

# White Clay Creek State Park

## Nature Center Area



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Feet

Garage

Robinson House

Chambers House (Nature Center)

Comfort Station

Parking

White Clay Creek

Creek Road

Hopkins Bridge Road

### Legend

- Unnamed Trail
- PennDel Trail
- Tri-State Marker Trail

# Chambers House / Robinson House Nature Center Area

## Chambers House

- National Register-listed
- Constructed circa 1820 as a house
- Approximately 1,600 sq.ft.
- Currently serves as the Nature Center, Programming headquarters, and includes workstations for staff
- Generally can only accommodate groups of 25 people max.
- Floor space and storage space is very limited, and underserves the capacity/demand for programs
- Served 10,700 program participants in 2017
- Access road is subject to erosion and flooding

## Robinson House

- Constructed circa 1962 as a house
- Intended to be a lakeside residence by the former owner of the Chambers House who thought that lower property would be flooded by dam and reservoir which never materialized. The reservoir never materialized and the land ultimately became a large portion of the Park, thanks to local advocates.
- The story of the Robinson House is an essential experience for park programming
- Approximately 2,220 sq.ft.
- Currently is used periodically for meeting space or programming
- Needs a number of repairs/maintenance items
- Vehicle access is very limited. The narrow driveway and topography cannot handle regular vehicle traffic, nor larger vehicles.
- Current access also starts along the same section of Creek Road as the Chambers House, which is subject to erosion and flooding

**Core Consideration: Providing *Education Center* infrastructure that better serves the demand for programs and activities**

Desired Attribute	Current Nature Center
Proximity to the Creek, essential experiences of the Park	✓
Adequate Parking including school buses	✓
Handicap accessible parking, entrance, bathrooms	✗
Weather-protected classroom/interpretation space	✗
Adequate office and meeting space	✗
Access protected from flooding/erosion	✗
Easy to find and navigate to	✗
Utilizes existing structure if possible	✓