



COOL SPRING PRESERVE



DID YOU KNOW?

- In 1752, George Washington purchased the land that includes present day CSP. The land was leased in 200-acre parcels for farming. Dairy and orchard operations occurred on the property as different owners acquired the land.
- The presence of marl deposits that we see at Cool Spring Preserve indicates that this wetland is ancient, dating back to the last ice age.
- The property was donated to the Potomac Valley Audubon Society in 2016. More information can be found on their website: www.potomacaudubon.org.



Most of Bullskin Run has now been straightened and channelized. The wetlands at Cool Spring Preserve are stressed by agricultural and stormwater runoff. The presence of the road is one of the reasons that this remnant wetland has not drained - the road acts as an unintended dam holding the wetland in place. The wetland is also home to a beaver who has created a large dam, which plays a role in holding the wetland in place.


Cool Spring Preserve is a unique ecosystem because:



at least twenty-two rare species are known to reside in this wetland.



dense root mats capture pollutants and nutrients, helping to purify the water.



it contains plants that thrive in waterlogged areas such as willows, sedges, and rushes.



the wetlands here are globally rare marl wetlands.



Public use of the area includes hiking, photography, picnicking, bird watching, summer camps, children's programs, and adult workshops.

BIRDS YOU MAY SEE:

- Black-billed cuckoo
- Black-throated blue warbler
- Common yellowthroat
- Great blue heron
- Northern harrier
- Wood duck
- Yellow warbler



Cool Spring Preserve is located in Jefferson County, WV along Lloyd Road.
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