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Marienville Ranger District Develops Nature Path

Marienville, Pa. (September 16, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest’s Marienville Ranger District recently unveiled a new interpretive nature path designed to showcase the diversity of the forest. The seeds of this project began in 2014, when the district’s front line staff recognized the need for an environmental education/interpretive program near the ranger station.

District staff developed the short (7/10 mile) path through the woods adjacent to the ranger station that showcases the diversity of the plant community, wildlife, land type, land use, forest type and resource management. It also includes a Monarch butterfly waystation, native wildflower gardens, wildlife plantings and a variety of trees which included the blight resistant American chestnut. “Our District staff has developed a terrific program that introduces visitors to the wonderful diversity of vegetation and wildlife habitat that can be found within the Allegheny National Forest,” said Rob Fallon, Marienville District Ranger.

Visitors can come to the Marienville Ranger District for guided walks, which are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., and will last about an hour. Groups of 10 or more can request a guided walk Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Marienville Ranger District office is located at 131 Smokey Lane; Marienville, PA 16239.

To request a tour, please contact the Marienville Ranger Station at 814.927.5700 or email Robert L. Fish at rfish@fs.fed.us.

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