

FORD NATURE EDUCATION CENTER

This lovely old stone home, donated by the children of the late Judge John W. Ford in 1968, was opened to the public in 1972 as the headquarters for the Park's nature education programs. It houses exhibit rooms, a classroom, offices for naturalists, the Vickers Memorial Library, the Teachers' Resource Center, and a gift shop. The grounds include wildlife gardens and walking trails. Arrangements for group tours and guided nature walks may be made by calling this facility. Access to *All People's Trail* (see below).

VIRGINIA J. AXTMANN NATURE TRAIL FOR ALL PEOPLE

Constructed in 1981, this .25-mile paved trail is located adjacent to the Ford Nature Center.

LANTERMAN'S MILL AND COVERED BRIDGE

One of Mahoning County's most historic landmarks, the Mill was built in 1845-46 by German Lanterman and Samuel Kimberly. Restored in 1982-85 through a gift from the Ward and Florence Beecher Foundations, this community treasure represents one of the many pioneer industries developed along Mill Creek and operates today as it did in the 1800s, grinding corn, wheat, buckwheat, and oats. Facilities include an observation deck, covered bridge, and gift shop. Designed after an earlier bridge from the 1800s, the Covered Bridge stands just south of the Mill. The Mill is open May through October, closed Mondays, and April and November, weekends only. Call the Mill to prearrange barrier-free access. The nearby *East Gorge Walk* and *West Gorge Trail* offer a dramatic peek into the area's geologic history.



PIONEER PAVILION Built as a woolen factory by James Eaton in 1821, the building was later used as a storeroom for a nearby iron furnace. The stone exterior of the pavilion has been retained as originally constructed; the inside of



the building was remodeled for party use in 1893. The first floor has a kitchen and a dining room with seating for 60. The second floor boasts a lovely timbered ballroom. Available year-round for groups up to 100. Access to *Artist's Trail* and *West Cohasset Trail*.

CHESTNUT HILL PAVILION

Built in 1922-23, the pavilion has a stove and sink, open fireplace, seating for 100 people, and a children's playground. Available from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

SLIPPERY ROCK PAVILION

Built in 1910, the pavilion has a stove and sink, seating for 150 people, and a children's playground. Available from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

WALTER C. STITT PAVILION

Built in 1938-39, the pavilion has a stove and sink, fireplace, seating for 100 people, and a children's playground. Available from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

BEARS DEN CABIN Built in 1931, the cabin has a stove and sink, a fireplace, and seating to accommodate 36 people. Available year-round.

BIRCH HILL CABIN Built in 1996, the air-conditioned cabin has a fully-equipped kitchen, fireplace, seating to accommodate 48 people, a deck, and a grill. Available year-round.

LOG CABIN Originally located in the Bears Den area, the cabin was built by Cambden Cleveland around 1816. Moved to its present site about 1863, the cabin was remodeled for party use in 1934. The cabin has a stove, sink, fireplace, and seating to accommodate 30 people. Available year-round.

