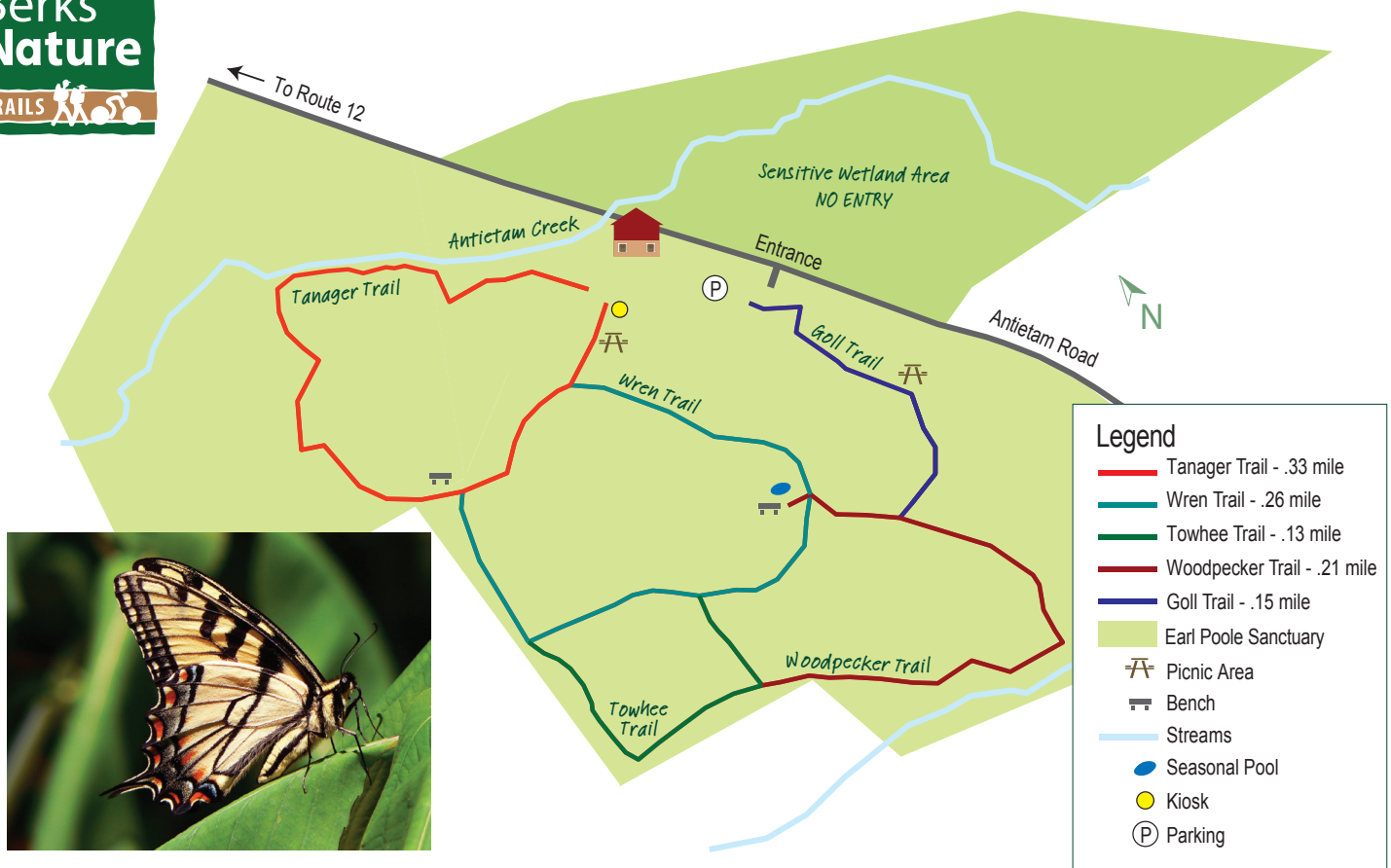


EARL POOLE SANCTUARY



The Earl Poole Sanctuary includes a variety of habitats for wildlife - including woodlands, meadows and successional fields. Invasive plants have been replaced with native species of shrubs, trees and wildflowers to encourage indigenous birds and wildlife.

The sanctuary is a headwater of the Antietam Creek providing cool sourcewater downstream into Antietam Lake in Lower Alsace Township. Birdwatchers can spot numerous species at Earl Poole Sanctuary, including the Scarlet Tanager, Downy Woodpecker, Baltimore Oriole, Wood Thrush and Towhee. Seasonal pools serve as breeding grounds for amphibians such as the Wood Frog.

Trail Safety

- Open dawn to dusk.
- No restroom facilities, drinking water, or telephones currently exist on the preserve.
- Motorized All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) or dirt bikes are not permitted on the trail system. VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.
- Dogs are allowed on the property. All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Please pick up and dispose of dog waste properly.
- Horses are not permitted in the wooded areas.
- **Please do not enter the barn.** It is not maintained for visitors.
- We recommend that you carry a phone with you during your visit. In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

Directions to Earl Poole Sanctuary

Antietam Road, Alsace Township

From Pricetown Road (Route 12):

Enter Antietam Road (across from Giannotti's Restaurant) next to Alsace Manor Fire Company and travel 1.2 miles to the Earl Poole Sanctuary. Entrance will be on your right between Beckers Road and Blankenbiller Road. Please note there is not a sign at the entrance, only a gravel driveway.

From Lower Alsace/Mount Penn region:

Follow Antietam Road north into Alsace Township. The Earl Poole Sanctuary will be on your left, 0.7 mile from the intersection of Antietam Road, Basket Road, and Church Hill Road between Blankenbiller Road and Beckers Road. Please note there is not a sign at the entrance, only a gravel driveway.

An unlocked chained gate is at the entrance of the preserve. You can unhook the chain to park your car. Please rehook the chain when you leave to prevent vandalism and illegal dumping.

