



Join [Willistown Parks & Recreation](#) and [CRC Watersheds Association](#) for a moderate to challenging hike at the Township's 185-acre [Okehocking Preserve](#). Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the day's weather, keeping in mind the hill climbs and open meadows offered by this beautiful nature preserve.

We'll get lots of fresh air walking through meadows, old field, and mature woodlands in this section of the Ridley Creek valley. You'll hear about these habitats and their management, the partnership efforts of Willistown Parks and Recreation and CRC Watersheds, and any winter wildlife that's out and about.

Please be sure to park at the 996 Delchester Road parking area and walk the gravel drive to the Leash Free Field where we'll gather before the hike. Dogs are welcome on leash.

Our hike leader, Mary Hundt, has worked on behalf of Willistown residents and its landscape for the past 25 years, starting as the first full-time employee of [Willistown Conservation Trust](#) in 1997 followed by 18 years as Director of Parks and Recreation for Willistown Township. Before undertaking conservation work, she was a landscape designer at Montgomery Nursery in Bryn Mawr. She was a life-long resident of Willistown until last year and was elected Township Supervisor in the early 2000s.

Mary's collaboration with CRC has been ongoing for almost as long. She is a former Vice President of CRC, serving from the fall of 2000 through January of 2005, and she received CRC's Environmental Stewardship Award in 2009. Her first tree planting when working for Willistown Conservation Trust was with CRC at Okehocking Preserve circa 2001. The Parks and Recreation office as well as CRC's headquarters are at the Garrett Farmhouse at Okehocking.

Mary graduated from Kenyon College in Gambier Ohio with a B.A. in English and Fine Art followed by Temple University, Ambler, where she started in horticulture and received a B.S. in Landscape Architecture. An entertaining narrative for the brisk winter hike will come from Mary's enthusiasm for the Willistown community and countryside along with her love of Okehocking Preserve.

Please [contact Mary](#) with event questions and stay tuned to the Township's social media or call Mary for a recorded message in the event of inclement weather at 610-647-5300 x224.

Walk-ins welcome. [Preregistration preferred.](#)