

Wildlife at  
**Celebrezze  
Hollow**

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## Preface

The purpose of this booklet is to give the reader some sense of the natural ecosystem here at the Farm. To this end we hope it will allow readers to see the tree as well as the forest in hopes they will have a renewed appreciation for nature. We, as a species, are in a unique position to rectify damages done to our natural resources and ecosystems. Through education and science we can leave the world in a better state than the one in which we found it.

This booklet is dedicated to Anne and Tony Celebrezze, our grandparents. They bought Celebrezze Hollow in 1969 and it has been a gathering spot for the family ever since.



In July of 1969 Grandpa and Grandma purchased the land known as Celebrezze Hollow, located in Holmes County, just outside the town of Killbuck, Ohio. It took Dad and Grandpa a good eight months of driving all over Ohio on the weekends to decide on this piece of land. At the time, a family on welfare was living in the house. Grandpa gave them a number of months rent-free to find another place. Originally most of the land was cleared to be used as pasture. There was also a county road that came down from the west ridge, ran past the back barn on the left hand side (as you look at it from the house) and continued along the east edge of what is now the back field and through the entire valley. That was decommissioned very early in our ownership. Where the pond is now, there was a junk pile. When Gramps had them come in with backhoes to dig up the trash he just had them keep digging until he was able to have a pond. The back barn used to be a big cock fighting location in the '30s and '40s from what people have said. You may want to talk with Chug Sheely at the party to get more on the scoop. His dad, Curly was a fighter pilot and bought the place up the road right after WWII. Chug has lived there all of his life. Grandpa added the family room in the early '70s. He did all the finish work on the room with one of Grandma's brothers. We did the fire place insert in the mid '90s. All the stones that were used for the wall around the fireplace were provided by an Amish guy. Grampa told us that when the Amish guy was finished with the wall, he had a few stones left over, so he paid Grampa back them! (Try to get a contractor to do that now.) The Farm has always been a place for family to gather and enjoy nature. We hope that continues that way for many years to come!



