



Ranch North Woods Preserve

Oasis in the Heart of the City

Just minutes from the hustle and bustle of downtown...a few steps away from the house-lined streets of The Ranch neighborhood in west Little Rock...nature awaits.

Bordering Pinnacle Mountain State Park is The Nature Conservancy's newest preserve, Ranch North Woods. With 234 acres of fields and forest, breathtaking views of Pinnacle Mountain, and 1.7 miles of the Little Maumelle River, it is a rare slice of nature in the heart of the city.

The Conservancy invites you to become part of making Ranch North Woods Preserve a place where people of all ages can come to discover, explore and reconnect with nature.

A Special Gift for Central Arkansas

Conserving this haven was possible because of the generosity of Belinda Shults, Rob Shults, Cathy Shults Rhodes, Ed Willis, and Gene Pfeifer of Ranch Properties, Inc. The property was originally destined to be a housing development, but the owners, recognizing the value of open space in the community, decided they wanted to keep the land in its natural state. So, in late 2014 they allowed the Conservancy to purchase the property at a generously discounted price to create a nature preserve for public use. We are now poised to move from vision to reality with your help.

The Conservancy has worked closely with The Ranch residents to finalize a public access plan that is considerate of the surrounding neighborhood. We'll start slowly, and with time get a better idea of how people are using the preserve and what recreational features would enhance their experience. Possibilities include walking and biking trails, picnic areas, floating canoe camping platform, canoe launches, fishing pier, covered pavilion, and wildlife viewing areas.

As we develop these possible amenities, we may work with other partners who share our vision for the preserve and can help make it better.



Donors Ed Willis and Belinda Shults © TNC



The Ranch is a great place to explore nature © TNC



Eagles wintering along the Arkansas River make frequent appearances © TNC

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A great way to see the property is from the Little Maumelle Water Trail
© TNC/Mitchell Allen



White-tailed deer are among the many wildlife species that call the
Ranch home. © TNC/Harvey Williams



We hope visiting our newest preserve makes you as happy as
this little conservationist © TNC/Ginny Porter

Clean Water, Watchable Wildlife

Keeping Ranch North Woods in its natural state conserves the quality of water in the Little Maumelle River and its beautiful wetlands. And it helps give shelter to a variety of birds and other wildlife.

You Can Help!

The Conservancy is looking for generous friends to help make Ranch North Woods Preserve a welcoming area for natural resources conservation and public enjoyment. Friends who understand what a positive force nature can be in the lives of all people, especially kids with few opportunities to travel outside the city. Friends who want to improve life in central Arkansas in a direct and tangible way.

We must raise \$1.5 million for the first year of the project, which includes:

- Paying for the land and ensuring we have resources for long-term restoration and stewardship
- Developing, managing, and monitoring public access and parking
- Developing the river recreational amenities

Make a gift and join the fun!

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