

About Shuford Sanctuary

Originally a royal land grant, the Shuford Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary is part of an 88.58 acre conservation easement held by The Pacolet Area Conservancy (PAC) on the property of Dr. Robert Lee Shuford III. 170 acres of land was purchased by Carl M. Gottfried, Dr. Shuford's maternal grandfather in 1931. Dr. Shuford's mother, Helen, began and operated the successful Weaverbarton Dairy when his parents settled on the property.

After Dr. Shuford's father passed away, his wife Helen donated the parcel where the Pacolet Area Conservancy easement now exists to the Carolina Bird Club, with the intention that the land become a wild-life sanctuary. Upon learning that the land was to be sold for development, Dr. Shuford purchased his family's property.

Now protected forever by the Pacolet Area Conservancy, the Weaverbarton Shuford Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary honors Helen Shuford's original wishes.

The public is invited to enjoy the wildlife sanctuary along nature trails established by PAC.

For more hiking options, visit PAC-protected Norman Wilder Forest, located on Hwy. 176 in Tryon, NC – "185 acres of wilderness exploration."



PAC's Weaverbarton Shuford Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary and Norman Wilder Forest are proud to be located along the North Carolina Birding Trail

Directions:

Shuford Sanctuary is located within the town of Columbus, Polk County and can be accessed from Shuford Drive as well as Tom Raymond Fit-trail behind St. Luke's Hospital.

From Columbus and from I-26:

Go west on Route 108.
Go approximately ¼ mile.
Take a left on Shuford Drive.
Look to your right for the parking area and trail sign.

From Tryon:

Go east on Route 108.
Before I-26
Take a right on Shuford Drive.
Look to your right for the parking area and trail sign.

Sanctuary Rules:

Hours are from dawn to dusk.

Please stay on marked trails.

Take only photographs.

Leave only footprints.

No vehicles, no littering.

Dogs to be kept under owner's control.

Respect nature

Enjoy.

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Weaverbarton Shuford Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary

*"Wander along this woodland path
to commune with nature and the inner self."*

Dr. Robert L. Shuford

Trail Map



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"saving the places you love"

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Outer Loop	1.2 miles
Self-guided Nature Trail and Dogwood Hollow Loop	.3 miles
Pasture Ridge Trail	.7 miles
Weaver Branch Trail	.3 miles
ICC Trail	.5 miles
Fit Trail	.3 miles
ICC to Hospital and back	~ 1 mile



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Shuford Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary Trails

The Shuford Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary is a mixed hardwood forest which provides excellent habitat for birds and other wildlife. Weaver Branch meanders through the property. Resting benches afford the opportunity to enjoy the creek and woodland.

You can design your ideal walk within the Shuford Sanctuary by choosing length and level of difficulty from one or a combination of the different loops indicated on the map. You can also continue your walk, if you wish, by connecting to the Tom Raymond Fitness Trail and, ultimately, the Isothermal Community College Trail.

Please note that the sanctuary trails are intentionally primitive and narrow woodland paths. Enjoy your journey into this beautiful, natural haven.

