

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.

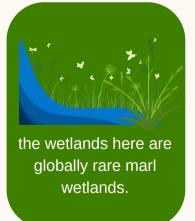
Cool Spring Preserve is a unique ecosystem because:







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



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. 39.24187, -77.92551