

About Brenner-Penfield Emmaus Preserve

Take in the fresh forest air while conserving the history of this land for future generations. The 34-acre Brenner-Penfield Emmaus Preserve is one of four convenient retreats connecting the Emmaus community to South Mountain. Together with the Borough of Emmaus's South Fourth Street Property, there are nearly 50 acres of open space out here to enjoy.



One special trail predates this land's purpose of a nature preserve – the Oley Path was used by early Lenape people to transport jasper to the Lehigh and Delaware rivers. Walk that same trail today, and your footsteps will become part of this special history, ensuring it is honored and shared for generations to come.



ABOUT MERRILL AND NANCY BRENNER

Two very visionary people, Merrill and Nancy Brenner, helped realize the Brenner-Penfield Emmaus Preserve you are visiting today. The local couple long wanted to conserve land for future generations, and partnering with Wildlands Conservancy, their wish

for a public preserve legacy came true. The lands they helped permanently protect offer a tucked-away retreat for the region. The Brennens hope their actions inspire others to do their part to restore and sustain the Lehigh Valley and Lehigh River watershed.

Penfield, Nancy's maiden name, doubles to honor her father, a Pennsylvanian and proud parent of five daughters who deeply appreciated nature. The couple has called the Lehigh Valley home since the mid-1970s. Their namesake also supported Brenner-Penfield Macungie Mountain, another Wildlands Conservancy nature preserve located nearby.



About Wildlands Conservancy

Wildlands Conservancy is the Lehigh Valley's nonprofit land trust. We've been creating lasting connections to nature since 1973 through land protection, environmental stewardship, and education. Our mission is kept alive through the committed support of the community and like-minded businesses.

To date, Wildlands has protected **more than 60,000 acres**, we benefit tens of thousands of school-age children annually through **environmental education**, and we are perpetually focused on improving **water quality** and **wildlife habitat** within and beyond our **14 nature preserves** totaling more than **2,800 acres**.

HELP PROTECT OUR PRESERVES

It costs \$400,000 a year to manage our nature preserves. Give today to help!

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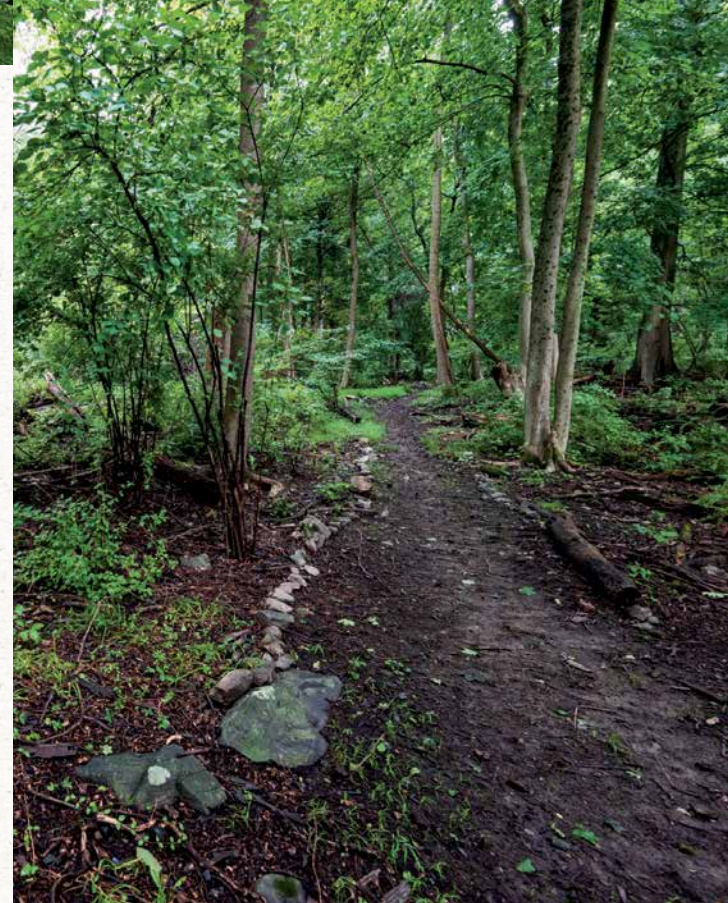
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Explore the trails out here

The Brenner-Penfield Emmaus Preserve and Emmaus's South Fourth Street Property offer 1.5 miles of trails for hiking, biking, trail running, birding, and exploring.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Charcoal Trail | 0.4 mile | Moderate

Towering oaks and tulip trees stand tall along the rocky hillside, while numerous charcoal flats, flattened areas where early colonists made charcoal, can be seen from this loop trail.

Foundry Trail | 0.6 mile | Difficult

This winding loop trail takes users near remnants of an old foundry while passing through a variety of habitats.

Oley Path | 0.5 mile | Moderate

Walk along sections of an ancient indigenous path on this half-mile loop.

A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

Wildlands Conservancy acknowledges the giving community, visionary supporters, and volunteers for making Brenner-Penfield Emmaus a public nature preserve.

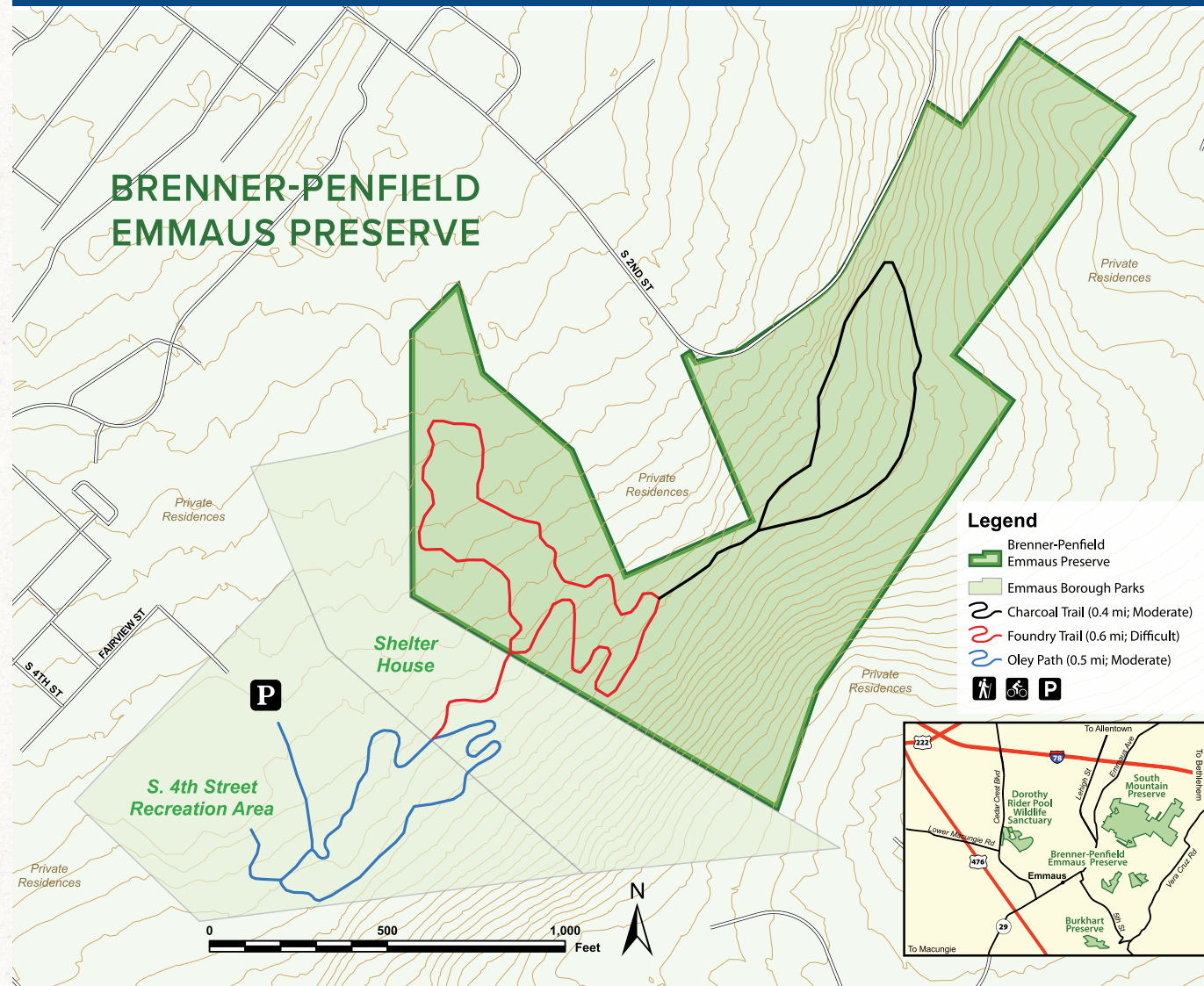


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HINT:
Can you hear the babbling brook flow following rain along the rocky section of the Charcoal Trail?

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Please abide by the following: Hours are from dawn to dusk • No graffiti • Hunting and trapping are prohibited • Collecting of plants, animals, and rocks is prohibited • Be respectful of others using the property; being quiet increases chances of viewing wildlife • No motor vehicles or horses • Please stay on the designated trails • Do not litter – please carry out all trash • Pets must be leashed, under control at all times, and cleaned up after • Do not smoke or start fires • No camping • Alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons of any type are prohibited • No glass containers

Wildlands Conservancy is not responsible for injury, theft, or accident. In case of an emergency, call 911.

