

## Welcome to the Ephraim Malickson Wildlife Sanctuary!

Encompassing nearly 200 acres, the wildlife habitat and water resources sheltered by this special property are protected in perpetuity. Wildlife conservation was a dream of the late Ephraim Malickson – and his dream can now be shared with you!

This land and the wildlife living here were extremely important to Mr. Malickson, so much so that he worked with Berks Nature and estate planning professionals to ensure this special place would never cede to development.

In 2011, following Mr. Malickson's passing, a conservation easement was placed on the property permanently restricting the future use of the land, thereby protecting the natural resources thriving here.



At this time, Berks Nature became stewards of "The Ephraim Malickson Wildlife Sanctuary (Tekene 2)". Mr. Malickson referred to this land as "Tekene" - the Lenape word meaning woods or an uninhabited place - a great description for the preserve indeed!

**"I want this Sanctuary to be a place for the birds and the deer to go and be safe" – Ephraim Malickson**

The Ephraim Malickson Wildlife Sanctuary's nearly 200 acres of protected forest are part of the Schuylkill Highlands of Berks County. This area has rich cultural and natural heritage that is valued by local residents and by environmental organizations involved in the protection of land and water resources in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Not only does the Sanctuary provide critical habitat for native plants and animals, it also shelters much of the headwater streams and springs of Indian Corn Creek, a Migratory and Cold Water Fishery, which eventually flows into the Schuylkill River.

The land is actively managed for wildlife habitat – **please respect those areas where access is not permitted.**



At Berks Nature we believe that nature is essential to our quality of life. We are your local non-profit conservation organization, and invite you to become involved by visiting [berksnature.org](http://berksnature.org) and:

- Becoming a Champion of Nature!
- Attending a fun event listed at [berksnature.org](http://berksnature.org)!
- Making a donation to help us protect nature.
- Signing up for our E-news updates!
- Sending the children in your lives to summer Eco-Camp or our Berks Nature Preschool



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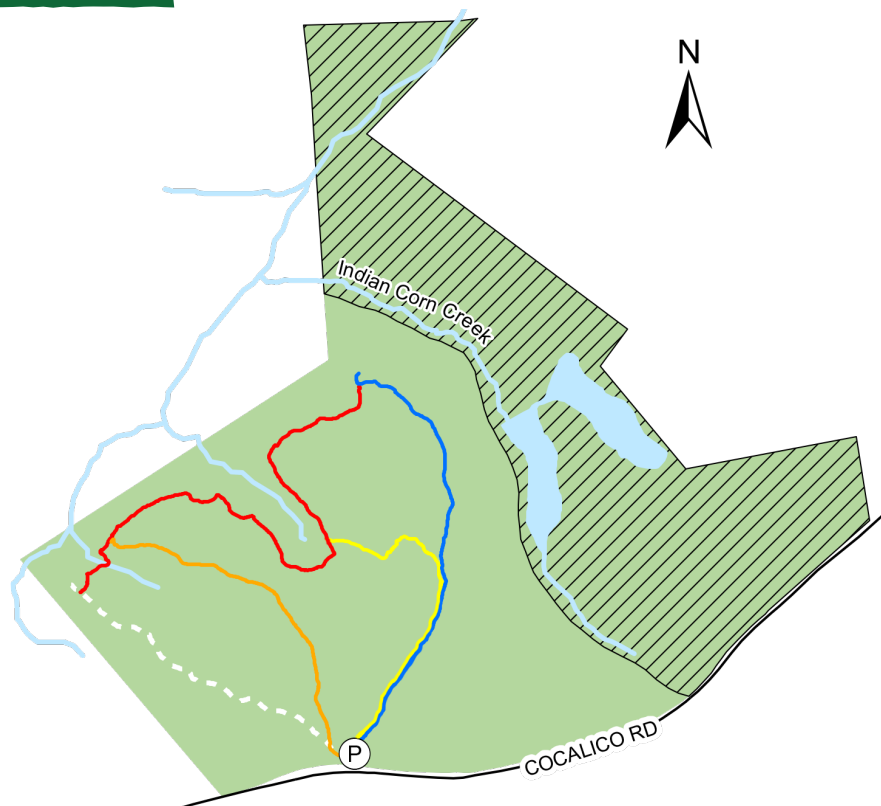


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**EPHRAIM MALICKSON  
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY  
(TEKENE 2)**

**TRAIL GUIDE**





**Legend**

- Blue Trail
- Yellow Trail
- Orange Trail
- Red Trail
- - - White Seasonal Trail
- Malickson Preserve
- ▨ Residential Area- KEEP OUT
- ~ Streams and Water Bodies
- (P) Parking

**Preserve Rules and Trail Safety**

- Open dawn until dusk
- No restroom facilities, drinking water, or telephones currently exist on the preserve
- Visitation at your own risk – you are responsible for your actions and safety on this property
- Practice **Leave no Trace principles** while recreating – pack out trash and leave this space better than when you found it
- Stay on the trails to avoid disturbing wild plants and animals
- All pets **MUST** be leashed at all times. Please pick up and dispose of dog waste properly
- **For the safety of trail users, all motorized vehicles are prohibited**
- **NO** alcohol
- **NO** fires
- **NO** littering
- Overnight camping is not allowed
- Hunting and removal of any plants or animals without Berks Nature’s consent is prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted

**The Ephraim Malickson Wildlife Sanctuary**

is heavily forested, with intermittent streams and wetlands between upland areas. The forest canopy is predominated by oaks, hickories, and beeches, with a rich understory of both woody and herbaceous native plants.

This forest provides habitat for both resident and Neotropical migrant bird species including wood thrush, red-eyed vireo, and veery – all species that require large, contiguous swatches of forest habitat to thrive.



Thank you for your help keeping this preserve a special place for wildlife and people!