

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Shuster Pond Preserve is a conservation easement on privately-owned land. Public access is permitted only on the public hiking trail and the following rules apply:

Preserve Hours: Dawn till Dusk

- Follow Posted Signage at All Times
- Dogs Must Be on a Leash at All Times
- Pack Out All Trash and Dog Waste
- Stay On Marked Trails
- The Following Are Prohibited:
 - Hunting
 - Excessive Noise
 - Alcohol and Glass Containers
 - Camping and Fires
 - Collecting of Plants, Animals or Artifacts
 - Overnight Parking
 - Mountain Bikes
 - All-Terrain Vehicles
 - Horseback Riding

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY
CALL 911**

Shuster Pond, a 70-acre preserve and part of New Jersey's Shuster Pond Natural Heritage Priority Site, is a prime example of an intact limestone forest. This unique ecosystem hosts a variety of rare and endangered plants associated with limestone, plus abundant wildlife that thrives within the dense interior forest and in and around Shuster Pond, a large sinkhole pond. The porous "karst" hydrogeology of the forest directly charges a bountiful spring that feeds Shuster Pond. This spring is the second most prolific in the Ridge and Valley Region, flowing at an average of 5 million gallons per day, and ultimately helps maintain the water quality of the Paulins Kill River.

Shuster Pond Preserve is part of a large, open-space greenway of preserved land that includes several other RVC preserves plus lands owned by The Nature Conservancy and the State of New Jersey.



**ADDRESS FOR PARKING AREA:
6 Mallard Pond Rd, Hardwick NJ 07825***

*parking area located along the shoulder of Mallard Pond Rd,
look for posted signage

**GPS COORDINATES:
41.0200, -74.9014**



Great Blue Heron Illustration by Jennifer Ramirez, 2019

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ABOUT US

Ridge and Valley Conservancy (RVC) is a private, non-profit land trust that preserves natural lands in northwestern New Jersey. We strive to practice sound ecological management of the lands we've protected, safeguarding sensitive habitats and the native species that inhabit them. Many RVC preserves have hiking trails, and we offer nature education, guided hikes, and other special events for the community and for schools. Learn more about us at ridgeandvalleyconservancy.org.

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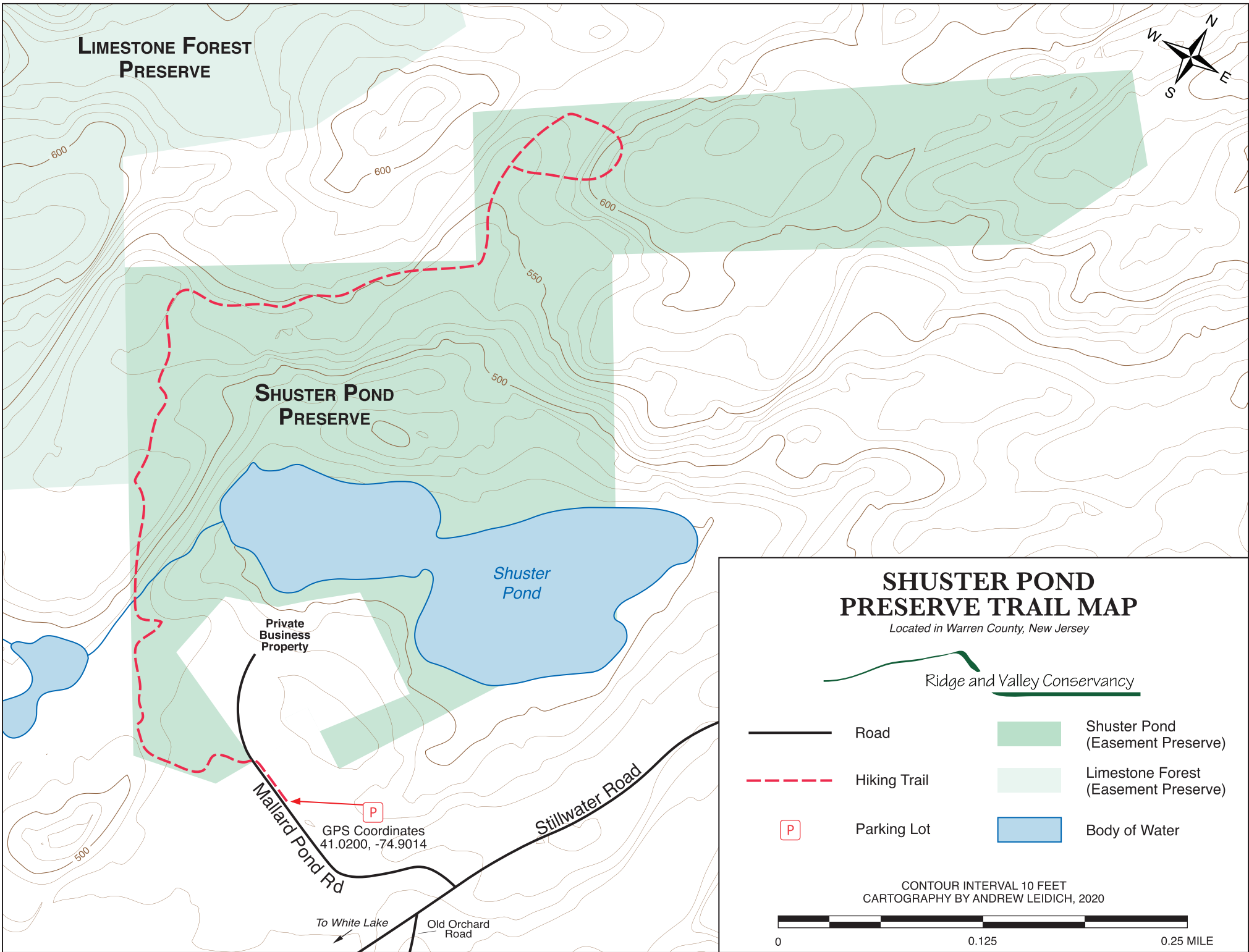
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to donate
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Thank You!

SHUSTER POND PRESERVE TRAIL MAP



Ridge and Valley Conservancy



**LIMESTONE FOREST
PRESERVE**

**SHUSTER POND
PRESERVE**

Shuster Pond

Private
Business
Property

Mallard Pond Rd

GPS Coordinates
41.0200, -74.9014

To White Lake




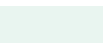


Old Orchard
Road

Stillwater Road

SHUSTER POND PRESERVE TRAIL MAP

Located in Warren County, New Jersey



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|---|--------------|---|---|
|  | Road |  | Shuster Pond
(Easement Preserve) |
|  | Hiking Trail |  | Limestone Forest
(Easement Preserve) |
|  | Parking Lot |  | Body of Water |

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
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