



Experience ACLT



Land Conservation | Hiking | Paddling | Natural Farming 1986 - 2016



Earth Day 2017

It's more than just a day at ACLT
- it's a way of life!

Earth Day 5k Trail Run & Hike
Saturday, April 22

Earth Day Clean Up
Sunday, April 23

Guided Hikes

Family Hike to the ACLT Beaver Dam/Chesapeake Bay Overlook
Sunday, April 30: 12 - 2pm

ACLT North Side Trailhead. Free. Registration req'd

Mountain Laurel Guided Hike

Sunday, June 4: 1pm - 3pm

ACLT South Side Trailhead. Free. Registration req'd



Guided Canoe Trips

Guided Canoe Trip on Parkers Creek
Saturday, May 20: 9:30am-12:30pm
Port Republic, MD, \$15/person. Registration req'd.

SUNRISE Guided Canoe Trip
Saturday, June 17: 7am-10am

Port Republic, MD, \$15/person. Registration req'd.

**Rain dates are always the following day.
No public access to launch location.

2nd Sunday Farmers Markets

June, July & August

All proceeds go to support ACLT's Double Oak Farm which donate 75% of its naturally grown harvest to a local food pantry. *Weather permitting.*

June Market - Family Day!

Sunday, June 11: 1pm - 4pm

North Side Trailhead - Free Entrance

Hayrides, live animal displays, music, food trucks, nature games & more!



Like getting your hands dirty? Volunteer!
Spring Hiking Trail Maintenance Day, March 25th
Weekly opportunities available on the trails and farm - info@acltweb.org

ACLtweb.org

Visit ACLT

The American Chestnut Land Trust is a member-supported, non-profit organization that protects the natural lands, waterways, cultural landmarks and wildlife habitats of the Parkers Creek watershed. The ACLT team of staff and volunteers cares for nearly 3,000 acres of land and maintain 22 miles of trails that are open and free to the public.

We also offer opportunities to canoe and explore the pristine creek and its surrounding area. ACLT's Double Oak Farm offers earth-friendly farming and display gardens, raising more than 3,500 lbs. of produce annually which is donated to a local food pantry. The Parkers Creek Preserve is located between Dares Beach and Port Republic in Calvert County, Maryland on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. We look forward to meeting you there!

North Side Trailhead, Double Oak Farm & ACLT Office:

Off of Dares Beach Rd
676 Double Oak Rd
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

South Side Trailhead

2650 Scientists Cliffs Rd
Port Republic, MD 20676

PF2BAY Trailhead

Shares the parking lot of St. John Vianney Church
105 Vianney Ln
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Enjoy the trails! They're free so as many guests as possible can experience this beautiful preserve.

But protecting and caring for land is not free

If you are able, please consider making a donation
or show your dedication to land conservation
by becoming a member of ACLT.

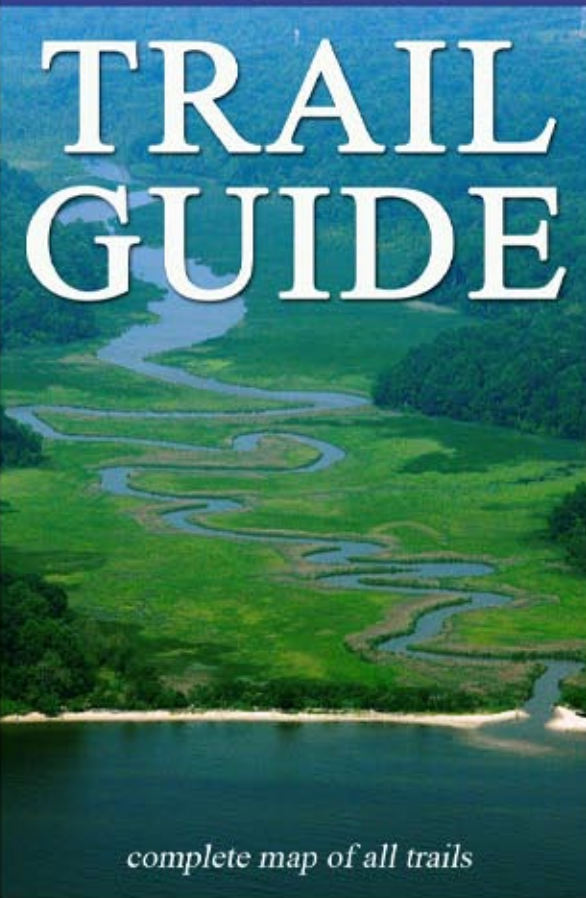
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Parkers Creek Preserve

TRAIL GUIDE



complete map of all trails



American Chestnut Land Trust

...Connecting people with the land

Land Conservation

Stewardship, Research, & Education



For 30 years, the American Chestnut Land Trust, a local non-profit, has purchased land and worked with The Nature Conservancy, Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Calvert County to protect the Parkers Creek and Governors Run Watersheds. Today, the Parkers Creek Preserve offers 3,000 acres of protected land for the enjoyment, education and environmental benefit of the community.

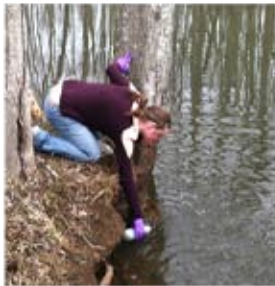
Stewardship

ACLT hosts regular land management events to help remove invasive plant species, improve wildlife habitat, maintain trails and create new opportunities for people to connect with the land. Contact us to find out how to get involved!



Become a MD Master Naturalist

ACLT is proud to coordinate this UofMD Extension program with the mission to engage citizens as stewards of Maryland's natural ecosystems and resources through science-based education and volunteer service in their communities. Classes held annually.



Science in the Watershed

ACLT allows and encourages research and studies of the watershed. Our largest Citizen Science program is our Water Quality Monitoring, which maintains a continuous record of the water quality of Parkers Creek. Baseline testing and other expanded research are being conducted Spring 2017.

Recreation

Hiking, Paddling, & Bird Watching

Hiking

With more than 22 miles of hiking trails, free and open to the public, ACLT is the perfect place to come and enjoy walking in the beautiful forests of Calvert County! Trails range from short easy loops to our 12 mile round trip PF2BAY trail. The addition of the new Parkers Creek Crossing means trails can be combined to reach 16+ mile hikes of many challenge levels.



*...both welcoming and knowledgeable about diverse topics that apply to our surrounding countryside, (ACLT) makes a simple hike through the woods memorable & educational.
~ Calvert Recorder*

Guided Hikes

Take a hike while nature experts share their knowledge! Sign up for one of our guided hikes to learn about the wildlife and science of the watershed. Hikes are scheduled throughout the year to highlight the changing seasons.



Guided Canoe Trips

Float along the pristine creek with nature experts! ACLT offers guided canoe trips from spring through fall. Depart from Warrior's Rest Sanctuary and enjoy a scenic tour of Parkers Creek. Limited access outside of scheduled trips due to sensitive ecosystem.



The National Audubon Society has designated the Parkers Creek Watershed as a "Maryland Important Bird Area". Bald Eagles, heron, warblers, woodthrush, indigo bunting and many others are spotted here, some seasonally and many year round.

Natural Farming

Double Oak Farm, the EDGE Garden & the Food Forest

Growing for Local Food Pantries

ACLT is very proud of its volunteer run Double Oak Farm, located by our North Side Trailhead in Prince Frederick. Since 2015, more than 75% of produce harvested has been donated locally to St. John Vianney's food pantry. With an acre of naturally grown vegetables and fruits, we provide fresh produce for 65 families per week during the growing season. We invite you to learn about natural farming while helping to feed our neediest neighbors or consider a donation to help the farm! There's a place for you in this effort.



Outdoor Classroom

We also hope to teach everyone to grow their own healthy food! Our outdoor classroom is known as the EDGE: Edible Demonstration Garden Experiment. Stop by and learn about natural gardening as well as Native American and historic techniques. Contact the office to schedule a visit and expert tour.

Food Forest

A Food Forest is a method of growing food that mimics natural forest ecosystems. This method of growing removes the need for pesticides or herbicides and increases even further the carbon storage of the forest. We're so proud of our dedicated volunteers who imagined and are building this exciting project. ACLT's food forest is growing and will begin tours and visits Spring 2017.



*"Parkers Creek is an ecological singularity: a pristine coastal wilderness on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay - almost as a scale-model of the larger Chesapeake estuary."
~ MD Department of Natural Resources*