## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Maple Hill Preserve is a conservation easement on privately-owned land. Public access is permitted <u>only</u> on the public hiking trail and the following rules apply:

Preserve Hours: Dawn till Dusk

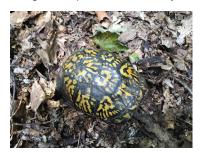
- Follow Posted Signage at All Times
- Dogs Must Be on a Leash at All Times
- Pack Out All Trash and Dog Waste
- Stay On Marked Trails
- The Following Are Prohibited:
  - Hunting
  - Excessive Noise
  - Alcohol and Glass Containers
  - Camping and Fires
  - Collecting of Plants, Animals or Artifacts
  - Overnight Parking
  - Mountain Bikes
  - All-Terrain Vehicles

Horseback riding is permitted on the trail. Stay on marked trails and do not ride in wet conditions.

## IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

At nearly 200 acres, Maple Hill Preserve consists of hardwood forest situated atop resistant shale and sand-stone ridges, which form dramatic stone outcrops throughout the property. The forest climbs a steep ridge from Maple Lane, offering beautiful views of the Paulinskill Valley from its highest elevations. Headwater tributaries of Jacksonburg Creek, with associated wetlands, flow through the land.

Along the trail, an impoundment holds back a large, scenic lake where many forms of wildlife gather. Here hikers can also see one of the few historic lime kilns in the region that are found atop shale and sandstone. The kiln was used to reduce limestone brought to the site to calcium oxide (lime), which was used to increase the fertility of the poor soils atop the ridges. Hand-built stone walls attest to the rugged nature of historic farming in this part of New Jersey.



## ADDRESS FOR PARKING AREA: 47 Maple Lane, Blairstown NJ 07825\*

\*parking area directly left of private driveway entrance

# **GPS COORDINATES** 41.0075, -74.9658



Stone wall illustration by Jennifer Ramirez, 2019

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#### **ABOUT US**

Ridge and Valley Conservancy (RVC) is a private, non-profit land trust that preserves natural lands in northwestern New Jersey. We strive to practice sound ecological management of the lands we've protected, safeguarding sensitive habitats and the native species that inhabit them. Many RVC preserves have hiking trails, and we offer nature education, guided hikes, and other special events for the community and for schools. Learn more about us at ridgeandvalleyconservancy.org.

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# MAPLE HILL PRESERVE

TRAIL MAP



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