



## Friends of Fruitland Township Trails

### Duck Creek Natural Area Stewardship Program

This document created by the Friends of Fruitland Township Trails establishes a formal process for maintaining trails in the Duck Creek Natural Area. FTTT is maintaining the trails on an ongoing basis with the utilization of volunteers.

Volunteers will give up their time and efforts to walk the trails on a periodic basis that will be determined by the officers of FTTT. The goal is to have 8 volunteers, couples or teams, walk the trails one week during the month. As the Natural Area is divided by Duck Creek, four teams will be assigned to maintain the trails south of Duck Creek and the other four volunteers will be assigned to maintain the trails north of Duck Creek.

As this is Fruitland Township property, each trail steward will be required to complete a “Volunteer Waiver and Release Liability” that will be kept on file in the Township Clerk’s office.

### Trail Steward Responsibilities:

- During the volunteers’ inspection walk through all the trails within their responsibilities, they are to remove any litter or debris such as branches lying in the path. Any branches or growth encroaching on the pathways are to be removed using pruning shears or loppers.
- If a downed tree or large branch is blocking a path, the volunteer is to contact the Trail Maintenance Supervisor as soon as possible to have the tree removed.
  - Trail Stewards are not to use any power tools such as chain saws to remove downed trees or large branches that can not be easily removed from the trail.
- If a trail steward cannot complete the inspection during their assigned week, an email to the Trail Maintenance Supervisor should be sent.
- Upon completion of the trail inspection, an email noting completion and notes of interest is to be submitted to [fruitlandtrails@gmail.com](mailto:fruitlandtrails@gmail.com).
- Trail Steward duties will be suspended during the winter months. The typical time frame is starting the first week of April and ending the last week of October.

# Duck Creek Natural Area

## SOUTH

- Blue Trail ~ 1.43 miles
- Blue/Yellow Trail Loop ~ 0.5 miles
- Red Connector ~ 0.3 miles
- Teal Connector to Overlook Bench ~ 153 yards
- Orange Ridge Connector ~ Natural Surface ~ 0.8 miles
- Blue/Orange Loop ~ 1.8 miles
- Duck Lake Rd. Parking Lot to Bridge #1 ~ 0.84 miles

## NORTHEAST

- Blue Trail ~ 1.3 miles
- Yellow Link ~ 0.3 miles
- Orange Connector ~ Natural Surface ~ 0.9 miles
- Blue/Orange Loop ~ 1.9 miles

## NORTHWEST

- Cross Scholes Creek Bridge to Red loop ~ 0.95 miles
- Yellow Link ~ 0.15 miles
- Bridge #3 connector NW Red to South Orange ~ 0.3 miles

