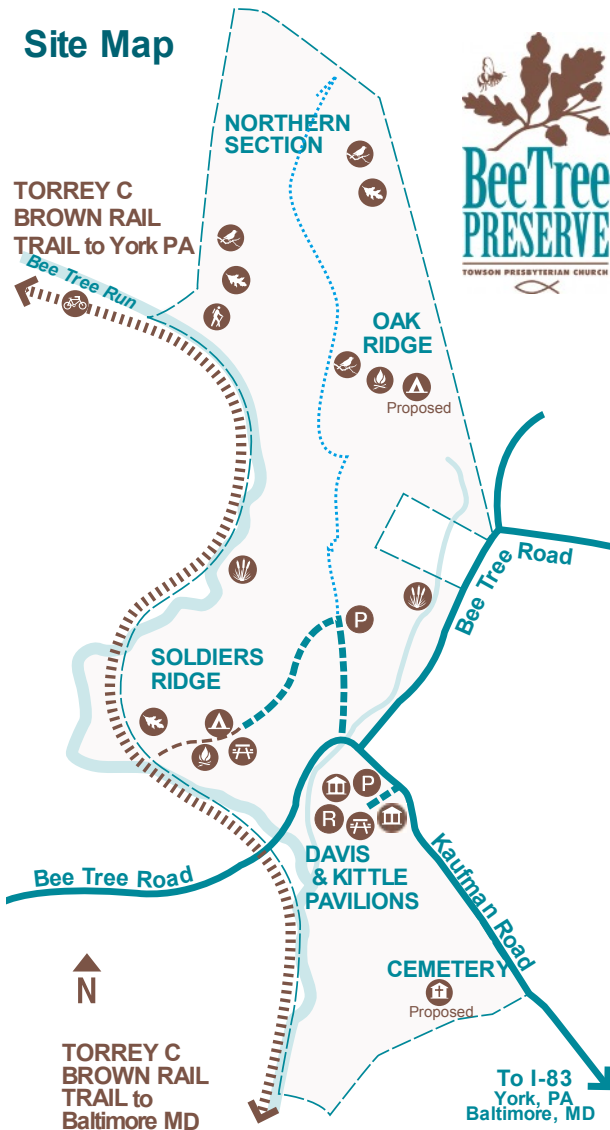


Site Map



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	Parking	
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History

European settlers began exploiting the resources of this area as early as the 1600's. By the mid-1800's an important railroad line bisected the stream valley and provided a valuable economic link between Baltimore and the northern industrial states. During the Civil War Union troops were stationed here (Soldier's Ridge) to protect the movement of men and material along the line.

By the turn of the 20th Century, trains brought an evangelist and his flock to BeeTree for bible meetings at an outdoor amphitheater on the property. Trains also brought wealthy Baltimoreans to nearby hotels to escape from city life and heat. They also enjoyed the therapeutic effects of the local fresh water springs.

In 1965, 260 acres of BeeTree were acquired and donated to Towson Presbyterian Church. In 2011 TPC entered into an agreement with Baltimore County and the State of Maryland to protect the property from development in perpetuity.

Directions

Take I-83 North from I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) to Exit 33 - Parkton MD 45. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left and proceed north for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto Kaufman Road, and go another 0.7 miles west to the Five-Forks stop sign.

At the stop sign, continue straight ahead on Kaufman Rd for 0.2 miles until you see a sign at the entrance of Bee Tree Cemetery on the left. The entrances to the Davis Pavilion and Kittle Pavilion campgrounds are each 0.1 & 0.2 miles further along on the left. The access to the Soldiers' Ridge campground is on the right about one hundred feet north of the intersection of Kaufman & Bee Tree Roads.

Experience God's wonderful gifts
of nature...the stream, the hills,
the fields, the flora and fauna...
GUEST BROCHURE



BeeTree PRESERVE

TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Property of Towson Presbyterian Church
Located on Kaufman and Bee Tree Roads
Northern Baltimore County, Maryland
410.823.6500

Site Description

BeeTree Preserve is a tremendous natural resource and diverse habitat with meadows, mature and new growth forest on ridge tops, slopes and bottomlands. It also has valuable floodplain and wetland habitats and trout streams. You will find many examples of indigenous wildlife species and native vegetation. Three miles of fire roads and trails exist for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and nature study. The following are descriptions of BeeTree Preserve's facilities with specific information for site users:

BEE TREE CEMETERY • A serene natural setting, reserved for members of Towson Presbyterian Church and their families. Here lie some of the early founders/ supporters of BeeTree. A scenic hiking trail links the Cemetery to the rest of the Preserve. Contact the Church office **(410-823-6500)** for more information.

DAVIS PAVILION • Large covered pavilion with central fireplace, charcoal grills, and picnic tables. Easy access to restrooms, potable water, trails, and playing fields. Parking limited to the stone paved circular driveway. Six tent pads for 6- 12 tents are available. **The site capacity for Davis and Kittle campgrounds combined is 50 overnight campers per weekend.**

KITTLE PAVILION • A former farm house site, it is a favorite picnic and camping site with covered pavilion, picnic tables, charcoal grills, large fire pit, electric power, and scenic overlook of field and stream. This site has many good tenting sites, ample parking on adjoining stone- paved lot, potable water and modern facilities, as well as easy access to hiking/biking trails.

ALT HOUSE RESTROOMS • Located near the Davis and Kittle Pavilions, equipped with separate modern facilities for men and women.

SOLDIERS' RIDGE • Mature forest of oak accessible primarily by relatively steep walking trails from Bee Tree Road and the NCR Trail. Single vehicle access is permitted for dropping off equipment. Four Adirondack style shelters with 8 to 10 bunks each, a privy, and fire pits are available. There is no potable

is available on the stone paved area adjacent to the entrance gate at Bee Tree Road.

OAK RIDGE • This site consisting of a new growth forest of maple, oak and poplar is accessible by walking trails only. This site is restricted to primitive camping with backpacking equipment or bicycle camping. No potable water or bathroom facilities exist.

NORTHERN SECTION The northernmost section, accessible by walking trails only, is approximately 100 acres of mostly undisturbed, mixed hardwood forest. It is dominated by various oak species, black gum, red maple and big tooth aspen. About ten acres is shrub scrub habitat created by gypsy moth destruction of former forest. The lack of human impact and the diversity of habitat makes this area a great place for nature study and bird watching.



Call ahead (410-823-6500) to check availability of these facilities and to acquire the necessary permit for overnight camping or use of the pavilions.

Report any problems you encounter to the Church (at 410-823-6500) as soon as possible. Vandalism has sometimes occurred. The Baltimore County Police and our close residential neighbors in the area have been alerted to our policies. Violators will be prosecuted.

Please follow these rules and regulations when visiting BeeTree Preserve.

- All visitors must obey the universal rules that govern and protect the use of sensitive natural resource areas like BeeTree Preserve. Please carry a litter bag to pick up, **and take home**, your own (and others') trash. Leave only footprints and take only photos.

- The Preserve is generally open to all responsible individuals and groups during daylight hours. However, day use groups larger than ten should reserve times with the Church prior to use. A permit is required for all evening and overnight use as well as the use of pavilions by groups. **The site capacity for Davis and Kittle campgrounds combined is 50 overnight campers per weekend.**

- Campers **must not** import firewood to Bee-Tree Preserve from offsite areas. Downed and dead wood is freely available on the site for campers to use. **Insects and other organisms capable of causing diseases in forest trees may be brought in on imported firewood.**

- BeeTree Preserve is home to many species of wildlife. **For your safety and theirs, please avoid contact with animals and properly secure all food and trash when camping or hiking here.**

- Motor vehicles are prohibited on BeeTree property, except on existing parking areas paved with asphalt or stone.

- NO alcoholic beverages, drugs, firearms, fireworks, explosives, or other hazardous materials are allowed on the property.

- Hunting is prohibited except for individuals who are members of a hunt club under contract with Towson Presbyterian Church to conduct deer management on BeeTree property.