

WELCOME TO THE

WHITE CLAY CREEK WATERSHED

A National Wild and Scenic River

OUTSTANDING NATURAL RESOURCES

The White Clay Creek watershed provides outstanding natural and recreational resources to the citizens of Pennsylvania and Delaware. The watershed is a major source of drinking water for area residents and contains over twenty miles of hiking trails.



PLANT RESOURCES

Watershed vegetation is comprised of sixty tree and shrub species, greater than twenty fern species, and over two hundred wildflowers, including nine native orchids. Rare plants within the watershed include the leather flower, tawny ironweed, elephant's foot, fall witch grass, puttyroot orchid, and cranefly orchid.

FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

The White Clay Creek watershed includes mature forest, open field, wetland, and river ecosystems. Habitat variety gives the watershed a rich diversity of species that includes over ninety species of breeding birds, thirty-three species of small mammals, twenty-one species of fish, and twenty-seven species of reptiles and amphibians.

A watershed is the area of land that drains into a body of water. The White Clay Creek watershed is 107 square miles and includes parts of Chester County, Pennsylvania and New Castle County, Delaware. Nearly 100,000 people call the White Clay Creek watershed home.



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Scarlet Tanager



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Northern Green Frog



Trout Lily



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Canoeing lower White Clay Creek



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