

# DELAWARE NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE



PROMOTING COASTAL STEWARDSHIP OF COASTAL AREAS THROUGH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION •

## BLACKBIRD CREEK RESERVE

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### ABOUT THE BLACKBIRD CREEK RESERVE

The Blackbird Creek Reserve is 1180 acres in size and consists of freshwater tidal and non-tidal wetlands and brackish-water marshes. Saltmarsh cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*) and common reed are among the most common wetland plants. The upland fringe is a mixture of shrub and tree species, including both hardwoods and softwoods.

The Blackbird Creek watershed drains a portion of southern New Castle County, Delaware. This is a predominantly rural area, consisting of wetlands, forests and agricultural lands. Blackbird Creek flows into the Delaware River just upstream from Delaware Bay.

### FACILITIES

The Blackbird Creek Reserve has meeting space large enough to accommodate your next meeting of 35 people or less. Or if you are a school or community group the Reserve has an outdoor classroom that can provide the perfect location and backdrop for your next outdoor learning experience. To reserve the space or request an educational programming contact the Reserve offices at 302-739-6377.

### THINGS TO DO

The Blackbird Creek Reserve boasts over 5 miles of trails that are open to the public daily from dawn till dusk. On the trails visitors can experience upland, meadow, and freshwater tidal marsh habitats and the animals that call them home. Some animals visitors might see are bald eagles, osprey, river otters, whitetail deer, wild turkey, great blue herons, and many more. Visitors can also sign up to participate in public programs that meet and explore along Blackbird Creek. For a full list of programs visit the Reserve's Calendar of Events: [www.de.gov/dnerrprograms](http://www.de.gov/dnerrprograms).



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## BLACKBIRD CREEK FALL FESTIVAL

Every year on the third Saturday in October is the Blackbird Creek Fall Festival, which provides fun for the whole family! Enjoy live music, watch educational demonstrations, take a hayride, and purchase items from local artisans. And best of all it is FREE.

To keep up to date on the event visit the event webpage at: [www.de.gov/blackbirdfestival](http://www.de.gov/blackbirdfestival)



## FIND THE RESERVE ONLINE

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