

CREEKSHEAD Nature Preserve

Located within the City of Ann Arbor's Greenbelt, this 27-acre preserve northeast of Ann Arbor is a forested oasis. Creekshead is named for the two creeks that are born here and grow into tributaries of the Huron River. Boardwalks allow easy access to the wetter sections of the preserve while protecting the plants, animals, and fungi underfoot. This preserve is lovely all year long, and visiting during spring wildflower season is a special treat.

Preserve History

Historically, most of the land in this part of the county was cultivated or used as pasture for livestock, but archival aerial photos show that Creekshead Nature Preserve and much of the woodland surrounding it have remained mostly untouched. This prolonged stability contributes to the preserve's exceptional diversity, and demonstrates the richness of intact ecosystems.

Michael H. and Meroe Allen Kaericher donated the property to Legacy in 1995.

Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) are among the lovely spring wildflowers at Creekshead.



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Who We Are

Legacy Land Conservancy is a nonprofit conservation organization that works with private landowners and local organizations to preserve forests, prairies, wetlands, and farmland in Washtenaw and Jackson counties. Founded in 1971 as the state's first local land trust, Legacy leverages the support of donors and volunteers to protect the beautiful places and unique character of southern Michigan.

Get Involved

- Lend us your energy and expertise! Volunteer opportunities abound: photo-monitoring, outdoor work, office support, and more.
- Subscribe to our e-newsletter.
- Make a donation.

Trail-building: one of many fulfilling volunteer opportunities.



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Look and listen for a variety of frogs.



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Trout lily (*Erythronium americanum*)



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Hike Highlights

Wildflower Walk

In late April and early May, enjoy a bountiful display of native wildflowers due to the high quality of this undisturbed preserve. An easy walk will take you past ground carpeted with spring beauty, trout lily, trillium, and other ephemeral blooms.

Down low and up high, there's plenty to admire along the trail.



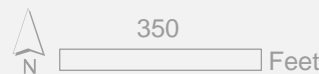
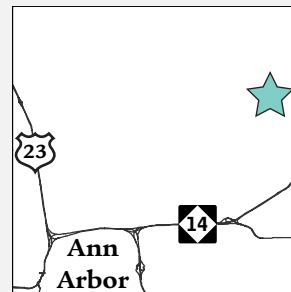
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Amphibians Afoot

Creekshead's vernal pools and seasonal flowing creeks make this preserve an ideal environment for amphibians. Brush up on your frog calls before heading out in the spring and you'll be able to identify several types of frogs calling for mates.

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Trail (0.6 mi)



Wildlife Spotting

Deer, woodpeckers, snakes, and even screech owls live in and pass through this preserve. Watch for signs of wildlife: tracks, feathers, scat, and subtle sounds will tip you off to the presence of the fascinating animals that call Creekshead home.

Insect Hunt

No ecosystem is complete without insects flying, crawling, and burrowing throughout. Scan the air, peer underneath leaves, and examine the tree bark. Roll a log over to see all of the activity going on right under your feet! (Please be sure to carefully place the log back as you found it.)

Getting Here

Creekshead Nature Preserve is on the west side of Curtis Road about 2.3 miles north of Plymouth Road. Carefully park along the west side of Curtis Road at the trailhead.

Visit legacylandconservancy.org for visitor guidelines and accessibility information.



Main trail **0.6** miles roundtrip

