

Wildlife Sanctuary

The Spring Ridge Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the many unique aspects of our community. Residents should take advantage of this area. The sanctuary, surrounded on three sides by freshwater creeks, provides a haven for wildlife and many species of plants.

The 1.4-mile trail around the sanctuary is an excellent route for keeping in shape, while enjoying the 38 acres of meadows, woodlands and open space. Your stroll can also be educational as signs along the way supply information about the trail and the wildlife that inhabits the area.

Please keep in mind that this is a nature preserve. While we want Spring Ridge residents to use and enjoy the space, we also want the sanctuary to remain a beautiful, clean area for the animals that live there. Remember, walk only on the marked pathway, and dispose of all trash properly.

PLANNING.....

Nationally known developer Radnor/Buchanan created Spring Ridge with a commitment to preserving the environment and to providing residents with a high standard of community living. Included in over 200 acres of preserved open space and the many outdoor recreational facilities available at Spring Ridge, the Wildlife Sanctuary provides a natural area that not only protects habitat for native plants and animals, but also can actively involve residents, students and Scout troops in the excitement of nature.

Radnor/Buchanan's team of foresters, ecologists and environmental landplanners have developed an enhancement plan which preserves habitat and improves upon food and shelter sources. Reforestation, unique meadow types, wildlife food shrubs and bird boxes are some of the many devices designed to attract wildlife.

On any given day observers can see whitetail deer, red fox, cottontail rabbits, and gray squirrels. Many species of songbirds such as blue jays, cardinals, finches and chickadees frequent the edge areas. On warm summer days, butterflies can be seen dancing from flower to flower in meadows that glow in the sun.

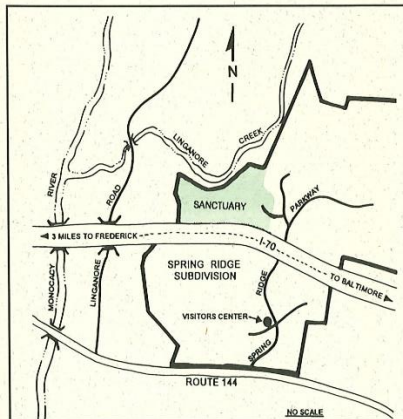


Good Stewardship

As members of the Spring Ridge Community, residents are responsible for how the wildlife sanctuary is used.

So please remember to "tread lightly", stay on marked paths, leave wildflowers untouched, respect wildlife by keeping a distance, and always dispose of trash properly.

Leave only your footprints.



Spring Ridge Vicinity Map

Spring Ridge residents can be proud that their community promotes the preservation of wildlife.

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Where development and preserving the environment go hand in hand.



NATURAL & CULTURAL

SURROUNDINGS.....

Spring Ridge is a 650-acre planned community nestled in the foothills of the Catoclin mountain range and is the siting for a Wildlife Sanctuary within its extensive green space. The mixed oak forest present here is representative of the region and is rich and diverse in flora. This abundance of plant species offers professional and amateur botanists endless opportunity for field identification.



Historically much of the land at Spring Ridge was used for farming and still remains unforested. However the woodlands that have developed are beginning to exhibit characteristics of maturity. The combination of open meadows, maturing forests and an abundance of cool spring-fed streams maximize diversity within the plant and animal communities.

WHERE.....

Located at the northwest corner of the Spring Ridge Community, this 38-acre parcel of land contains 17 acres of rich woodlands and 21 acres of rolling meadows and open space. Surrounding the area on three sides are fresh babbling brooks (Linganore, Fouche, and Longbranch Creeks.)

The 1.4-mile hiking circuit, beginning at the trail head on Spring Ridge Parkway and Knollwood Drive meanders along streams through wooded uplands and across meadows taking one on a journey filled with diversity and interest. Interpretive signs are provided along the trail to supply observers with information about the preserve and its inhabitants.

CERTIFICATION.....

The official emblem displayed on signs within the sanctuary means that it is certified by the National Institute for Urban Wildlife. This achievement receives national recognition in *Urban Wildlife News* and documentation in the National Roster of Urban Wildlife Sanctuaries.



Wildlife Sanctuary Trail System

