



The Otto and Magdalene Ackermann Nature Preserve offers natural beauty and discoveries, whether you visit for a casual walk or for a full day of exploration. There are trails and natural areas as well as historical man-made features of interest. Visitors enjoy the Preserve's wildlife, birds, wildflowers, and scenery.

The Preserve is predominantly deciduous forest, and contains a former stone quarry, wooded slopes, and a forested floodplain of a tributary to Brush Creek.



*Magdalene & Otto Ackermann  
with beloved dalmatian  
Schatze 1952*

## HISTORY

Otto and Magdalene Ackermann married in their native Germany. They came to the United States, and settled in Wilksburg before moving with their children to Irwin. The Ackermanns loved nature, and purchased land to make up the 58 acre preserve near Ardara starting in 1939. They never intended to live there, but visited for bird watching, nature study, hikes and picnicking. Eventually they opened the property to the public as a nature preserve.

Otto was a lepidopterist, assembling what was believed to be at that time one of the largest butterfly collections in the world. Otto often collected eggs and raised butterflies through the stages of metamorphosis.

Over the years, Otto and Magdalene's children and their respective families continued to maintain the nature preserve for their own use and public enjoyment. After most of the extended family eventually moved away from the area, the five Ackermann children donated the land to ensure its conservation in perpetuity.

With the 2009 donation of the land, each of the children also contributed funds for maintaining the Preserve. Since then, the Ackermann family has continued to visit and contribute toward upkeep of the Preserve, and has furnished much historical information about the property.



Join us as a volunteer or supporter to add to the success of our work.

Contact us about a volunteer work day at the Ackermann Preserve for your company.

## GET INVOLVED

- **Contact us** about possible ways to protect your land
- **Volunteer!** We will welcome your help
- **Support our work** with a donation of funds, supplies or services
- **Remember us** for planned giving
- **Join us** for an event
- **"Like" and "Follow"** our Facebook page
- **Help spread the word** about conserving special land
- **Visit** our properties and website to learn more about our work
- **Join** our mailing list



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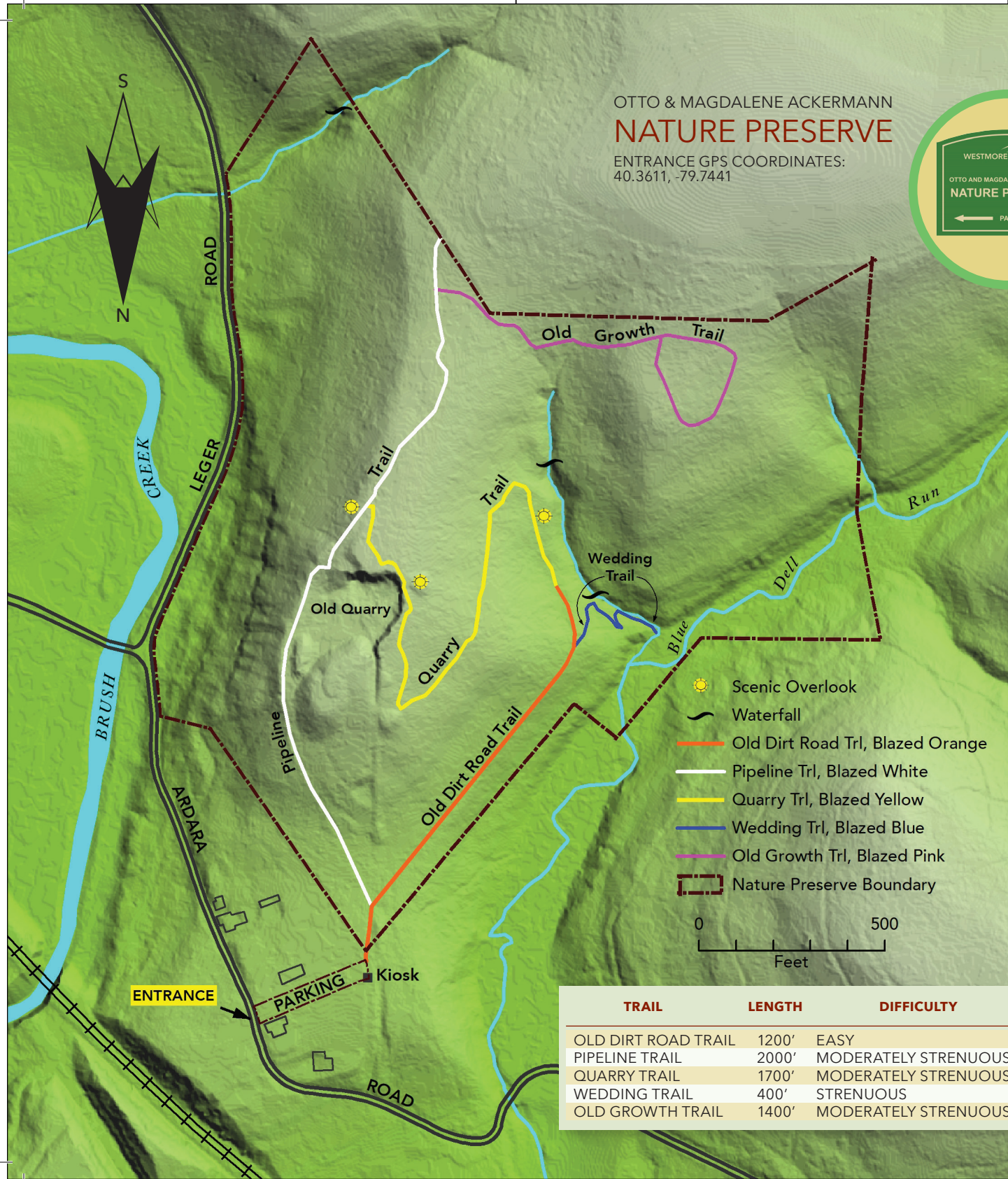
OTTO & MAGDALENE  
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# NATURE PRESERVE

A NATURAL TREASURE IN  
NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP







OTTO & MAGDALENE ACKERMANN  
**NATURE PRESERVE**  
ENTRANCE GPS COORDINATES:  
40.3611, -79.7441



**13270 ARDARA ROAD  
NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP**  
GPS may not be reliable - Preserve is 2 miles from  
US Route 30 via either Leger or Ardara Roads

**TRAILS**

**Old Dirt Road Trail** is an easy, flat trail with several benches along the way, leading to a serene forested valley.

The moderately strenuous **Pipeline Trail** begins as a steep and steady climb to an old stone quarry and a lookout over Brush Creek valley.

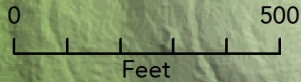
The moderately strenuous **Quarry Trail** winds through the forest to a birds-eye view of the old stone quarry. Hikers should exercise caution near the quarry.

The moderately strenuous **Old Growth Trail** leads to large beech, elm and sugar maples in a remote part of the Preserve.

The steep and strenuous **Wedding Trail** leads to pristine waterfalls, a delightful stream and a forested floodplain.

*A moderately strenuous loop of 4/5 of a mile can be made with the Old Dirt Road, Quarry Trail, and part of the Pipeline Trail.*

- ☀ Scenic Overlook
- ⚡ Waterfall
- Old Dirt Road Trl, Blazed Orange
- Pipeline Trl, Blazed White
- Quarry Trl, Blazed Yellow
- Wedding Trl, Blazed Blue
- Old Growth Trl, Blazed Pink
- ▭ Nature Preserve Boundary



TRAIL	LENGTH	DIFFICULTY	SURFACE	TYP/MIN WIDTH	TYP/MAX GRADE	TYP/MAX CROSS SLOPE
OLD DIRT ROAD TRAIL	1200'	EASY	DIRT	10' / 9'	1%/1%	< 5% / 8%
PIPELINE TRAIL	2000'	MODERATELY STRENUOUS	DIRT	10' / 6'	14% then 1% / 15%	< 5% / 6%
QUARRY TRAIL	1700'	MODERATELY STRENUOUS	DIRT	2' / 1-1/2'	15% then 10% / 20%	8% / 15%
WEDDING TRAIL	400'	STRENUOUS	DIRT	2' / 1-1/2'	15% / 23%	8% / 10%
OLD GROWTH TRAIL	1400'	MODERATELY STRENUOUS	DIRT	4' / 2'	13%/23%	< 5% / 15%