

THE WILDERNESS CENTER

Foxfield Preserve is operated by The Wilderness Center (TWC), a nonprofit nature center and land conservancy with a mission to connect our community with nature, educate people of all ages, conserve natural resources and practice environmental stewardship. Founded in 1964, TWC has a long history of providing unique opportunities for our community to connect with the natural world.

Located on 629 acres representing four types of ecosystems, the headquarters tract of TWC offers an Interpretive Building with classrooms, exhibits, and offices, an Astronomy Education Building with a planetarium and observatory, and a maintenance building. A lake, pond, prairie, forest, and two streams are accessed by six nature trails. Currently, TWC owns a total of 1,562 acres scattered in Stark, Wayne, Carroll, Tuscarawas, Guernsey, and Holmes counties. Beyond our headquarters, we are protecting nearly 3,000 acres statewide.

TWC has provided nature programs to children and adults since 1964. Our education program provides handson, outdoor-based experiences for people of all ages to study and appreciate nature, encouraging enjoyment and responsible stewardship of the natural world. Almost 80,000 people visit TWC each year, with more than 3,200 supporting us as members. We have amazing dedication from our community, as nearly 600 volunteers assist us with the more than 18,000 hours of work annually.

At the start of the new millenium, TWC became "ecopreneurial." Using the tools of the entrepreneurial community, TWC is able to earn income to support its nonprofit endeavors. Some of these 'ecopreneurial' ventures include our wetland mitigation banking partnerships, ecotourism program, and consulting forestry division, and Foxfield Preserve. All proceeds from the sale of burial plots at Foxfield support the programs and operations of TWC.

Please visit wildernesscenter.org for more information.

WHY A NATURE PRESERVE CEMETERY?

A nature preserve cemetery makes good common sense on many levels. It conserves natural resources. The restored land provides excellent wildlife habitat and a clean watershed. Not only does Foxfield provide a beautiful final resting place, it will also enhance the lives of generations to come.

In addition to these wonderful, natural benefits, Foxfield also provides a welcome alternative for those who want to "give something back to the Earth" as a final act. This beautiful legacy doesn't only include their own resting place, but the financial support of the ongoing community service provided by The Wilderness Center.