



Enjoy the Great Outdoors at the Gardner Center

Come out and visit our trails and enjoy the natural beauty of the great outdoors. You may find some unusual sights during your hike. Expand your recreational experience with a game of disc golf and horseshoes!



Be Safe While You Hike

As you begin your journey, please observe these safety tips:

- Check the local weather forecast and prepare accordingly.
- Wear protective clothing and footwear.
- Hike with a friend.
- If you bring pets and/or children along, keep them in sight at all times.
- Keep all food stored in animal-proof containers.
- Do not feed wild animals.
- Do not smoke or use ignition sources as they may cause a fire.

The Gardner Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm. The hiking trails are available to the public as shown below.

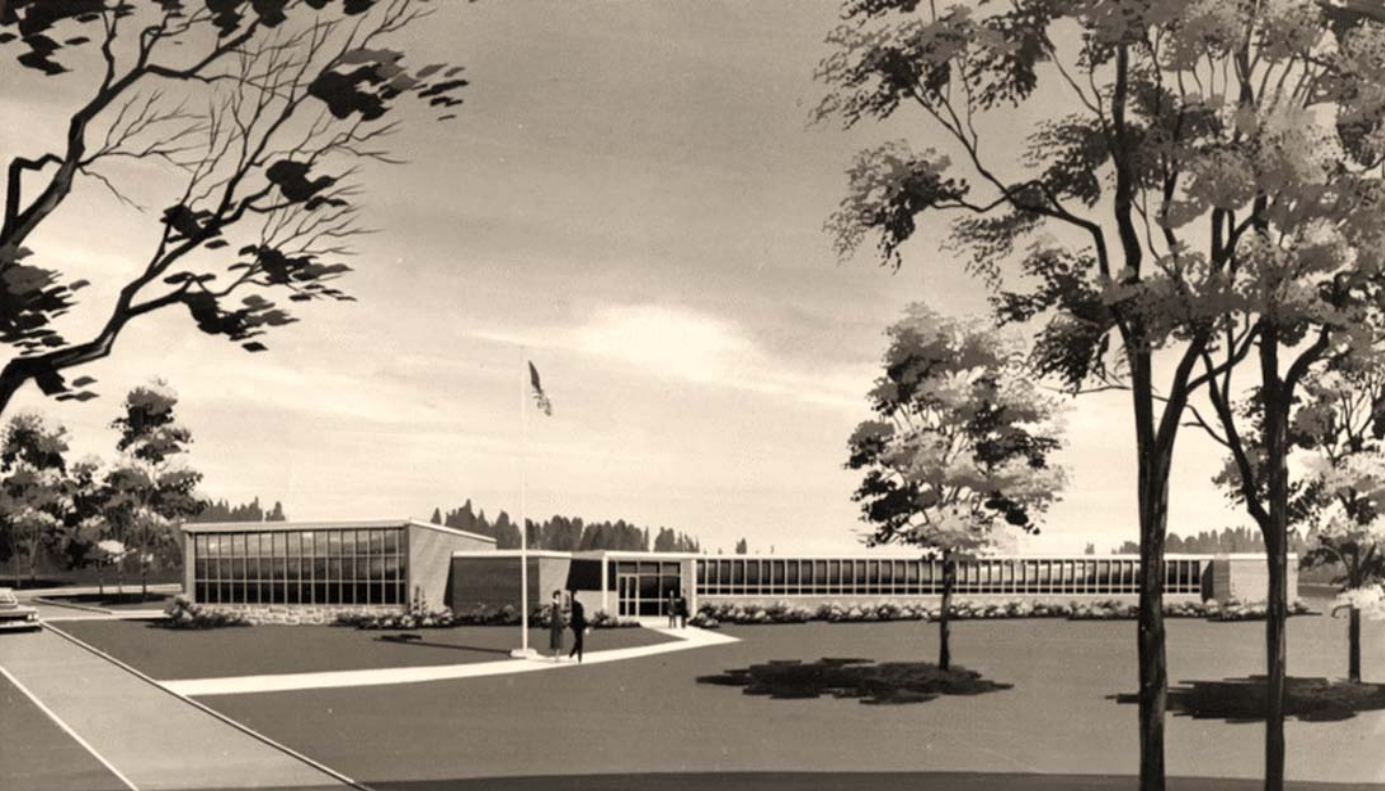
TRAIL SCHEDULE	
Sunday	Closed
Monday	7:30AM—3:30PM
Tuesday	7:30AM—DARK
Wednesday	7:30AM—DARK
Thursday	7:30AM—DARK
Friday	7:30AM—DARK
Saturday	9:00AM—DARK

TAKE A HIKE

Through the Gardner Center Trails

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PRINCETON, WV 24740**

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Welcome to the Gardner Center

Formerly the home of the U.S. Forest Service's Forestry Sciences Laboratory, the Gardner Center is one of many historical sites that still exist in Mercer County. The research facility was constructed in the early 1960's and remained in operation until 2016. After the Mercer County Commission acquired the property in 2020, it was renamed "The Gardner Center" and became a multi-purpose facility that is now the home of various non-profit agencies, public hiking trails, horseshoe pits, and a disc golf course.

Book an Event

If you are searching for venue to host a meeting or event, give us a call. The Gardner Center has a spacious auditorium with lots of seating capacity, and a library that will suit your conference needs. The Gardner Center charges \$50/day for the library and \$100/day for the auditorium. Our staff will assist you in setting up for your event. If you wish host an outdoor event or activity, please contact the Mercer County Commission at (304) 487-8306 for current rates.

The trail network consists of six segments and a loop around the Gardner facility. The map is inverted south-ward to provide an easier sense of direction in reference to the facility.

To view the interactive map, visit www.gardnercenter.org/trails.html.

