

The Natural and Cultural History of the Ag Reserve

Saturday, October 7 (8:30 am - 4 pm)

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Twenty-six years ago, with regional farmland rapidly diminishing, Montgomery County had the foresight to set aside more than 90,000 acres of farms and open space in the western and northern third of the county as an Agricultural Reserve. Come explore this scenic, biologically diverse farmland and learn how it contributes to clean air and water, the availability of fresh local produce, and the overall quality of life for residents of the metro area. Our field trip will visit parkland, working farms, an orchard, and several historical sites to experience the rich diversity of plants and wildlife that thrive in the Reserve's fields, meadows, ponds, streams, and rocky woodlands.

Members: \$28; Nonmembers: \$39