

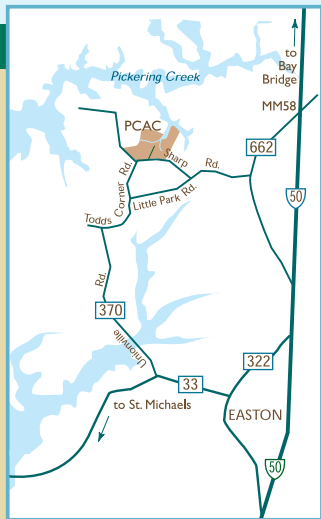


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Hours: Pickering Creek is open in the summer from 7a.m.–8p.m. and winter from 7a.m.–5p.m. Check our website for most up to date hours. Office is open Monday-Friday, 9a.m.–5p.m.

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.

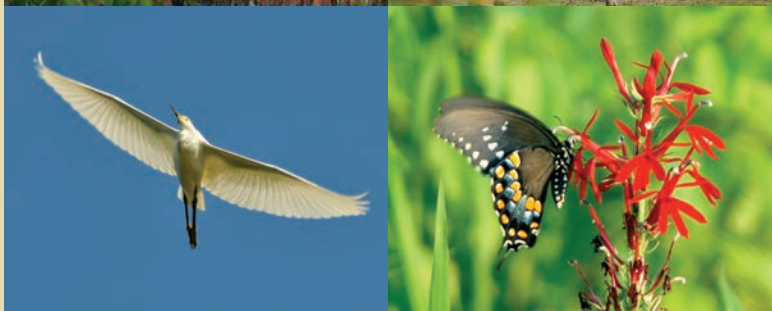


Directions from Annapolis:

- 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.



Every Visit–A New Adventure



Pickering Creek Audubon Center conserves natural habitats on Maryland's Eastern Shore by engaging and empowering our community through exploration, education and stewardship.

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"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, regardless of age, background or outdoor experience, could enjoy access to the natural beauty of the Eastern Shore. Cemmy and George Peterson added 11 acres to the Center's campus with their donation of property in 2016. In 2022 our supporters pulled together to purchase an additional 63 acres of forest adjacent to the Center. Today, Pickering Creek Audubon Center connects over 22,000 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 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. As a non-profit organization, community support is critical to making Pickering a success. If you have a great experience and want to support our vision, we welcome your gift at www.pickeringcreek.org. Pickering Creek Audubon Center is owned and operated by the Maryland-based Chesapeake Audubon Society.



Located in the heart of the Chesapeake Bay, along the Atlantic Flyway, on a quiet, undeveloped tributary of the Wye River, Pickering Creek Audubon Center is a 450-acre wildlife sanctuary and environmental education center available for all to explore.

EXPLORE five miles of walking trails that wind through 450 acres of varied 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 featuring woodpeckers, wood thrush and barred owls. Freshwater wetlands are alive with singing frogs and swooping swallows. Meadows host woodcock, Yellow-breasted Chat and a variety of sparrows.

Trail highlights include:

- Viewing platforms and bird blinds overlooking 90 acres of freshwater wetlands with foraging herons, ducks, geese and swans.
- Dock overlooking a living shoreline and peaceful Pickering Creek with soaring ospreys, eagles, kingfishers and swallows.
- Mature hardwood forest inhabited by Delmarva Fox Squirrels, countless woodpeckers and Wood Thrush.
- Woodpecker Trail through the woods with tree trunks to climb over and moss-covered logs to peak under.
- New Woods and Mossy Woods Trails explore mixed hardwood and pine forest with skinks, chickadees and Barred Owls.
- Meadow Trail and Viewing Platform highlight the importance of native warm season grass and shrub habitat with bountiful blackberries, rabbits and yellowthroat.
- Pollinator Garden and Herb Garden to please the senses, featuring native plants, colorful butterflies and fragrant herbs.
- Vibrant murals found on the farm buildings, boathouse, and in the garden.



Discover Pickering in 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 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 throughout the **Summer**, as woodpeckers, raccoons and squirrels use the tree cavities of mature hardwoods.

Fall brings Monarch butterflies to the wetlands and 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.

CONNECT Pickering Creek Audubon Center offers numerous nature learning opportunities throughout the year that will connect you with nature and awaken your senses.

For more information on public programs, volunteering, and summer camps visit www.pickeringcreek.org.

Hiking Trails & Highlights at Pickering Creek

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| Parking | Gilbert Byron House | Wetland Overlook Loop Trail .9 miles | Meadow Trail .5 miles |
| Portable Toilet | Picnic Tables | Pond Loop Trail .4 miles | Farm To Bay Loop Trail 1.8 miles |
| AED | Dock | New Woods Loop .5 miles | Woodpecker Trail .3 mile |
| Windmill | Observation Point | Mossy Woods Trail .6 miles | Property Boundary |
| Herb & Pollinator Garden | Canoe/Kayak Launch | New Woods to Mossy Woods to Meadow Viewing Platform and Back to Parking 1.25 miles | |

