NATURE AND HISTORY

Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve protects 70 acres of diverse habitat along 2,000 feet of McMichaels Creek. Look for limestone cliffs, spring wildflowers and meadows in full bloom. McMichaels Creek is known for its high-quality trout fishing.

Wild yellow trout lilies *Louise Troutman photo*

RICH WOODS = NICE WILDFLOWERS

The rich forest along the floodplain of McMichaels Creek is home to an impressive display of native wildflowers, best seen from late April through early June. The wildflowers are "ephemeral" and take advantage of the brief period of sunlit forest in spring before the trees have leafed out. Their bright, showy flowers attract early pollinators.

WHAT ARE THOSE FENCES?

With invasive plants such as barberry removed (thanks to PHLT volunteers!), native flowers and pollinator plants have more space to grow – but they are also more vulnerable to hungry white-tailed deer. The fences are deer exclosures to protect native plants and encourage new growth.

Abigail Dillon photo

A boulder deflector enhances stream habitat for native trout.

HIGH-QUALITY STREAM HABITAT

The Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited undertook an ambitious project to enhance in-stream habitat throughout the preserve. More than 60 in-stream habitat structures narrow and deepen the stream channel, creating both hiding places for native trout and additional habitat for the small aquatic insects upon which the trout feed.

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trail finder

Pomeroy
McMichaels Creek
Nature Preserve

PHLT photo
Limestone cliffs tower over McMichaels Creek at Pomeroy.

THINGS TO DO HERE:
Fishing, hiking, kayaking

Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve

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Trailhead address: 675 Hickory Valley Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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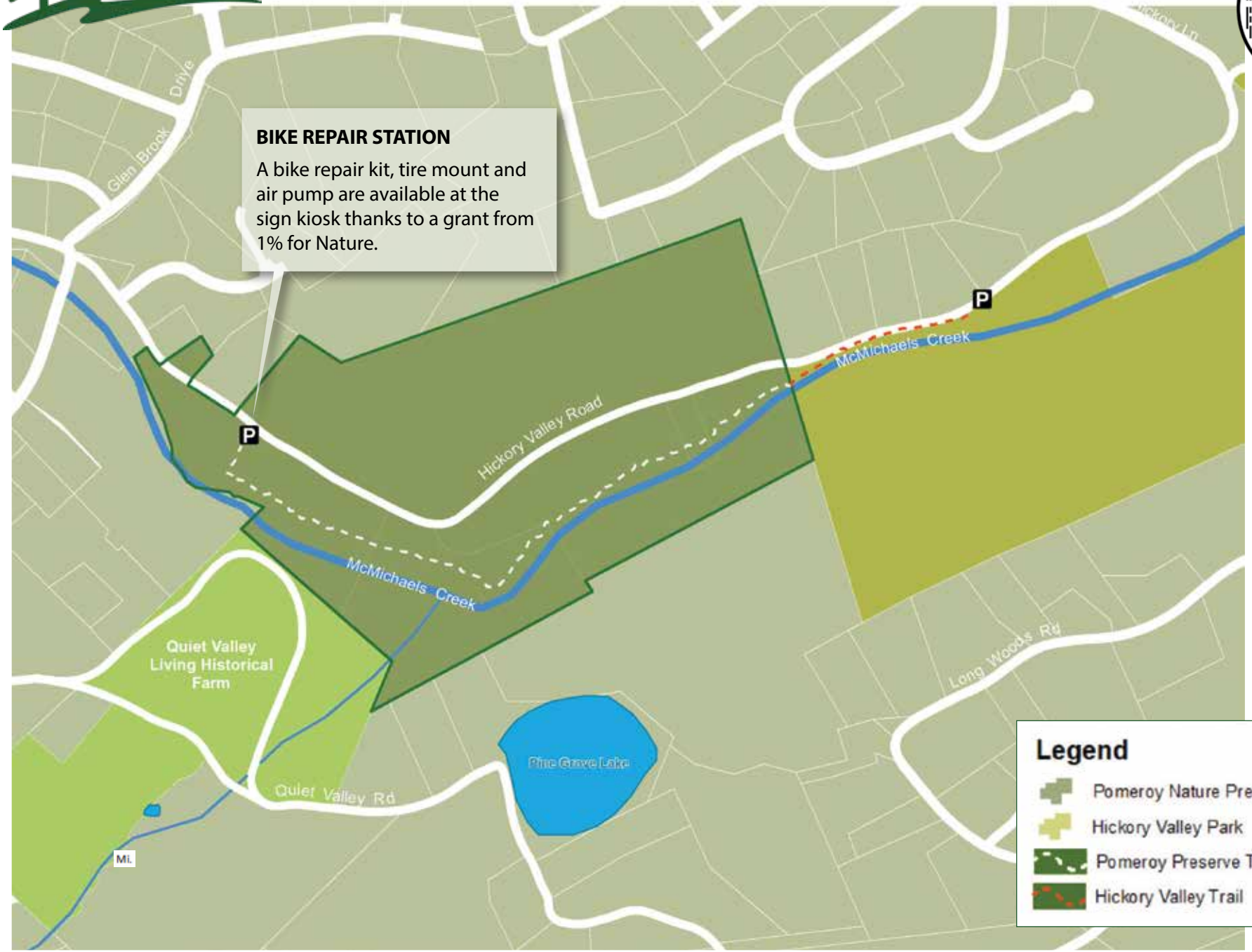

White trail (0.5 mile)

The trail begins at the parking lot. It leads visitors straight back to the creek, then turns left and follows the creek downstream. The trail leads back to Hickory Valley Road, where visitors can continue east for a short distance and explore Stroud Township's Hickory Valley Park.

Glenn Nelson/PHLT map