Site Overview

The Grand River Conservation Campus is a land shaped by the generations of people who have lived and worked here. Over the last century, it has been a dairy farm, private hunting retreat, and a place for religious solace. Today, as part of The Nature Conservancy’s Morgan Swamp Preserve, it is a quiet campus of facilities and grounds used for environmental education and restoration, set among unique habitats, rare plants and abundant wildlife. The Campus offers a number of amenities that are open to the public including nature trails, an Accessible fishing pier, a canoe launch on the Wild and Scenic Grand River, and a children’s playground. Opportunities for picnicking in a pavilion and gymnasium rental are also available.

Characteristic Species

Beaver  Spotted Turtle  Four-Toed Salamander  
Skunk Cabbage  River Otter  Yellow Birch  Cerulean Warbler

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Trail Access

- Bliss Pond Trail — an easy .2 mile trail with overlooks of the Grand River that terminates at a fishing pier
- Grand River Trail — an easy .3 mile trail along the Grand River that connects with the Hemlock Swamp & Bliss Pond trails
- Hemlock Swamp Trail — a moderate, 1 mile trail that starts from the Grand River Trail, winds through a unique hemlock yellow birch forest and overlooks a beaver pond

Campus Hours, Use and Rental

- Trails, canoe launch & grounds are open dawn to dusk
- For your safety, please be aware of any posted rules & notices
- For gym rental information or facility inquiries, please contact Erin O’Hourke at eorourke@tnc.org or 614-717-2770 x100

Travel Directions

- From I-90 & SR 45, travel south on SR 45. Travel approx.12 miles. Turn right (west) on Callender Rd. and travel approx. 1.4 miles. Campus driveway on right im-

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Grand River Conservation Campus
at Morgan Swamp Preserve

- Parking
- Accessible Trail
- Bliss Pond Trail .2 Mi
- Grand River Trail .3 Mi
- Hemlock Swamp Trail 1 Mi
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter
- Canoe Launch
- Playground

- Accessible Fishing
- Overlook
- Office
- Buildings
- Deciduous Forest
- Hemlock Swamp
- Successional Fields

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