

TRAIL GUIDELINES

The trails are open dawn to dusk, 365 days a year (unless noted), free of charge.

Respect plants and animals by leaving them in their natural habitat and by staying on the trail. Leave your pets at home (service animals excepted).

All outdoor activities involve some risk, including falling trees and branches, wet or slippery conditions, and interactions with animals and insects. In using the trails at Todd Nature Reserve, you are agreeing to assume those risks and to hold harmless Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania for those risks.

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TRAIL *Descriptions*

LOOP TRAIL: RED

This trail leads through various forest habitats, including upland oak-hickory, the edge of hemlock ravines, and young red maple stands where there were once farm fields. Near the pond one can look east across fields to the farmhouse where young Clyde Todd visited his grandparents in the 1880s. Rocky portions, one stream crossing, occasional wet spots and moderate grades.

Walking Time: Approximately 60 minutes (2-mile trail)

RAVINE TRAIL: PURPLE

One-way trail, with one option to join Loop Trail after about ½ mile. This trail follows Watson's Run through mixed hemlock-deciduous forest. Several rocky stream crossings, which require wading or challenging rock-hopping. Caution, stream rocks are slippery! Please respect our neighbors and do not continue downstream onto private property beyond the end of the trail.

Walking Time: Approximately 35 minutes (0.8-mile trail)

GHOST PIPE TRAIL: WHITE

Named after the whitish, smoking pipe-like plant which appears on the forest floor in early July, and one of the easiest walking trails. This trail is through upland forests in the middle of TNR. Rocky along northern section only, and grade is gentle, except one moderately steep, short, connector-section near cabin.

Walking time: Approximately 20 minutes (0.6-mile trail)

POLYPODY TRAIL: ORANGE

Named after the small, evergreen, polypody fern that grows on huge boulders along the western section of this trail. Intersected by Indian Pipe Trail, the eastern segment is level through young forest of red maple and black birch. The western portion connects the uplands to the Watson's Run valley and is moderately steep and rocky.

Walking Time: Approximately 15 minutes (0.3-mile trail)

HEMLOCK TRAIL: GREEN

This trail leads from the upland forest to shady streamside hemlock groves. Various hickories, maples, and oaks surround dense clusters of hemlocks. Soggy footing in places during wet weather. Watson's Run is crossed once by rock hopping. Caution: rocks can be slippery.

Walking time: Approximately 10 minutes (0.2-mile trail)

WARBLER TRAIL: BLUE

This trail follows an old logging road built in late 1950s when many hemlock trees were cut down after being killed by a lopper moth outbreak. Gentle grade with few rocks.

Walking Time: Approximately 10 minutes (0.15-mile trail)

POND TRAIL: YELLOW

Meadows through former meadows that were once farm fields, but have now reverted to crabapple thickets and young aspen-red maple forests. Splits at the pond (built in 1969) and connects with Loop Trail in three places. Almost level; just a few potential muddy areas and a section with tree roots to step over.

Walking Time: Approximately 15 minutes (0.3-mile trail)

SHOOP LOOP: RED/WHITE

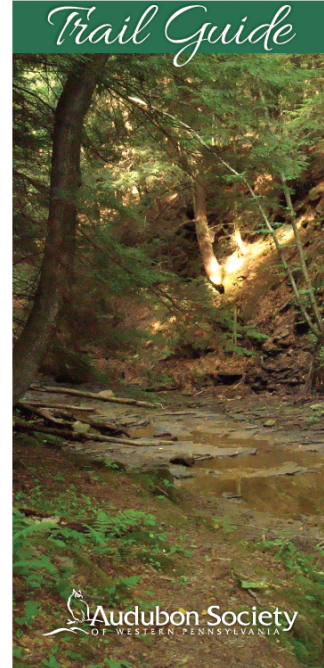
This trail explores the newest addition to Todd, the site of the former Shoop Homestead. You will begin in an early successional forest with species such as big-cooked aspen. Next explore a meadow—a unique habitat that provides important food and cover for birds, pollinators, and wildlife before you loop back through the forest portion of the trail. Areas of trail may be wet after rain.

Walking Time: Approximately 30 minutes (0.9-mile trail)

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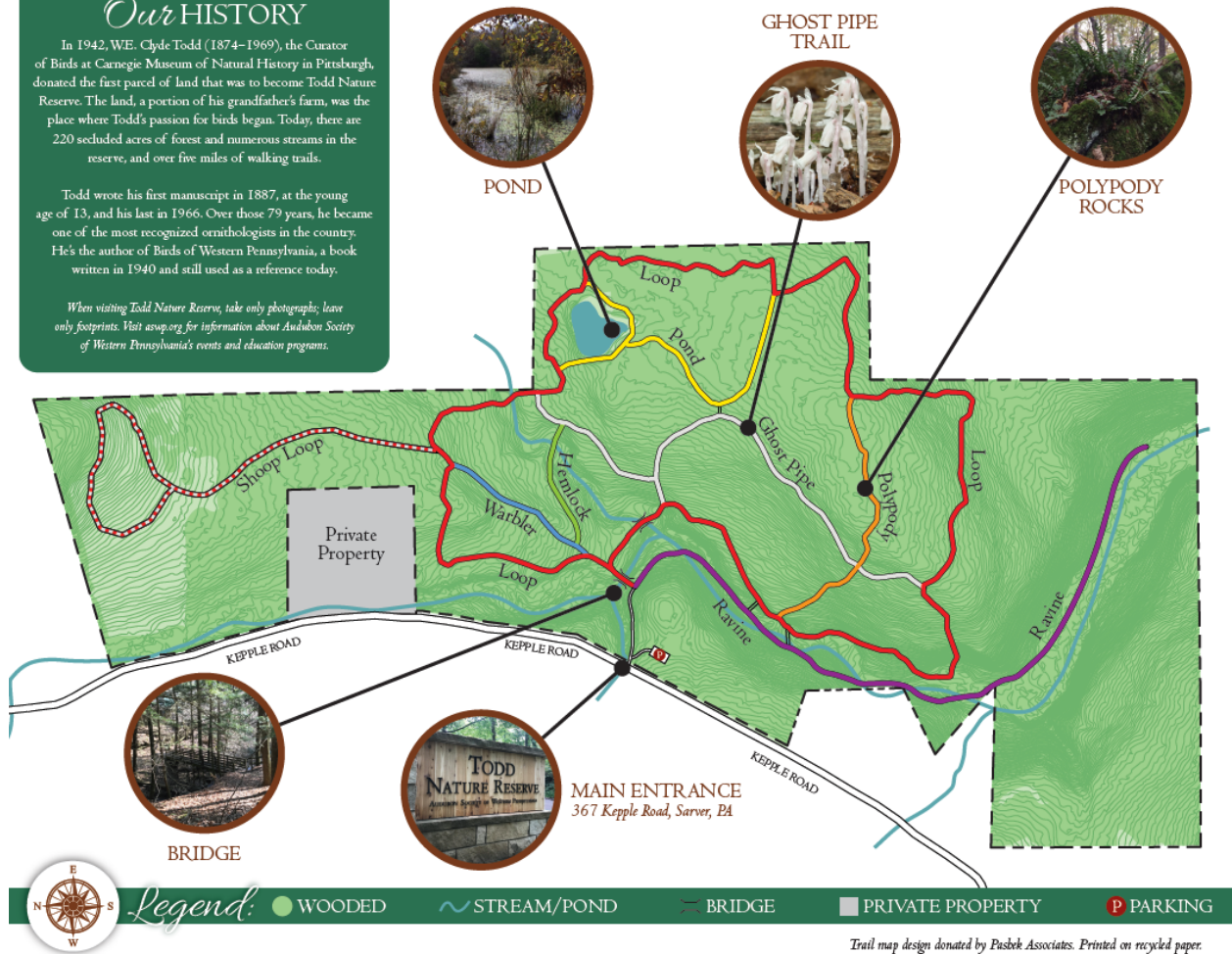

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Our HISTORY

In 1942, WE, Clyde Todd (1874–1969), the Curator of Birds at Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, donated the first parcel of land that was to become Todd Nature Reserve. The land, a portion of his grandfather's farm, was the place where Todd's passion for birds began. Today, there are 220 secluded acres of forest and numerous streams in the reserve, and over five miles of walking trails.

Todd wrote his first manuscript in 1887, at the young age of 13, and his last in 1966. Over those 79 years, he became one of the most recognized ornithologists in the country. He's the author of *Birds of Western Pennsylvania*, a book written in 1940 and still used as a reference today.

When visiting Todd Nature Reserve, take only photographs; leave only footprints. Visit aswp.org for information about Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania's events and education programs.



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