

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts



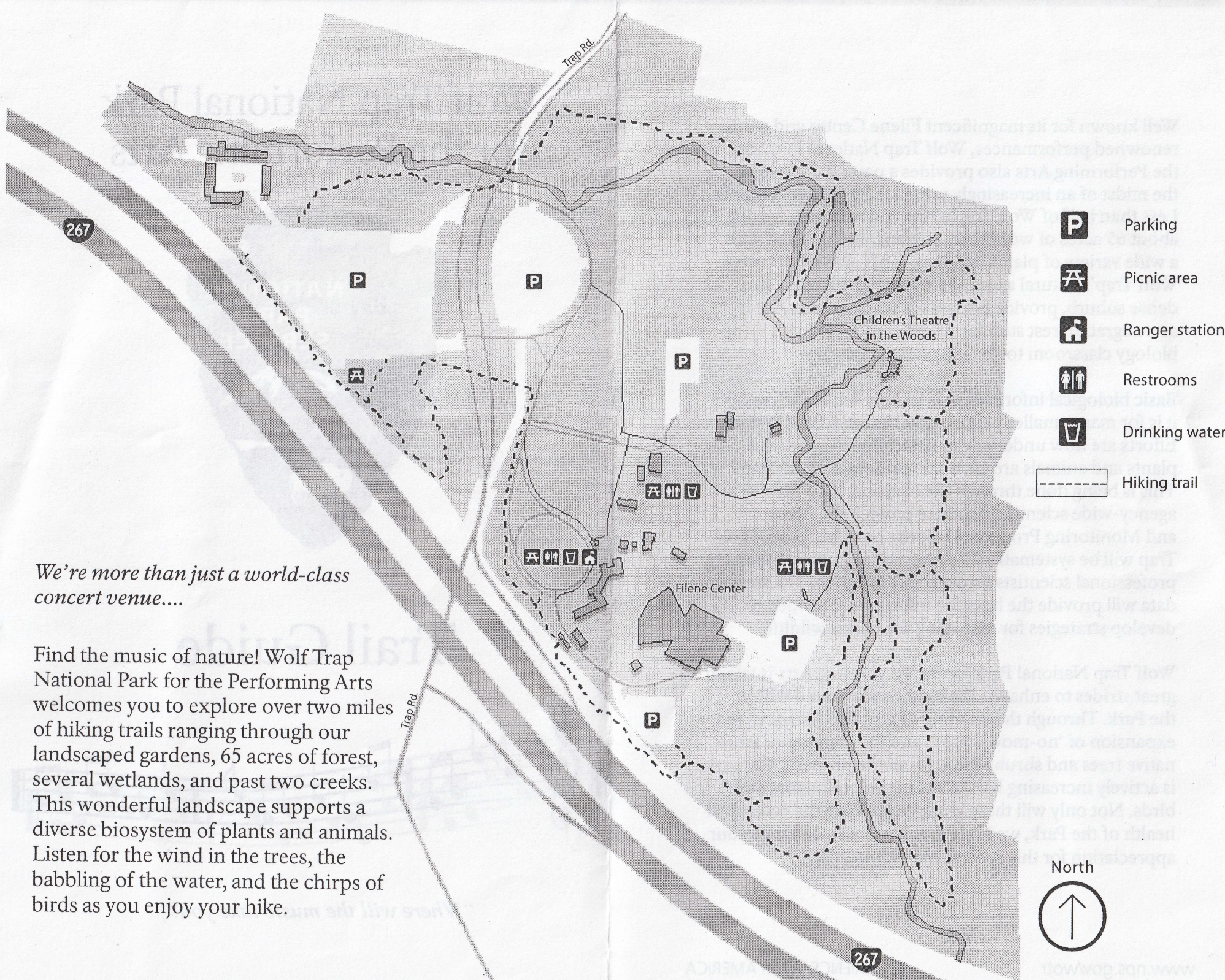
Trail Guide





"Where will the music take you?"

We're more than just a world-class concert venue....

Find the music of nature! Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts welcomes you to explore over two miles of hiking trails ranging through our landscaped gardens, 65 acres of forest, several wetlands, and past two creeks. This wonderful landscape supports a diverse biosystem of plants and animals. Listen for the wind in the trees, the babbling of the water, and the chirps of birds as you enjoy your hike.



-  Parking
-  Picnic area
-  Ranger station
-  Restrooms
-  Drinking water
-  Hiking trail



Well known for its magnificent Filene Center and world-renowned performances, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts also provides a natural enclave in the midst of an increasingly urbanized northern Virginia. Less than half of Wolf Trap's land is developed, leaving about 65 acres of woodland, streams, and wetland with a wide variety of plants, animals, birds, and wildflowers. Wolf Trap's natural areas add critical green space in a dense suburb, provide refuges for many species, serve as a migration rest stop for wildlife, and serve as a living biology classroom to the adjacent community.

Basic biological information is lacking for Wolf Trap, as it is for many smaller parks in the National Park System. Efforts are now underway to determine exactly what plants and animals are currently present at Wolf Trap. This is being done through the National Park Service's agency-wide scientific database project, the Inventory and Monitoring Program. Over the next few years, Wolf Trap will be systematically surveyed for flora and fauna by professional scientists through this program. The survey data will provide the baseline information needed to develop strategies for managing the park's wildlife.

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts is taking great strides to enhance the biodiversity found within the Park. Through the planting of a Native Meadow, the expansion of 'no-mow zones', and the planting of more native trees and shrubs throughout the property, the park is actively increasing habitat for native pollinators and birds. Not only will these changes improve the ecological health of the Park, we hope that it will also enhance your appreciation for this special and unique place.