through forests and meadows, to observe plants and look for wildlife, and to enjoy quiet reflective moments by the stream and ponds.

The park is noted for its majestic evergreens, colonies of lacy ferns, and fields of colorful wildflowers. It is home to a wide variety of plants and animals, including, black squirrels, Indigo Bunting, Pileated Woodpeckers, Holly, and Jack-in-the-Pulpit wild flowers.

The Seneca Loop Trail is the longest, taking you around the northern perimeter of the park. Native American trail names include:

- Seneca "People of the great hill"
- Mingo "Treacherous"
- Chippewa "Puckered", referring to the type of moccasins worn by this tribe
- · Shenango "Beautiful one"
- Delaware Tribe named for their territory around the Delaware River, named for Lord De La Warr, governor of the colony at Jamestown, Virginia.

The Old Scout Trail was named after a Boy Scout camp that once existed on the property.

We hope you enjoy your time at the park. Please visit the Information Center to learn more about its history and ecology.

#### **Park History**

This area in northern Beaver County served as hunting and camping grounds for a number of Native American tribes including the Monongahela in the 1600's and then the Delaware, Shawnee and Seneca tribes in the 1700's. Arrowheads were found on this property as recently as the 1930's.

The Welsh family was the first to build a permanent home here. The site of their house can still be seen from McKinley Road. Look for a small stand of Norway Spruce, Myrtle groundcover, and a patch of orange roadside lilies.

The Welsh family built a second, more substantial home, in the early 1800's. This two story frame house, later owned by the Marshall family, was used by the Sahli's until the late 1950's. Pictures of the old farmhouse may be seen in the park's information center. Remnants of the stone fireplaces and chimney are on the east side of the large pond.

A.S. and Ada Sahli and their sons purchased the abandoned farm from the Marshall estate in 1927. The old farm property was enlarged and divided among family members several times before achieving its present boundaries. The third permanent home on park property, a red brick house still in use, was built in the 1940's.

Property for the nature park was donated to Chippewa Township in 2010 by Jean Sahli Schaal and Sue Sahli, daughters of I.S. and Gertrude Sahli, for whom the park is named.

Our vision is to create a sustainable park for future generations and to establish and maintain in perpetuity a nature preserve which will

- Preserve, conserve and protect our natural resources
- Provide a resource for environmental education
- Promote nature appreciation and enjoyment

### **Rules and Regulations**

Hours: Dawn to dusk. No one is permitted on the property after dusk.

No smoking and no fires permitted.

Fishing permitted: Catch and release, must use barbless hook.

No alcoholic beverages.

No loud music or disruptive behavior.

No motorized vehicles or bicycles beyond the designated lots.

Dogs must be kept on a leash. Animal waste must be picked up and disposed of by owner.

Swimming and wading is prohibited.

Do not feed or disturb wildlife and nesting sites.

No hunting or trapping.

Do not remove or disturb natural resources including plants and animals.

No camping permitted.

Nature Park Pavilion is not available for rental.

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Park is patrolled by the Chippewa Township Police Department.

Please call 724-843-8227 during business hours to report any violations. Dial '911' for emergencies.

The qualities of our lives in Chippewa
Township have been made richer by the
generous gift of the Sahli Family. Our hope
is that you enjoy this quiet corner of our
community and all it has to offer.



## I.S. and Gertrude Sahli Nature Park

Dedicated to Conserving Our Natural Heritage

Our mission is to ensure that this nature park remains as open green space for the protection of its natural resources and for the enjoyment of the public for passive (low-impact) recreation and environmental education.

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