

Mission

“To preserve the cultural and historical integrity of the Miller Conservation Farm as a place to afford scientific research, develop conservation education, demonstrate conservation farming practices, and emphasize the conservation and preservation of trees and wildlife.”

Farm Facts

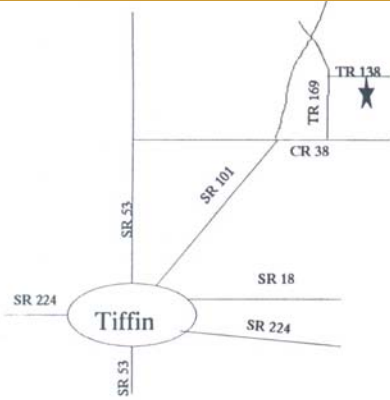
*Heidelberg College is using the farm to research the typical surface and subsurface runoff from agricultural fields. This research is a result of the zone of hypoxia (lack of oxygen) that has developed in the Gulf of Mexico.

*Annual Education Programs include 6th Grade Conservation Tours, School Tours, Annual Harvest Fest, Birding Programs, and Youth Guided Hunts



*All of the work that is accomplished at the farm is through volunteers. Workdays are popular and there are many great organizations such as Izaak Walton League, Pheasants Forever, OSU Master Gardeners, and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America that donate unselfishly .

Directions: Farm is located 9 miles NE of Tiffin. Take SR-101 to CR-38 east, to TR-169 north, to TR-138 east. Look for park sign on south side of road.



Seneca Soil and Water Conservation District

MILLER CONSERVATION FARM



Maynard Stonebraker (above) was one of the early conservationists in Seneca County. Maynard wanted his farm to be kept as an example of conservation for the residents of the County in memory of Sidney and Deloria Miller, who took Maynard in when he was a small child.

Miller Conservation Farm
5670 East Adams Township Road 138
Tiffin, OH 44883

Phone: 419-447-7073

History of the Farm

The late Maynard P. and Gladys Mae Stonebraker donated their 80 acre farm to Heidelberg College. The farm was requested to be kept as a memorial to Sidney & Deloria Miller. The Miller's opened their home during the early 1900's to three orphaned children; Jay Erb, Naomi Monroe and Maynard Stonebraker. Maynard also set forth in his will that the Farm be "maintained and preserved as a natural setting with emphasis on conservation and preservation of trees and wildlife."

Activities at the Farm



With the help of the Tiffin-Seneca Izaak Walton League, a deer hunt for handicapped hunters is conducted every fall at the Miller Farm. This event gives hunters the opportunity to enjoy a quality experience in a prime location. Transportation to and from the hunting blinds is



provided by a specially built trailer (above) and four-wheeler. The blinds are enclosed and have a shingled roof.

Opportunities at the Farm

COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

The farm offers three ponds that are open for public catch and release fishing. This pond provides great fishing for bass and blue gills! It was the site of the Women's Outdoor Skills Days-Fishing Workshop.



You can hike through some of the most scenic acres in the county on our hiking trails. While you are hiking, you can enjoy the

abundant and diverse wildlife that frequents the farm.

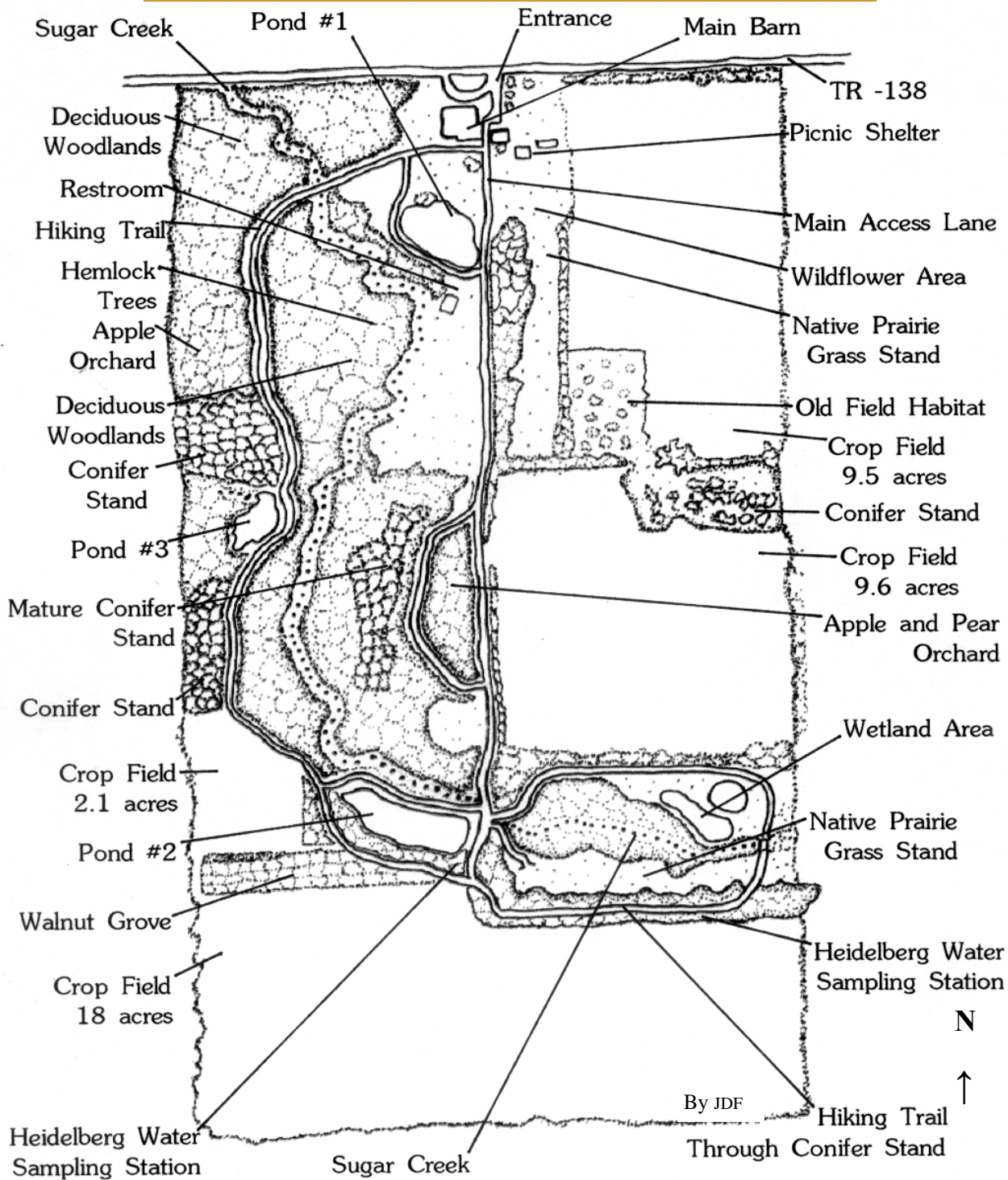


County sixth graders annually tour the farm to learn about agriculture, forestry, wildlife, water quality, and soils.

Birding is fantastic here! The farm is a official bird banding site to assist with monitoring migration patterns across the US.



Map of Miller Conservation Farm



Friends of Miller Farm

The Miller Conservation Farm operates solely on donations, grants, and volunteer time. We know that the farm has the potential to be an even more special place if more funding was available. We are asking for your help to continue developing the farms habitat restorations and educational programs. The farm is a place where education, research, and most importantly, conservation are the priorities. A place where people can come to enjoy the outdoors and learn about our natural world.

How can you help? You can help by becoming a Friend of Miller Farm. You can become a 'Friend of Miller Farm' by investing funds at different levels. Individual memberships, family memberships, and club/business memberships are available. What will this investment provide to you?

** A plaque with the individual, family, club/business name on our donor wall to be displayed at the entrance of the farm.*

** A newsletter with updates on activities and programs at the farm and Seneca SWCD general information.*

** A discount on educational programs at the farm and a discount on the SWCD tree sale.*

** Access to members only field trips and functions.*

** Fishing at Miller Farm.*

** Use of the facilities for company picnics and gatherings (club/business memberships only).*

** The satisfaction that you helped create a more enjoyable place where conservation is the priority.*

The investments that are received will be used solely for items at the Miller Conservation Farm. Some of those items include supplies for educational programs, maintenance issues, equipment to be used at the farm, and various small projects to enhance the farm. In 2008, we also launched our GIFTS CAMPAIGN in order to start securing matching funds for grants to build an educational center at the entrance of the farm. If you are interested in helping with this building campaign, please contact the SWCD office for more details.

Investing in the Farm's Future

Friends of Miller Farm

Become a Friend of Miller Farm

1 year membership
January to December 2009

| | Price |
|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club/Business Membership | \$200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts Campaign | \$ |

Total: _____

Name (Print name as it should appear on the plaque)

Address

Phone

Method of Payment

Check

Cash

Signature

Date

If you would like to become a Friend of Miller Farm, please complete the form and enclose the correct amount of cash or a check and send to Seneca SWCD/Miller Farm at 3140 South SR 100, Suite D, Tiffin, OH 44883.

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