

Every Visit—A New Adventure

# PICKERING CREEK Audubon CENTER

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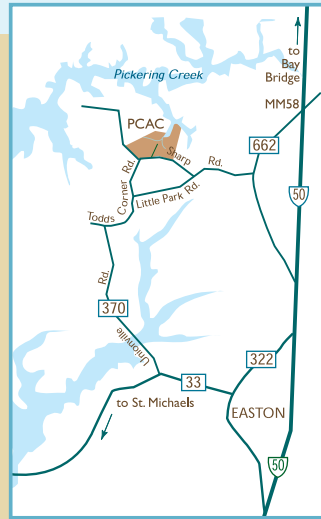
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**Hours:** Pickering Creek is open to the public from dawn until dusk every day of the week. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm.

## Directions from Easton & St. Michaels:

- Take MD-33 to MD-370/ Unionville Road.
- Follow Unionville Road for 3.7 miles to the end.
- Turn right onto Todd's Corner Road, follow for 1.1 miles.
- Bear to the left to stay on Todd's Corner Road for another 0.9 miles.
- Turn right at the stop sign onto Sharp/Presquile Road.
- Pickering Creek Audubon Center is your first left and marked with a sign.



## Directions from Annapolis:

- From Route 50 East turn right onto Route 662 at mile marker 58, just beyond Skipton Creek.
- Follow 662 1.9 miles through the town of Longwoods, past a red school house, and turn right onto Sharp Road.
- Follow Sharp Road for 1.5 miles
- Turn right onto the continuation of Sharp Road (there's a sign Sharp Road to Presquile Road) and follow for 1.4 miles
- Pickering Creek Audubon Center is on the right and marked with a sign.



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Pickering Creek Audubon Center is dedicated to community-based conservation of natural resources through environmental education and outreach on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay.

[www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org)

*"If this world is ever to bring mankind's material needs into harmony with the needs of our natural environment, we must start with the education of the young people."*

—George Olds III and Margaret Olds Strahl

## Sharing Nature

When brother and sister George Olds and Margaret Strahl donated Heigh Ho Farm to the Chesapeake Audubon Society in 1981, they envisioned a place where all members of the community, whether watermen, farmers, birders, painters, business people, children or adults, could have access to the natural beauty of the Eastern Shore. Today, Pickering Creek Audubon Center connects over 13,000 program participants and visitors annually with the habitats, wildlife and rural character of the site that the donors wanted to share with the community.

Pickering Creek Audubon Center is open to enjoy from sun up to sun down, 365 days a year. Bring your binoculars, camera, and a picnic lunch and leave with plans to return again and again.

In keeping with the Olds' vision there is no admission fee. If you have a great experience and want to support their vision, we welcome your gift at [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org).

Pickering Creek Audubon Center is a successful partnership between National Audubon Society and the Chesapeake Audubon Society chapter, both 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Pickering is a proud member of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network.





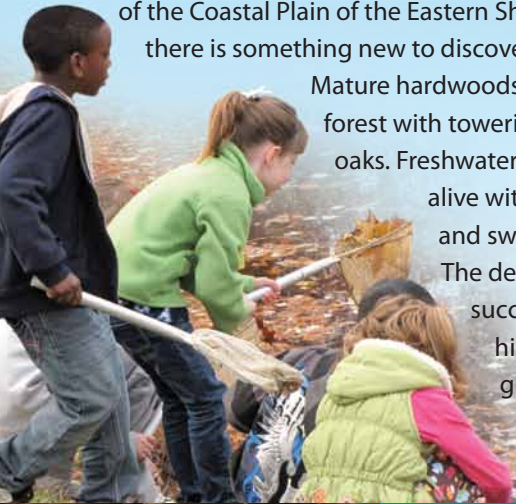
Located in the heart of Chesapeake Bay, along the Atlantic Flyway, on a quiet, undeveloped tributary of the Wye River, Pickering Creek Audubon Center is a 400-acre wildlife sanctuary and environmental education center available for all to explore.

**EXPLORE** four miles of walking trails that wind through 400 acres of a variety of habitats representative of the Coastal Plain of the Eastern Shore. At every turn there is something new to discover or observe.

Mature hardwoods dominate the forest with towering beeches and oaks. Freshwater wetlands are alive with singing frogs and swooping swallows. The densely forested succession forest hides buntings and grosbeaks.

**Trail highlights include:**

- Viewing platforms and bird blinds overlooking 75 acres of freshwater wetlands with foraging herons, ducks, geese and swans.
- Pier and waterman's shanty overlooking peaceful Pickering Creek and soaring ospreys, eagles, kingfishers and swallows.
- Mature hardwood forest inhabited by endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrels, countless woodpeckers and Wood Thrush.
- Children's Trail through the woods with tree trunks to climb over and moss covered logs to peak under.
- Children's Imagination Garden and Herb Garden to please the senses, featuring fragrant plants and colorful butterflies.



**Discovering Pickering Every Season...**

Cricket Frogs, Spring Peepers, Pickerel Frogs, Chorus Frogs and Leopard Frogs create a joyfully deafening cacophony each **Spring** as they search for their mates. Late spring is heralded by broods of Wood Ducks floating in the many corners of the freshwater wetlands, where you can see mothers and their young dart amongst the cattails and other vegetation in search of food.

Abundant food and shelter make the wetlands, forest and edges ideal for raising a family. Coot, snipe, ducks and songbirds make their nests in the wetlands through the **Summer**, as woodpeckers, raccoons and squirrels use the tree cavities of mature hardwoods.

**Fall** brings Monarch butterflies to the wetland meadows as they feed on the nectar of fall flowering plants like White Snakeroot, Tickseed Sunflower, Goldenrod, Ironweed, Joe Pye Weed and Groundsel Tree before their migration to Mexico.

In the **Winter**, abundant flocks of Canada Geese visit the site for feeding and safe cover. They are joined by a variety of waterfowl including Green-winged Teal, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Pintail, Black Ducks and Gadwall.



**Hiking Trails and Map of Pickering Creek**

**Map Symbols**

- Observation Point
- Canoe/Kayak Launch Access
- Children's Garden/Herb Garden
- Dock
- Parking
- Boundary
- Wetland Overlook Loop Trail .9 miles
- Farm To Bay Loop Trail 1.8 miles
- Childrens Loop Trail .3 miles
- Pond Loop Trail .4 miles
- Spur



**BORROW TOOLS TO EXPLORE** If you visit Monday-Friday between 9am and 5pm, stop by the office at the waterfront to check out a pair of binoculars, dip nets to explore the pond, field guides or kids books to read in the woods during your visit.

**CONNECT** Pickering Creek Audubon Center offers numerous volunteer & nature learning opportunities throughout the year that will connect you with nature and awaken your senses. For more information on volunteering, summer camps and public programs, visit [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org).

