

**WALK, HIKE &  
BIKE WITH US....**

This 100+ acre park includes 2 miles of trail for single track mountain biking, cross country running and hiking. In addition, the park has a one-mile walking trail, a picnic area, composting restrooms and a wildlife observation deck. The 25-acre certified Audubon Society Wildlife Sanctuary boasts sightings of over 60 species of birds. In the winter months, visitors can enjoy cross country skiing as well as snowshoeing on the walking trails.



## Lawrence County

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Lawrence County is easily accessible from I-80, I-79, I-376, I-76/PA Turnpike and US 422. For more information on visitors and tourist attractions in Lawrence County, please go to: [visitlawrencecounty.com](http://visitlawrencecounty.com).



# West Park Nature Center

Union Township  
Lawrence County, PA



## A FOUR SEASONS PARK

### Recreational Opportunities

- Walking Trail
- Hiking Trails
- Snowshoeing
- Mountain Bike Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Bird Watching
- Geocaching

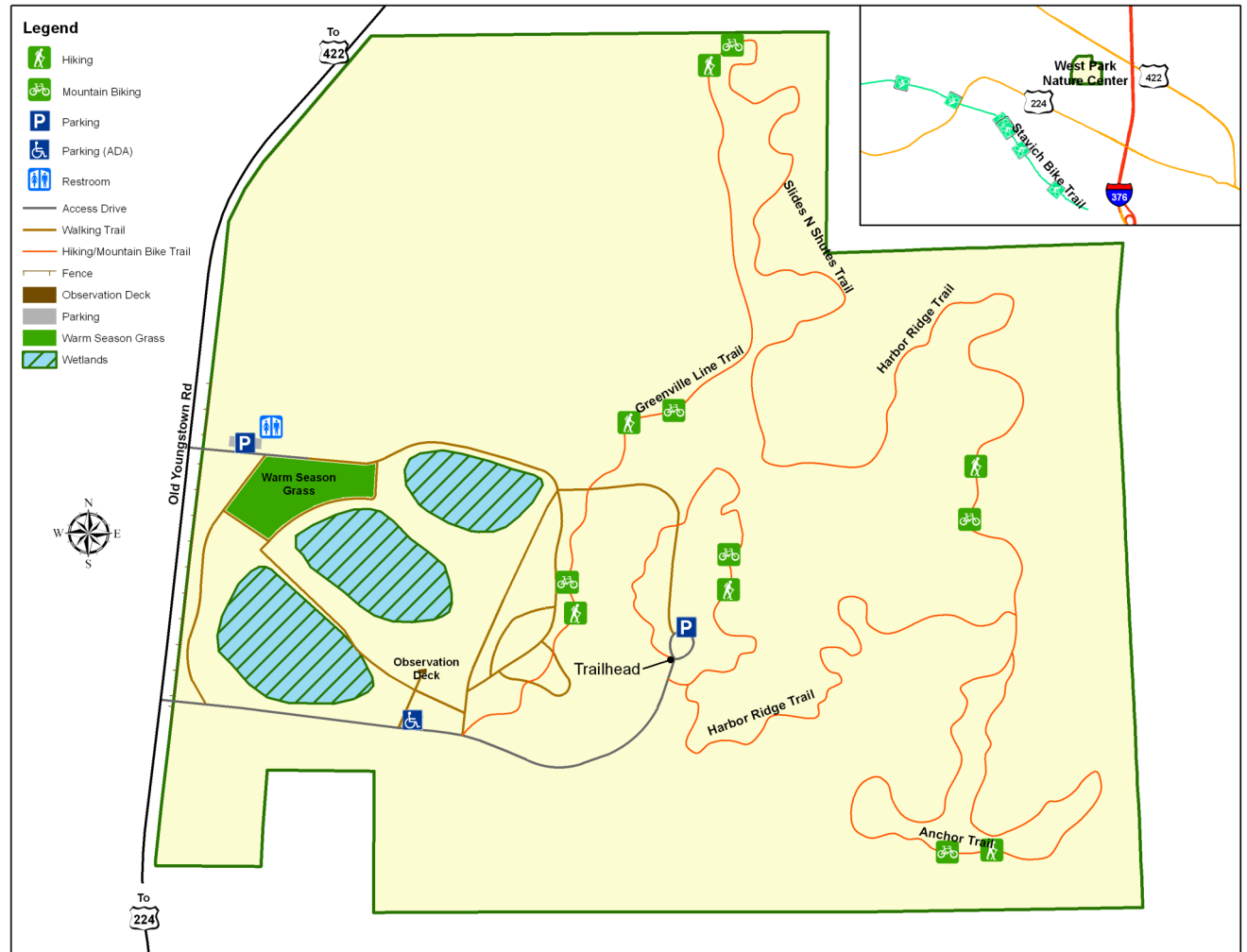
### General Information

- Open Year-Round
- Hours of Operation—Dawn to Dusk
- Public Restrooms available
- Leave No Trace Park

**956 Old Youngstown Road  
New Castle, PA 16101  
41.027586, -80.407627**

# Trail Safety & Etiquette

- ◇ Always stay on designated trails— Taking shortcuts causes trail erosion and can be dangerous.
- ◇ Be prepared for sudden changes in weather and trail conditions
- ◇ Be aware that wildlife can be present on trails at any time
- ◇ Carry water with you to avoid dehydration
- ◇ Let other trail users know if you are coming up behind them— Always pass on their left
- ◇ Bikers yield to Hikers
- ◇ In the event of an EMERGENCY, call 911 or the Lawrence County Department of Public Safety at 724-658-7485



## History

Originally, West Park Nature Center was designed for recreational use with plans for baseball fields, playgrounds and campsites. However, due to wet soils and drainage problems the land could not be developed. Coming to realize that we cannot always change nature to our wishes, the Lawrence County Commissioners decided to work with nature and allow the park to remain as natural as possible. The Lawrence County Conservation District was appointed to oversee the development of the park as a Nature Center and it was officially dedicated to the people of Lawrence County on May 1, 2003.

## Ecology

West Park Nature Center is home to many different species of trees, vegetation and wildlife. The forest habitat offers deciduous and evergreen species along with invasive and native plant identification opportunities. Also located in the park are several acres of wetlands, a small stream system, large wooded areas, and a meadow brimming with wildflowers. Visitors have an opportunity to view and learn about wetland habitat on the walking trail, which also features an observation deck, and an informational kiosk. The same one-mile walking trail includes a warm seasons grass demonstration area .