

# BERKS NATURE'S

# EARTH DAY CHALLENGE

# PRESERVE PASSPORT



2023



**Nature, essential to our quality of life...**

The Nature Place  
575 St. Bernardine Street  
Reading, PA 19607  
[berksnature.org](http://berksnature.org)

# WELCOME TO BERKS NATURE'S EARTH DAY PRESERVE CHALLENGE!

At Berks Nature, we treat every day like it's Earth Day and this spring, we challenge you to do the same with our Earth Day Preserve Challenge!

**The challenge is simple: go visit as many of Berks Nature's public preserves as you can!**

Start by picking up a Preserve Passport at The Nature Place in Reading or print your own Preserve Passport from Berks Nature's website. Travel with your Passport to each nature preserve and find the Earth Day Challenge rubbing post. Take a rubbing in your Passport as proof of your adventure!

While you're exploring the preserve, breathe deeply of the fresh air, keep an eye out for wildlife, and be sure to leave the land better than when you found it – you may just get bonus points for spending this extra time out in nature!

Then, on **Earth Day (April 22, 2023) visit us at The Nature Place (10:00 am - 3:00 pm) or the City of Reading's Earth Day Celebration at City Park (12:00 - 6:00 pm) to validate your passport!** Successfully visiting at least three preserves will qualify you for a prize. Fill your Passport with rubbings from all six preserves and in addition to your prize, be entered into a raffle for a gift card!

**The Challenge begins on March 1, 2023 and runs through Earth Day, April 22, 2023.**

## BONUS CHALLENGE

Looking for even more adventure on your scavenger hunt? Complete all three of our bonus challenges to earn extra rewards!

You may complete these bonus challenges at any of the six preserves and trails. Simply take a photo of yourself completing the bonus challenge and use the hashtag **#BNEarthDayChallenge** to show us that you're an adventurer that goes the extra mile!

### BONUS CHALLENGE 1:

**Live your Leave No Trace Principles:** Collect and properly dispose of at least one piece of litter.

### BONUS CHALLENGE 2:

**I-Spy:** Find and document one animal sign (tracks, animal shelter, lost feathers, etc.,). Look but please don't touch or take!

### BONUS CHALLENGE 3:

**Budding Botanist:** Identify one plant or tree. Use the free iNaturalist app if you need assistance!

# GRAVITY TRAIL

The Gravity Trail connects the Neversink Mountain Preserve to the county-owned Antietam Lake Park. Traveling through the City of Reading, this trail connects several city parks and pavilions. Plan for a picnic in Mineral Spring Park if you seek this trail's rubbing post!

**Address:** Go to intersection of Glen Road and Over Glen Road, Reading, PA; park at the end of Glen Road

Create your rubbing in the box below

**VIEW OR PRINT A TRAIL MAP FOR THIS PRESERVE AT**  
[berksnature.org/trails-preserves/preserve-info/](http://berksnature.org/trails-preserves/preserve-info/)

# THIS PASSPORT BELONGS TO:

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**PARENT OR GUARDIAN:**

If participant is under 18 years of age

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**ADDRESS:**

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**EMAIL:**

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**PHONE:**

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This contact sheet will be collected when you validate your passport on Earth Day to receive your prize! You must complete this contact sheet to qualify for the Earth Day Challenge rewards.

# EPHRAIM MALICKSON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

The Ephraim Malickson Wildlife Sanctuary's nearly 200 acres of protected forest are part of the Schuylkill Highlands of Berks County: an area rich in cultural and natural heritage. Take a stroll on the Yellow Trail if you seek this preserve's rubbing post!

**Address:** 2280 Cocalico Rd, Birdsboro, PA 19508

Create your rubbing in the box below



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# ONTELAUNEE WETLANDS PRESERVE

The 31-acre preserve is bordered by the Schuylkill River to the west and features a relaxing, half-mile trail that loops through a recently restored riparian forest. Head towards the Schuylkill on the River Access Trail to find this preserve's rubbing post!

**Address:** 1060 Mohrsville Rd, Mohrsville, PA 19555

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# ANGELICA CREEK PARK

The nearly 100-acre Angelica Creek Park is home to The Nature Place, Berks Nature's LEED Gold Certified nature center. Check the Angelica Trail near the Nature Play Area for the rubbing post (and feel free to visit our nature center through the main entrance of The Nature Place)!

**Address:** 575 St. Bernardine Street, Reading, PA 19607

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# BOB'S WOODS AT THE EARL POOLE SANCTUARY

This 30+ acre property was donated to Berks Nature in the late 1970s. The preserve is home to many beautiful native wildflowers and is a great site for birding. Speaking of birds, check the Tanager Trail for the rubbing post!

**Address:** Antietam Rd, Temple, PA 19560  
(Full directions available in the trail guide)

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# NEVERSINK MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

Hikes on Neversink Mountain provide breathtaking vistas for enjoyment by all Berks County residents and visitors, including the popular City Overlook. But to find this rubbing post, you'll have to explore the Upper Glen Trail!

**Address:** Go to intersection of Klapperthal Road and West Neversink Road, Reading, PA; park at the end of Klapperthal Road

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