

# TRAIL MAP

## THE NATURE PRESERVE AT SHAKER VILLAGE

### THE NATURE PRESERVE

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill has inspired, comforted and been sanctuary to many people, plants and animals. The Nature Preserve at Shaker Village actively manages, protects and shares 3,000 acres of original Shaker countryside, today covered by restored prairies, woodlands, fields, canebrakes, sheer cliffs and diverse plants and wildlife.

### HELPFUL HINTS

**ACCESSING THE NATURE PRESERVE** Explore The Nature Preserve by traversing more than 40 miles of multi-use trails. The paved, gravel, dirt and grass trails are designed for hikers, horseback riders and carriage drivers. Bicyclers are welcome, but the trails are not specifically maintained for mountain biking.

**TRAILHEADS & PARKING** The trails are accessed from three trailheads located throughout the property. Each trailhead provides parking and additional information.

**HIKER INFORMATION & CHECK-IN** Begin your hike with a visit to The Nature Preserve Information & Check-In area. This area provides a brief orientation to the trail system and seasonal nature information. While there, visit the bird blind, nature overlook and amphitheater. Trailhead #1 is also located in this area.

All trail users are required to sign a property usage waiver each day of trail use. Waivers are available at each trailhead, the Carpenter's Shop Craft Store, The Inn at Shaker Village front desk and Shaker Landing.

**EQUESTRIAN INFORMATION & CHECK-IN** The Stable at Shaker Village provides trailer parking, boarding, running water and more for horse enthusiasts. Please pay appropriate daily fees and sign a property usage waiver at the self-registration area. Self-registration requires exact cash amount. All others must register at the Carpenter's Shop Craft Store or The Inn at Shaker Village front desk. Annual riding passes are available.

### HOURS

The Nature Preserve at Shaker Village is open daily, sunrise to sunset. Trail use is free for non-equestrian trail users. Donations are welcomed to defer the cost of trail maintenance. Please visit the Carpenter's Shop Craft Store or The Inn at Shaker Village front desk to make a donation. *Daily equestrian trail fees and nightly boarding fees apply.*

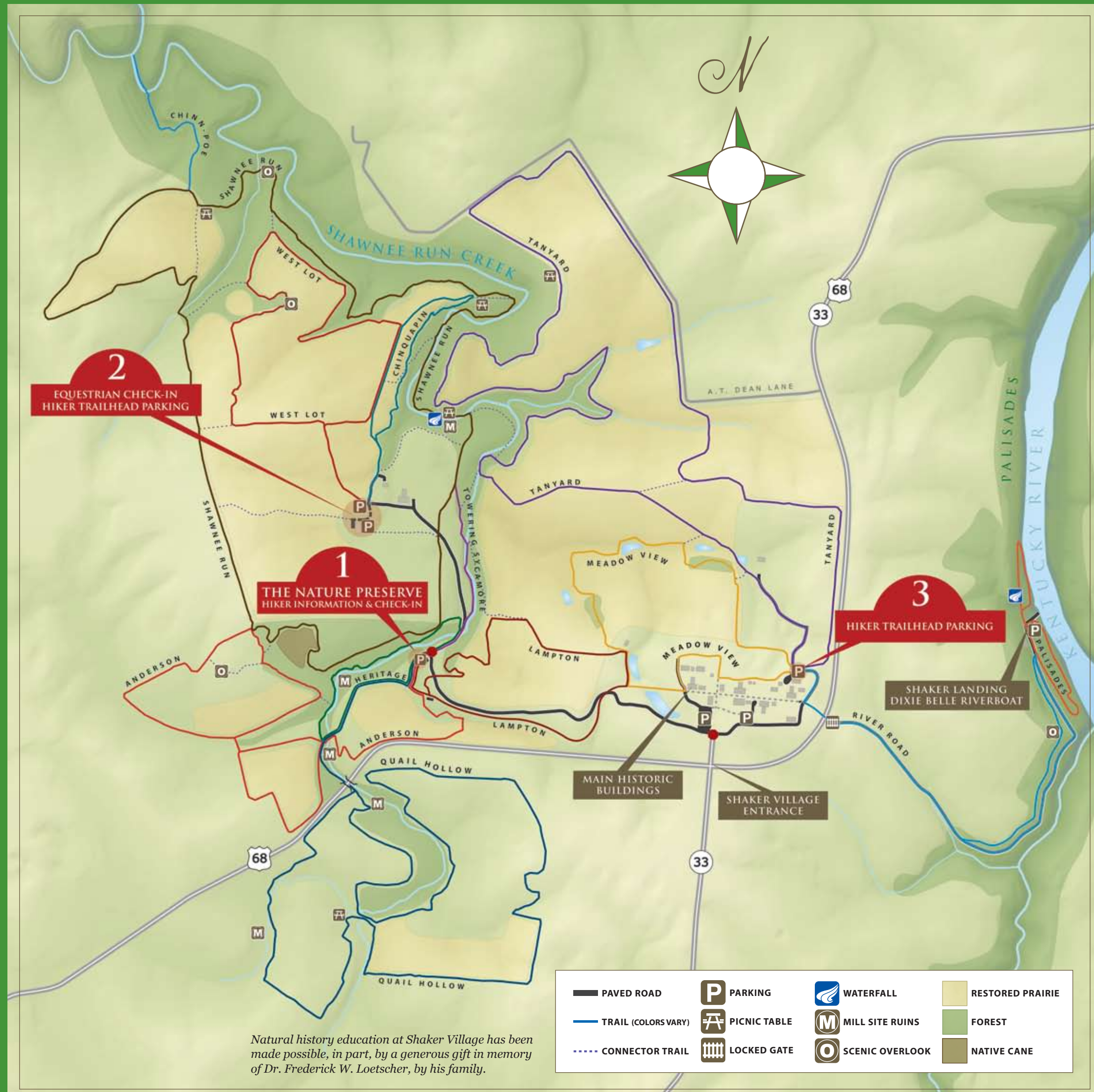
### TRAIL REGULATIONS

- Horse trailers must park in the designated area at The Stable.
- No motorized vehicles are allowed off of paved roadways.
- Parts of the Shawnee Run Trail, Towering Sycamore Trail, Quail Hollow Trail and Tanyard Trail are seasonal and may be impassable due to high water.
- Because hikers and equestrians share the trails, no dogs are allowed on the trails.
- Trails travel through protected areas. Do not disturb or collect plants or animals. Do not collect rocks, fossils, or remains of human history.
- Trails pass abandoned mine sites. **Warning: Do not enter mine sites.**
- No restroom facilities or drinking water are available on the trails. A portable restroom facility is located next to The Stable and at Shaker Landing.
- Hikers and bicyclists yield to equestrians on trails.
- Hunting on Shaker Village property is prohibited. Overnight guests may fish only in the pond next to the main Carpenter's Shop Craft Store parking lot.
- Shaker Village does not provide horses for trail riding.
- If you pack it in, pack it out.



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# TRAILHEAD #1

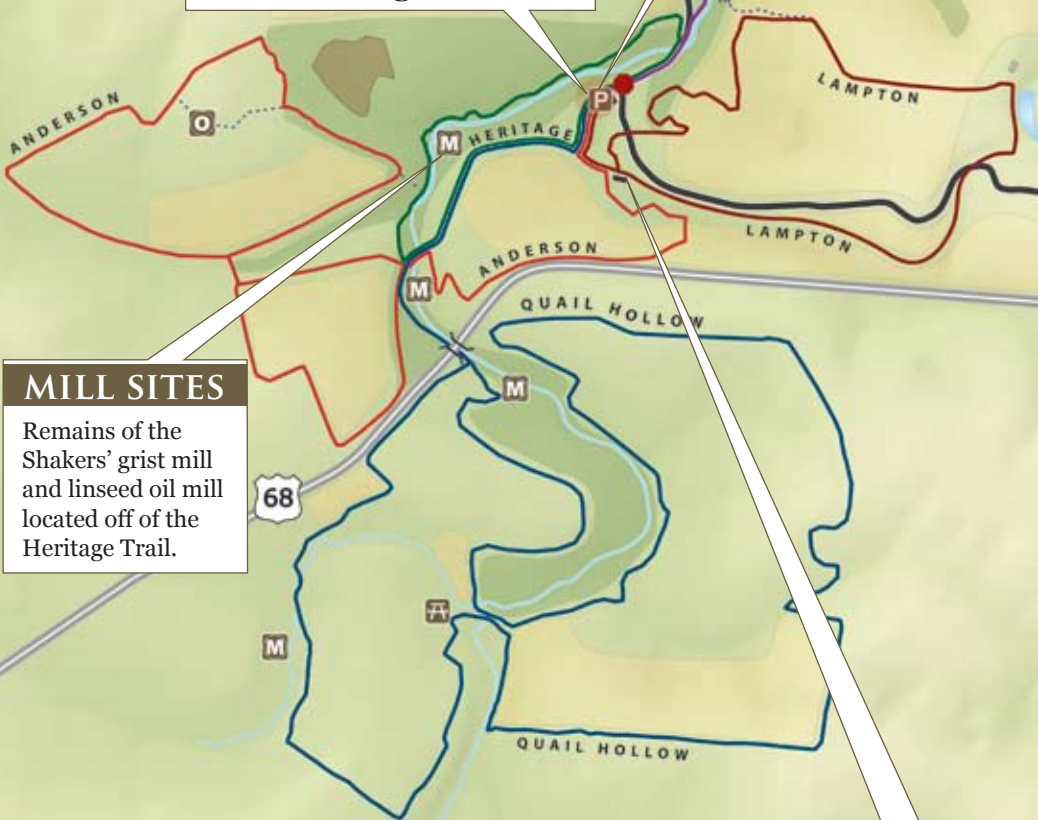
## RESTORED PRAIRIE

This restoration project includes planting more than 1,000 acres of native grasses and wildflowers that were prevalent in Kentucky prior to the Shakers' settlement in the area, including Little Bluestem, Big Bluestem, Indian Grass, Prairie Switchgrass and Coneflowers.

## PRESERVE OVERVIEW

Nature Preserve Information  
 Bird Blind  
 Nature Overlook  
 Amphitheater 


## TRAILHEAD #1 Hiker Parking & Check-In



## MILL SITES

Remains of the Shakers' grist mill and linseed oil mill located off of the Heritage Trail.

## ACCESSIBLE TRAIL

A 1/2-mile stretch of the Heritage Trail is wheelchair accessible. From Trailhead #1, drive up the gravel road. Turn left toward the wheelchair accessible parking area. Once parked, follow the trail to the left to Kissing Bridge and back. 

### Heritage

Discover history and nature. Remains of Shaker mill sites and a quarry are intertwined with native prairie grasses and canebrakes. 1 Mile Loop, Easy



### Anderson

Turf trail through gently rolling fields with countryside views. 3 Mile Loop, Easy



### Lampton

Rolling terrain through forest and fields, along a stretch of the old Shaker Turnpike. 2 1/2 Mile Loop, Easy



### Towering Sycamore

Weave in & out of Giant Sycamores & Red Oaks while criss-crossing the Shawnee Run Creek. Use caution at creek crossings. 1/2 Mile One-Way, Easy



### Quail Hollow

Accessed by traveling through the culvert under US 68. Water flows through culvert. Find restored wild quail habitat, beavers and more. 5 Mile Loop, Moderate

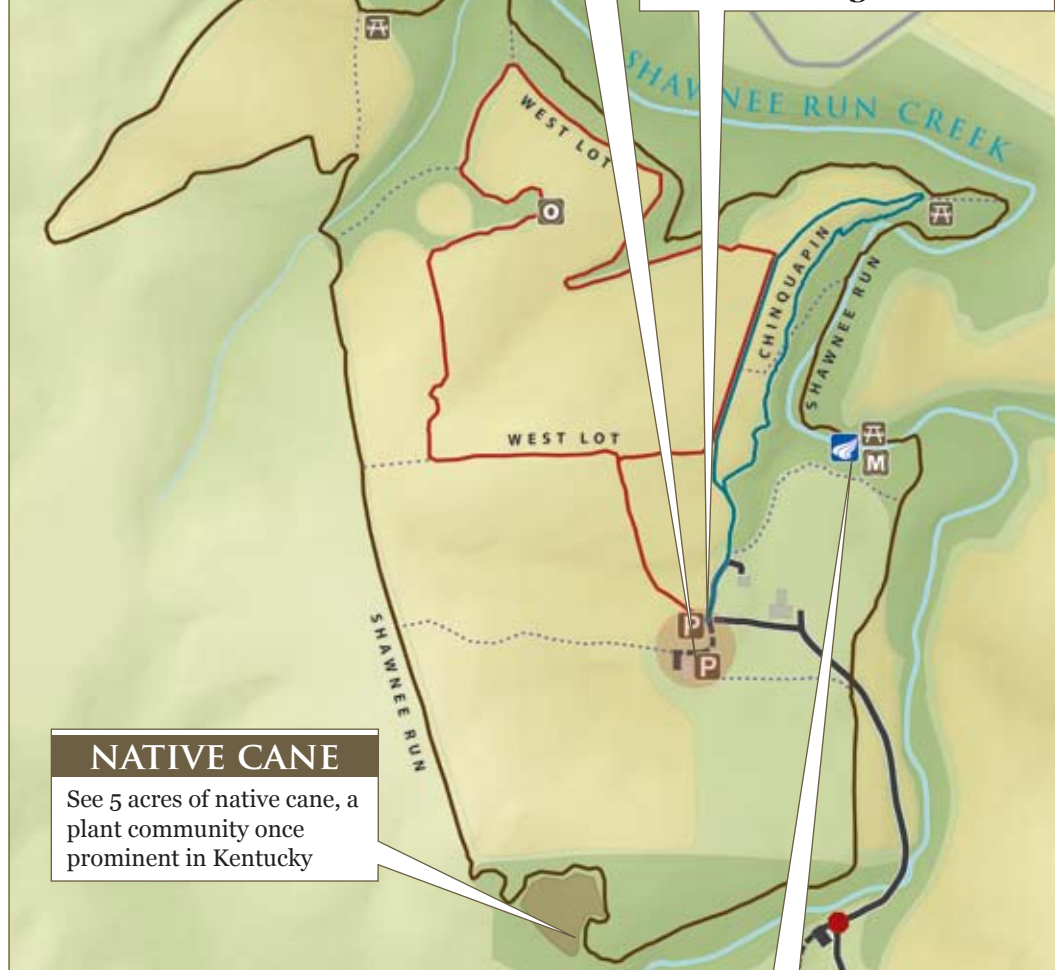


# TRAILHEAD #2

## THE STABLE

Equestrian Check-In  
 & Boarding  
 Trailer Parking 

## TRAILHEAD #2 Hiker Parking & Check-In



## NATIVE CANE

See 5 acres of native cane, a plant community once prominent in Kentucky

## SHAKER MILL SITE WATERFALL

From Trailhead #2, follow the Chinquapin Trail through the gate. Take the connector trail to the right, just past the white fence. Continue along the forest until you intersect with the Shawnee Run Trail, then turn left and remain on the Shawnee Run Trail until you reach the mill site. 3/4 Mile One-Way, Easy

### West Lot

Travel through fields of native prairie and alongside forest. 3 Mile Loop, Easy



### Chinquapin

Trail runs above Shawnee Run Creek, dominated by Chinquapin Oaks. 2 Mile Loop, Moderate



### Shawnee Run

Travel through field and forest terrains with vista views. Stop to rest at the Fulling Mill site waterfall. The Shawnee Run can only be accessed through surrounding connector trails. 6 Mile Loop, Moderate



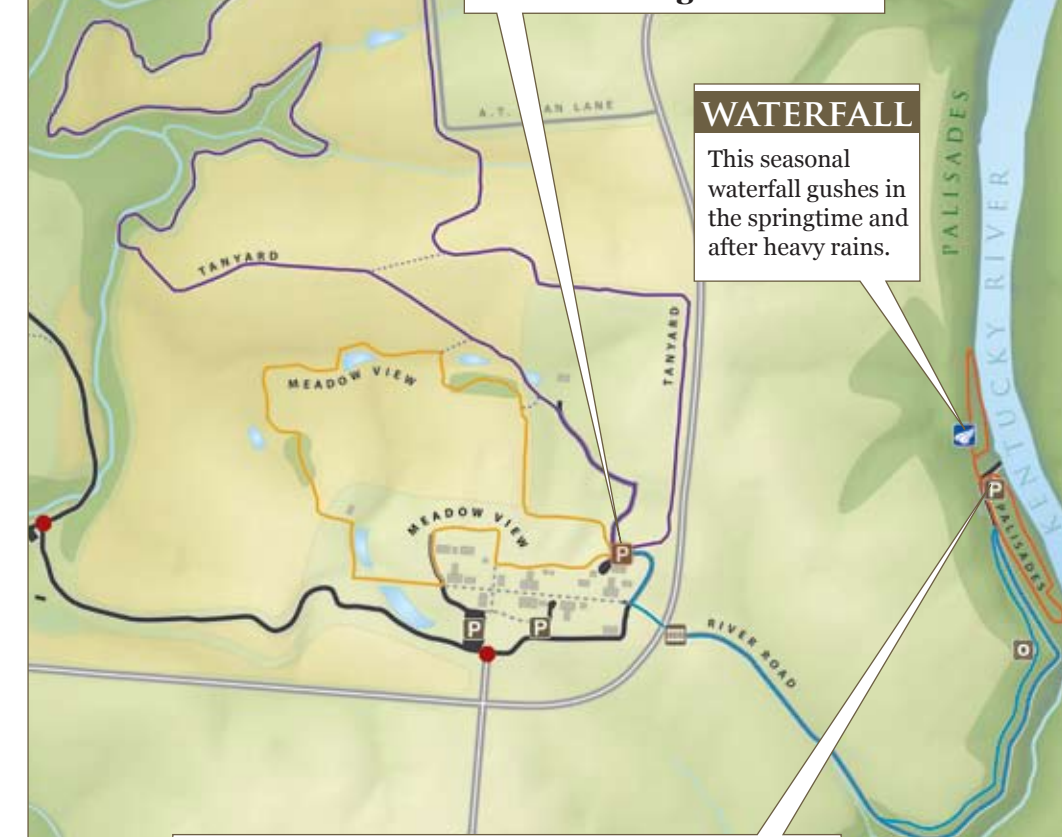
### Chinn-Poe

Accessed off of the Shawnee Run trail, the Chinn-Poe passes abandoned calcite mine sites - avoid mine sites. Shaker Village property ends where the two branches of Shawnee Run Creek join. Please do not trespass on neighboring property. 1/2 Mile One-Way, Off of Shawnee Run, Moderate



# TRAILHEAD #3

## TRAILHEAD #3 Hiker Parking & Check-In



## WATERFALL

This seasonal waterfall gushes in the springtime and after heavy rains.

## SHAKER LANDING

The Dixie Belle riverboat launches from Shaker Landing from late-April through October. Canoes and kayaks are also welcome to launch from the landing.   

### Meadow View

Follow rock fences through rolling fields with panoramic views of the West Lot area and Shaker Village. 2 Mile Loop, Easy



### Tanyard

Largely field terrain, passing the brick shop at the Tanyard. Here the Shakers tanned leather and pumped water to the Water House in the main village. 6 Mile Loop, Moderate



### River Road

Follow an old Shaker roadbed as you descend 400 feet into the Kentucky River Gorge, passing through millions of years of geologic history. 3 Mile Loop / Strenuous



### Palisades

Follow the Kentucky River floodplain through the Palisades and view High Bridge, Shaker building foundations and an interpretive center inside a restored stable. 1 Mile Loop, Easy



Vehicle access to the River Road is available from 1:00 PM through 5:00 PM, late-April through October. The vehicle gate to the road is locked at all other times. A pedestrian gate is open year-round for hiker access. For canoe and kayak access to Shaker Landing when the gate is locked, please contact The Inn at Shaker Village front desk.