

# TRAILS: 10 miles

Park trails meander through a landscape steeped in history. Be prepared to encounter uneven terrain, narrow footbridges, and changing weather conditions. You are invited to observe and explore, but asked never to remove any natural objects.

ADA accessible trails are located by the Historic Sawmill and C.H. McConnell Environmental Education Classroom. Be courteous to other visitors by staying on designated trails, remaining aware of your surroundings, and sharing the trails while quietly enjoying the sights and sounds of nature.

Pets are permitted on trails if they are on a leash and under control at all times. For a better chance to see wildlife, leave pets at home.

Trails are for hiking only. Bicycles, horses, and motorized vehicles are only permitted on the park entrance road and in parking lots. If visiting Nolde Forest with horses, secure them with tree saver straps and highlines on durable surfaces in the Sawmill, North Pond, and environmental education classroom parking areas.

## RECOMMENDED HIKES

### Boulevard Trail Loop Hike: 2.9 miles, more difficult hiking

This trail is a lollipop-shaped route that ascends uphill through the forest, crossing the highest point in the forest. The hike begins at the Sawmill Parking Lot. Follow Watershed Trail upstream along Punches Run to the Historic Stone Bridge, where Boulevard Trail begins. Continue straight/right on Boulevard Trail where it intersects with Watershed, Apple Tree, and Cabin Hollow trails. Boulevard Loop begins just past that intersection. Both directions around the loop travel uphill through

pine plantations, eventually crossing the highest point in the forest. Complete the hike by following Boulevard and Watershed trails back to the Sawmill Parking Lot.

### Fire Gate #3 Loop Hike: 1.5 miles, more difficult hiking

This loop hike begins and ends at the Fire Gate #3 Parking Lot and traverses through one of the park's pine plantations. From the parking lot, follow Apple Tree Trail. At the first intersection, continue straight on Apple Tree Trail. A few springhouses can be seen on the left as the trail enters a pine plantation. At the intersection with Cabin Hollow Road, view

the confluence of the southern and western branches of Punches Run. Turn right onto Cabin Hollow Road and head uphill along the southern branch of Punches Run. At the intersection with Spruce Trail, turn right. At the top of the hill continue on Spruce Trail, where the trail leisurely descends under a spruce canopy. In approximately 500 feet, turn left onto Coffee Pot Hollow Trail to return to Fire Gate #3.

### Watershed Trail Hike: 1.1 miles (one-way), more difficult hiking

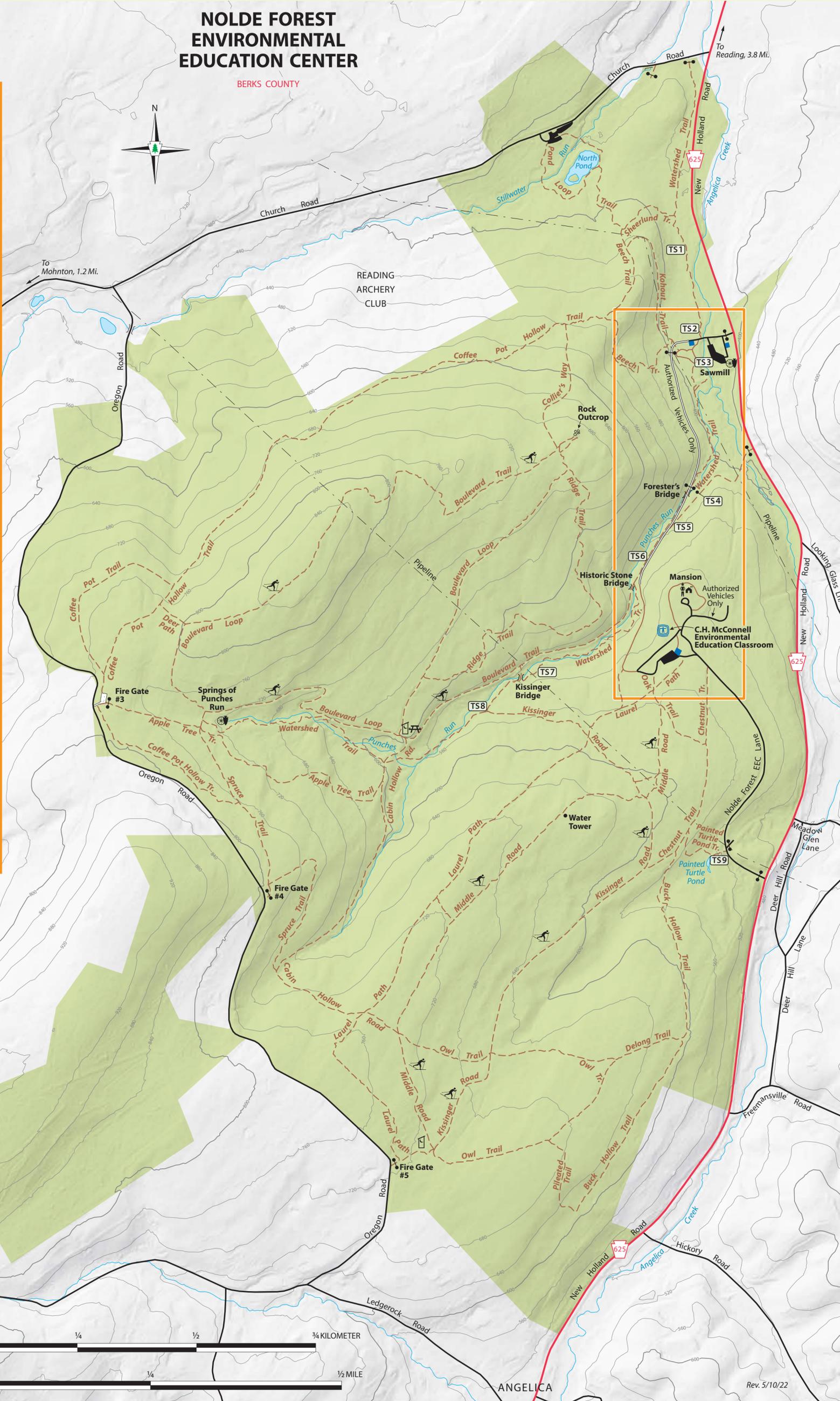
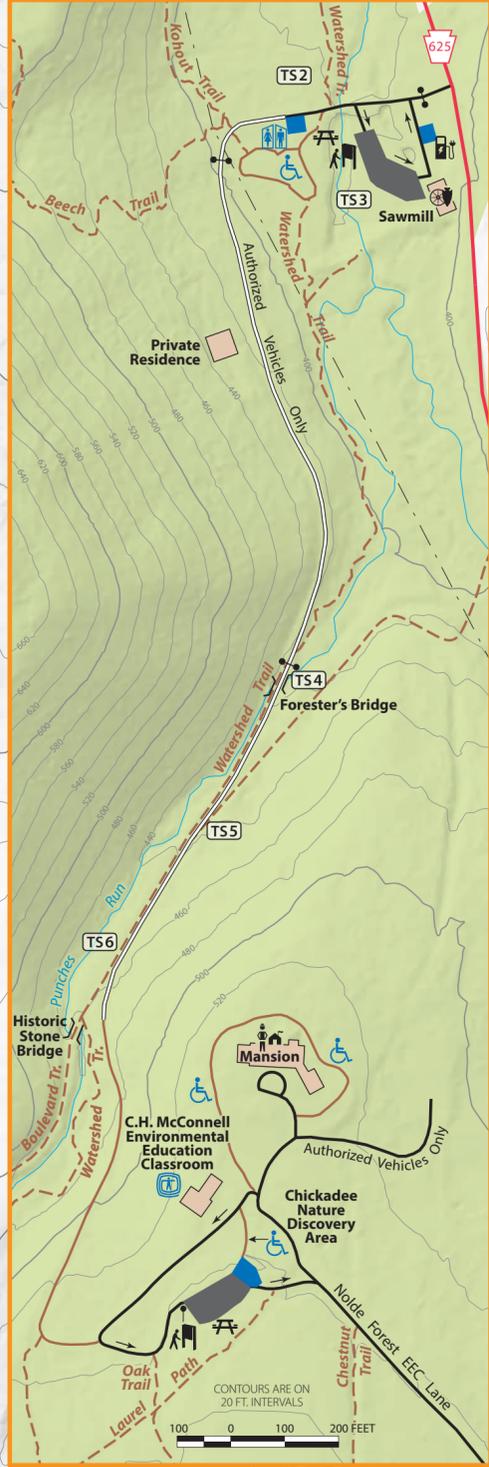
This out and back hike begins at the Sawmill Parking Lot and directs visitors upstream along Punches Run, the main artery through the forest.

Watershed Trail provides a gradual uphill walk from the historic sawmill. Note that Watershed Trail briefly overlaps with the old mansion driveway and Boulevard Trail between the Forester's Bridge and Teaching Station 8. Near the end of the trail, several concrete structures and pipes can be seen, which are the Springs of Punches Run and a system that helps direct water further downstream. The trail ends near the bench and map kiosk, where Boulevard and Spruce trails intersect. The hike can be extended by continuing on additional trails, or returning to the Sawmill Parking Lot to make a 2.2-mile roundtrip hike.

# NOLDE FOREST ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

BERKS COUNTY

Enlargement



- Park Office
- Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
- Environmental Education Classroom
- Historic Site
- Information Kiosk
- Teaching Station
- Modern Restrooms
- Non-flush Restrooms
- Picnicking
- Hiking Trail
- Paved Trail
- Cross-Country Skiing Recommended
- Unpaved Road
- One-way Road
- Gate
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station
- Parking ADA Accessible
- Parking Paved
- Parking Unpaved
- State Park No Hunting

