

Rentschler Arboretum



Sourwood or Sorrel (Oxydendrum) Tree



Bloodroot



Monarda or Bee Balm



American Chestnut



Ninebark



Cosmos



Beech Tree



Fungi



The Work of the Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker



Mayapples



Franklinia alatamaha



American Copper Butterfly on Butterfly Weed

Appalachian Trail Shelter Building Projects at Rentschler Arboretum



Eagles Nest Shelter being airlifted by Air National Guard from Rentschler Arboretum to the Appalachian Trail above Shartlesville, 1988

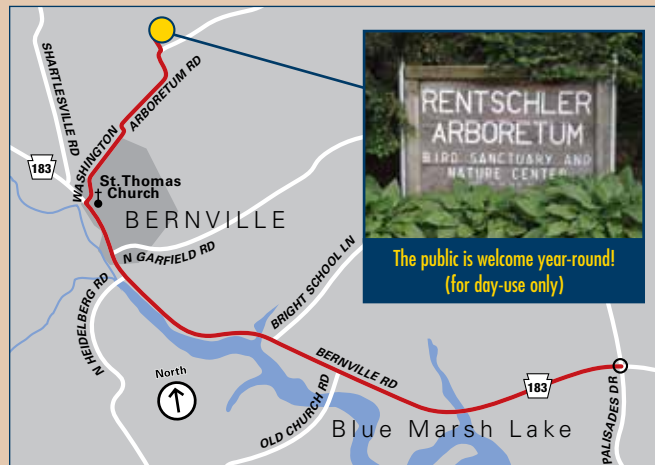


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Rausch Gap Shelter under construction at Rentschler Arboretum before re-assembly on the Appalachian Trail near Fort Indiantown Gap, 2013

Directions to Rentschler Arboretum

- From the traffic light at Palisades Drive, travel north on PA-183 for 5.64 miles to St. Thomas Church in Bernville.
- At St. Thomas Church, turn right onto Washington Street. If you reach Shartlesville Road, you've gone too far.
- In .49 mile, Washington Street becomes Arboretum Road.
- Follow Arboretum Road for approximately 1 mile. Look for the entrance sign on your left.



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Wooded Hiking Trails



The view to Dr. Rentschler's beloved Blue Mountains from Rentschler Arboretum



Llewellyn Williams Wildflower Meadow



BMECC Clubhouse



Volunteers Working the Gardens

The Rentschler Arboretum of the Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club

Walk the Arboretum grounds and the 1.5 miles of wooded hiking trails or just sit and enjoy a spectacular view of the Blue Mountains, bluebirds, eagles, and abundant wildlife. Or watch the pollinators at work in the Llewellyn Williams Wildflower Meadow while photographing plants and trees in seasonal colors.

This 34-acre property was bequeathed to the Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club (BMECC) by Bernville native Dr. Harry F. Rentschler (right). It was established as an arboretum in 1959. The public is welcome year-round (for day-use only).

Dr. Harry F. Rentschler,
Founder of the
Blue Mountain Eagle Climbing Club



BMECC continues its mission of promoting hiking, preserving land on the Blue Mountains, establishing arboretums and wilderness parks, and maintaining 64 miles of the Appalachian Trail. A monument erected along the AT near Rte. 183 honors Dr. Rentschler's work.

Rentschler Arboretum Planting, 1959
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Autumn Paths of Gold