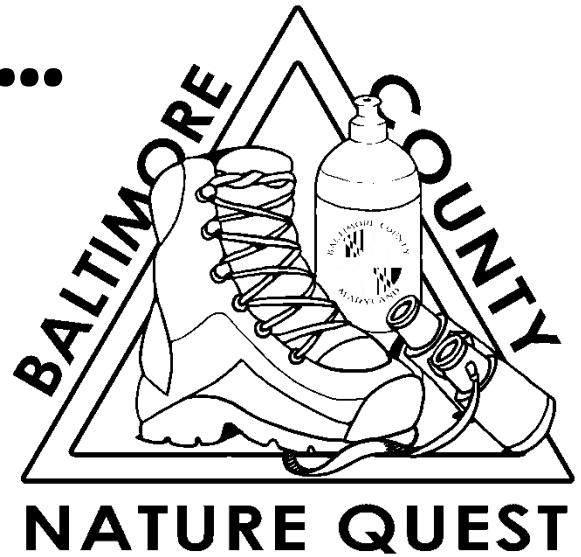


# The Adventure Begins...

Baltimore County invites you to explore and experience our region's diverse outdoor adventures with Nature Quest! Here's your opportunity to discover the beauty and solitude of nature, a variety of wildlife, the magnificence of natural settings—and the health benefits of being more active—all in our own "backyard!"



Share the wonders of the great outdoors with family and friends and get to know your region up close and personal.

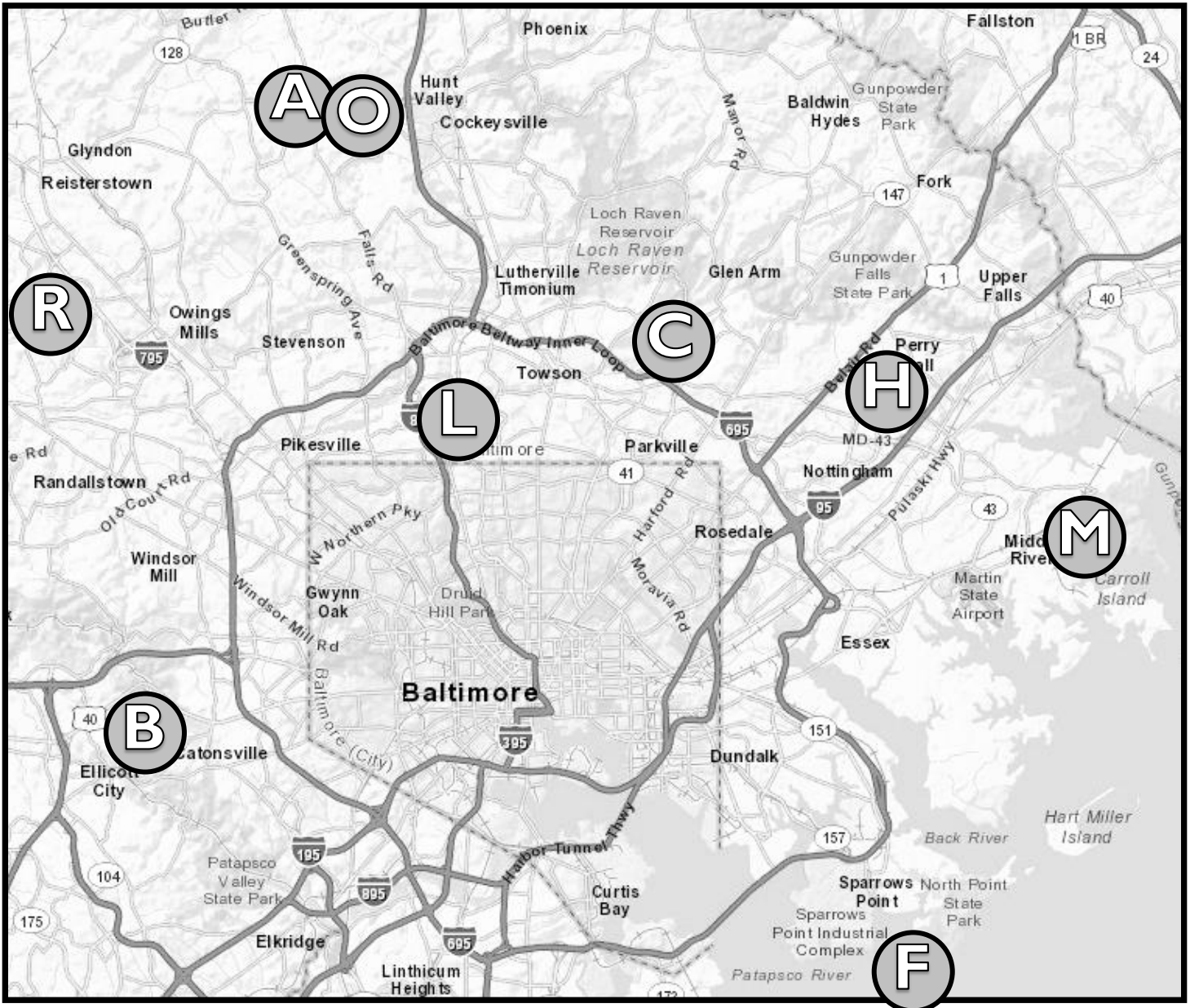
The Wegmans *Hit the Trail* Passport program is ongoing throughout the year, with our annual Nature Quest Fest celebrating the participants happening each fall. See how many trail marker rubbings you can collect, and read below for the prizes that await you!

- All Questers that complete 5 or more trails will receive a prize and free admission to Quest Fest in the fall.
- Questers that complete 9-16 trails will receive the prizes listed above and be entered in raffles for prizes such as a \$250 Wegmans Gift Card, a free pavilion rental at Lake Roland, a free pavilion rental at Honeygo Run Park, gift baskets from Oregon Ridge Nature Center, the Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park, and Banneker Historical Park, and much more.

Prizes can be picked up during building hours at participating parks. One prize and/or raffle entry per completed passport (no more than 1 prize per person). Please call (410) 887-4156 or email us at [LakeRol-RP@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov](mailto:LakeRol-RP@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov) if you have any questions.

We hope that Nature Quest and your *Hit the Trail* Passport provide you, your family, and friends an easy way to enjoy nature, fitness, and fun!

# Nature Quest Park Locations



Lake Roland



Agricultural Ctr. & Farm Park



Cromwell Valley Park



Honeygo Run Regional Park



Marshy Point Park



Fort Howard



Oregon Ridge Park



Red Run Stream Valley Trail



Benjamin Banneker Historical Park



# Lake Roland

1000 Lakeside Drive, Baltimore County, MD 21210  
(410) 887-4156 • [www.lakeroland.org](http://www.lakeroland.org)

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset  
Nature Center Hours: 9am – 5pm, Tuesday – Sunday



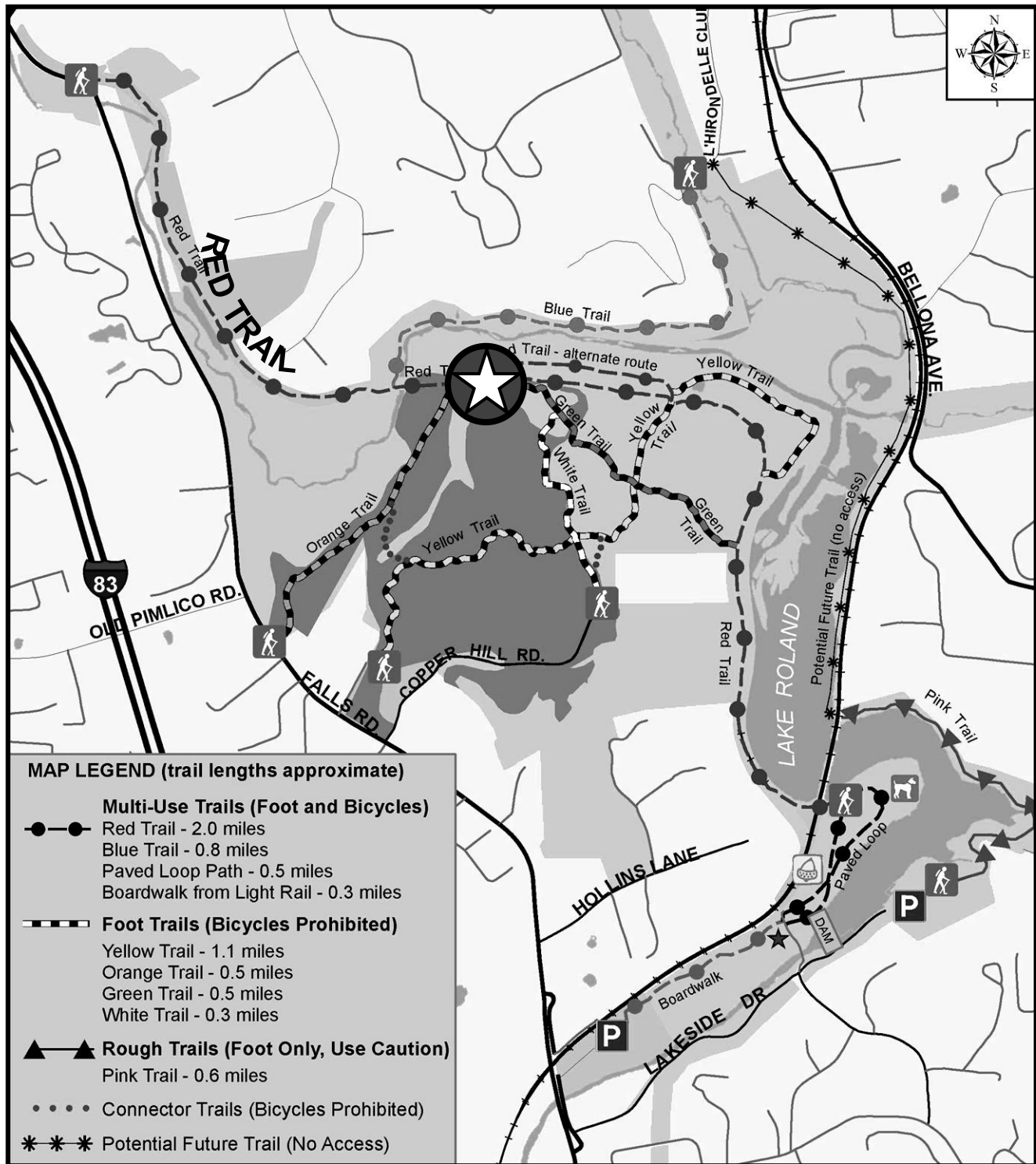
Tucked into the surrounding communities of Ruxton and Roland Park, Lake Roland remains a wonderful secret to many. The park consists of over 500 acres of forests, meadows, wetlands, streams, a lake, and globally rare serpentine barrens. In addition, the park is steeped in history. The park sits in two different historic districts and has many historic structures, including a Greek Revival pump house, dam, and structures from the Baltimore & Susquehanna Railroad (later, the Northern Central Railroad).

Visitors can enjoy miles of hiking and biking trails, a visit to the park's new Nature Center, canoeing and kayaking on the lake, participating in one of the many nature programs, Paw Point off-leash dog park (membership required), or watching the numerous species of birds and other wildlife.

**Directions:** Lake Roland is located just north of the intersection of Falls Road and Lake Avenue. Park signs on Falls Road will help direct visitors to the park. Parking can be found at the parking lot at the end of Lakeside Drive or at the Falls Road Light Rail lot. Or even better, take the Light Rail to the park.

# Lake Roland: Red Trail

## Railroad Trail Marker



INDICATES TRAIL MARKER

# **Lake Roland: Red Railroad Trail**

**Directions:** Starting from the Dam side of the park, hike or bike on the paved pathway up the hill. At the split in the path, stay to the left. Located on the left is a brown park rules sign; take the nearby steps down the hill. After crossing the Light Rail tracks, you will be on the Red Railroad Trail. Follow the red trail blazes.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39° 23.397, W 76° 39.149

**Length:** 1.6 miles each way, from parking lot

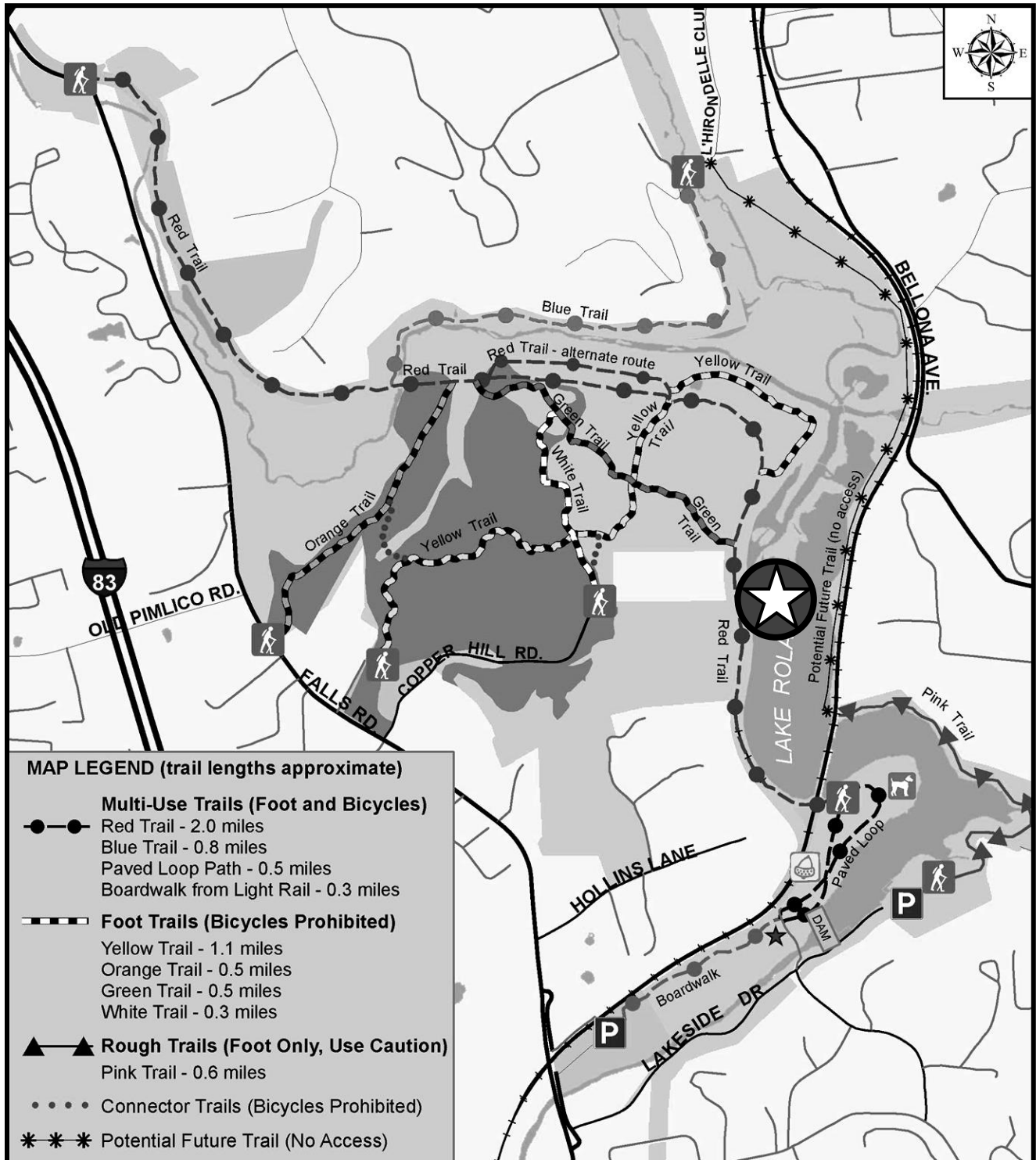
**Difficulty:** Easy

**Features:** You are hiking or biking on the bed of the Baltimore Susquehanna Railroad which later became the Northern Central Railroad. A train station complete with hotel and post office used to be located just past what is now the Light Rail tracks. During the Civil War, Southern sympathizers destroyed the bridge (located where the light rail bridge is now) to keep the Northern army from moving south. Soldiers from the north camped here throughout the war to protect the bridge. Look for the remains of the railroad as you make your way along the trail.

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# Lake Roland: Canoe and Kayak Trail

## Willow Island Trail Marker



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# **Lake Roland: Canoe and Kayak Trail**

**Note:** Must bring your own canoe or kayak or join a scheduled Ranger-led trip (see [LakeRoland.org](http://LakeRoland.org)). Life preservers must be worn by all boaters. Trailers and motorized boats are not allowed.

**Directions:** Park in the parking lot on Lakeside Drive. Boats can be launched at the concrete fishing pier. Once in your boat, go under the Light Rail bridge, make a right, head upstream until you hit the first large island on the left hand side. The marker can be found on a sandy beach.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39° 23.207, W 76° 38.638

**Length:** 0.5 miles

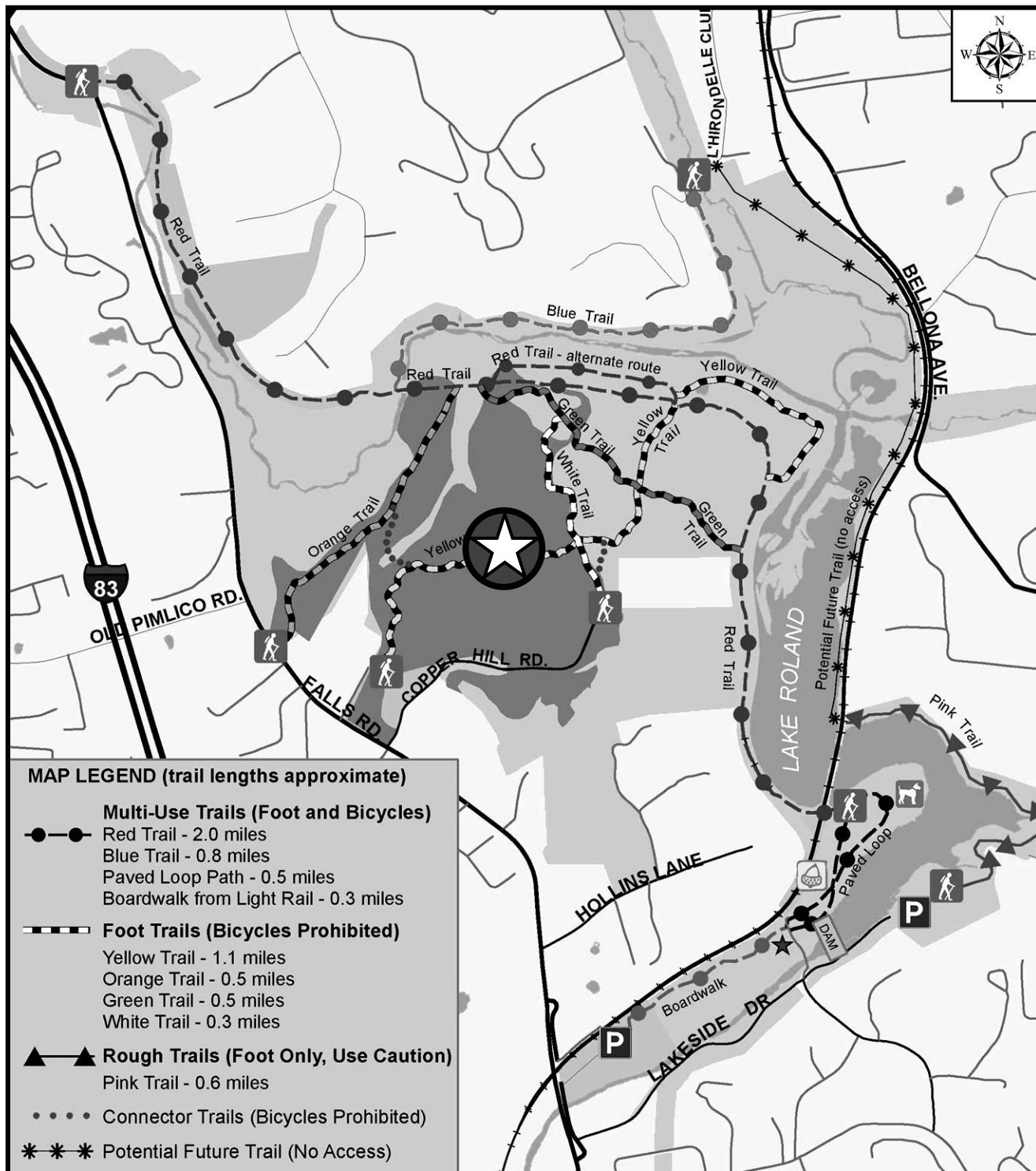
**Difficulty:** Easy

**Features:** From 1858 until 1915, Lake Roland was the sole drinking water supply for Baltimore City. Today the lake is used for recreation and habitat for wildlife. Look for bald eagles, herons, wood ducks, beavers, turtles, and many species of fish. Towson Run, Roland Run, and the Jones Falls feed the lake as well as many other smaller streams. Anything that runs off lawns and streets in Towson and the surrounding communities flows into the lake and then into the Chesapeake Bay. Help protect the Chesapeake Bay, which is the largest estuary in the United States, by reducing lawn chemicals, properly maintaining vehicles, and disposing of trash properly.

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# Lake Roland: Yellow Trail

## Serpentine Trail Marker



INDICATES TRAIL MARKER



# Lake Roland: Serpentine Yellow Trail

**Directions:** Starting on the Dam side of the park, hike on the paved pathway up the hill. At the split in the path, stay to the left. Located on the left is a brown park rules sign: take the nearby steps down the hill. After crossing the Light Rail tracks, you will be on the red trail. Follow the red trail blazes, and then make a left onto the Green Trail. Turn left onto the Yellow Trail. The trail marker is in an area that has been cleared of pine trees and is located on a pine tree that has been cut to about 3 feet in height.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39° 23.211, W 76° 39.112

**Length:** 1.4 miles each way, from parking lot

**Difficulty:** Moderate, occasionally rocky, varying terrains

**Features:** A globally rare ecosystem called the serpentine barrens is located in the North West corner of the park. The Serpentine is a mixed prairie community characterized by thin soils and fields of grasslands with native oaks and rare wildflowers, along with invasive Virginia pine, red cedar and woody underbrush. The bedrock in the serpentine area contains harsh metals, high magnesium, and low calcium. Plants that grow in serpentine soils often have special adaptations to tolerate these extreme conditions (and can include many rare plants). Examples of plants that have adapted to this area are fameflower, lyreleaf rockcress, purple gerardia, rose pink, and small white snakeroot.

**Why are we cutting trees?** Historically, serpentine barrens were grazed or burned by natural fires or fires set by Native Americans. Regularly burning or grazing the area kept it in a grassland state. Since this area is no longer burned or grazed Virginia pines have moved in and become invasive. By removing the Virginia pine trees we are opening up the area to sunlight and reducing the organic matter in the area, thus allowing grasses and plants that are uniquely suited to the harsh soils to thrive.

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# Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park

1114 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030  
(410) 229-0530 • [www.marylandagriculture.org](http://www.marylandagriculture.org)  
Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset  
Center Hours: 9am to 3pm, Monday – Friday

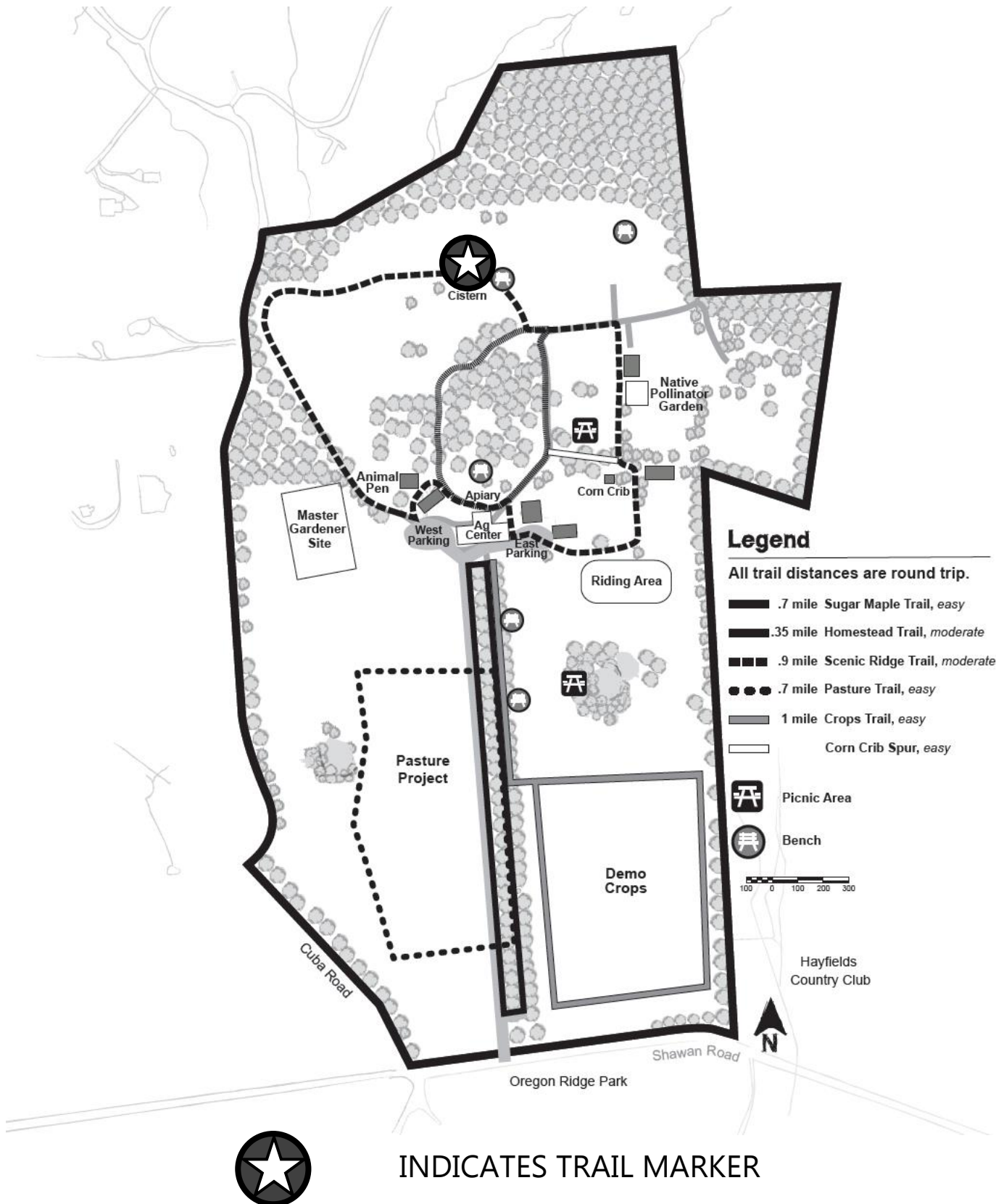
This 149-acre Farm Park was once part of a larger 400-acre grain and equestrian farm. Although land records from the 1700s exist, the farm's main homestead was built in the 1800s. Most of the original homestead is gone, but the land now serves as a living outdoor classroom designed to allow the public unfettered access to the many different aspects of agriculture in Maryland's piedmont, and provide farmers the opportunity to share innovative practices.

Did you know Maryland is losing 20,000 acres of farmland each year? We invite you to explore and learn about the beauty of this endangered landscape. In addition to the pastures, crops, bees, and farm animals, there are forests, wetlands, and meadows that are home to a wide variety of birds and mammals. Some of the area's largest and oldest white and red oak trees will provide the shade needed for your picnic lunch. Dogs are welcome if they are on a leash. Remember to "Leave No Trace."

**Directions:** From Route 83, exit 20B Shawan Road; go west toward Oregon Ridge Park. Travel less than one mile on Shawan Road and turn right into the driveway located at 1114 Shawan Road, just across from an Oregon Ridge Park sign. You've gone too far if you pass the Cuba Road traffic light, or the Oregon Grille restaurant.

# Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park

## Scenic Ridge Trail Marker



# **Center for Maryland Agriculture & Farm Park: Scenic Ridge Trail**

**Directions:** Access the Scenic Ridge Trail from the west parking area near the Exhibit Barn. The marker is located near the cistern—the highest point in the Farm Park.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39 30' 11", W 76 41' 07"

**Length:** 0.9 miles round trip      **Difficulty:** Easy – Moderate

**Features:** The Farm Park's trail system brings you up close and personal with agriculture's past, present, and future. Here you can observe conventional crops, experimental plots, apiculture, demonstration gardens, livestock, historic farm buildings, and pastures. The public is encouraged to enjoy breathtakingly beautiful scenic vistas while exploring forests, wetlands, meadows, and farm-inspired art. This is a working demonstration farm. On any given day, you may catch fields being planted or harvested, bees being tended, or any of the many activities that are required to keep a farm productive.

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# Oregon Ridge Park & Nature Center

13555 Beaver Dam Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030  
(410) 887-1815 • [www.oregonridgenaturecenter.org](http://www.oregonridgenaturecenter.org)

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Nature Center Hours: 9am to 5pm, Tuesday – Sunday



Oregon Ridge Nature Center (ORNC) is located in the 1100+ acres of Oregon Ridge Park in Cockeysville, Maryland. As the largest county park, it's a little bit of wilderness where one can hike over pristine streams, be under tall trees, and see varied wildlife like white-tailed deer, frogs, and many types of birds. Majestic tulip trees, sassafras, spicebush, and ephemeral wildflowers add to the beauty of the trails.

The Nature Center, with ORNC Council's support, offers educational and outdoor opportunities to the public all year by providing school field trips, seasonal hikes and nature programs, campfires, canoeing trips, and special events. The Nature Center houses a collection of live native animals and exhibits. The park amenities include hiking trails, playgrounds, and picnic areas. There are over 6 miles of hiking trails that visitors can use year-round from sunrise to sunset with ample parking at two locations.

**Directions:** Take 83 North to Exit 20B (Shawan Road West). Follow Shawan Road to the first light, Beaver Dam Road, and turn left. Make an immediate right and follow the driveway to the parking lot. The Nature Center is located a short walk up the driveway.

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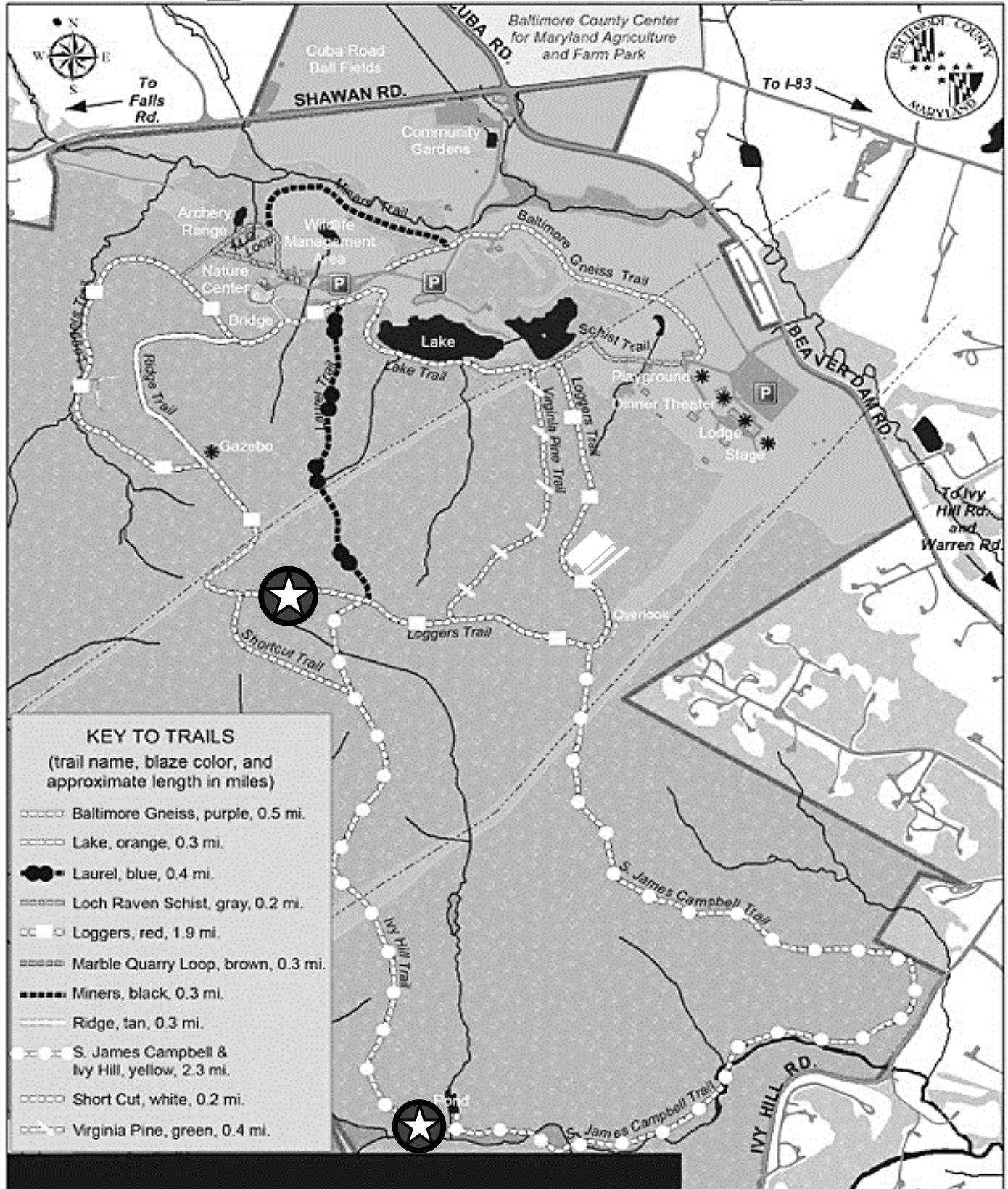
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# Oregon Ridge Park

## Red and Yellow Trail Markers



OREGON RIDGE PARK TRAIL SYSTEM



# **Oregon Ridge Park: Red Logger Trail**

**Directions:** From the Nature Center parking lot, walk up the driveway toward the nature center. Cross the bridge next to the nature center and turn right onto the Red Trail. Cross the gas line and turn right and walk along the wood line until the Red Trail picks up again through the woods. The marker is shortly after the shortcut trail. Take the Blue Trail for a more direct route back to the parking lot/nature center.

**Length:** 1 mile to trail marker one-way.

**GPS Coordinates:** N39° 29.291', W76° 41.535'

**Difficulty:** Moderate, varying terrains

**Features:** The park trails are blazed by color for easy identification. Pets are permitted as long as they are on leashes. The trails will pass by habitats in transition such as the gypsy moth devastation that killed 18 acres of oak forest in 2006. This parcel of land is now in succession from meadow to woodland with oak saplings. The Red Trail will pass the Oregon Branch, where the trail is scattered with pieces of garnets from the rock formation (mica schist) in the area.

**Please note:** the portion of the Red Trail that used to cut through the lake is closed indefinitely. Please obey the signs and use the Orange Trail detour to and from the gas line. The lake is closed for all activities until further notice.



# **Oregon Ridge Park: Ivy Hill/St. James Campbell Yellow Trail**

**Directions:** From the Nature Center parking lot, walk up the hill toward the Nature Center. Cross the bridge next to the Nature Center to begin hiking west on the Red Trail and then connect to the Yellow Trail. When returning from the Yellow Trail, take the left on the fork and head west onto the Red Trail. There are 2 possible options on the return from the Red Trail: 1. Take the Green Trail and it will continue onto the Orange Trail, where there is a rustic log bridge and a view of the Oregon Ridge Lake, before it connects back to the Red Trail; or 2. Take the Blue Trail for a more direct route back to the parking lot/Nature Center.

**GPS Coordinates:** N39° 28.699', W76° 41.266'

**Length:** 2 miles to trail marker one-way.

**Difficulty:** Moderate-Hard, occasionally rocky, varying terrains, stream crossings

**Features:** The park trails are blazed by color for easy identification. Pets are permitted as long as they are on leashes. The Yellow Trail will cross over Baisman Run a few times. The Yellow Trail is more strenuous than the Red Trail because of the elevation changes and includes the Baisman Run crossings, which are just rocks lined up in the stream. Therefore, rocks may be submerged or washed away depending on storms. Feet may get wet, but it is worth the trip to see the south side of the park, where there is a tranquil spot at the Ivy Hill pond for a respite after finding the second Nature Quest marker.

# Marshy Point Park and Nature Center

7130 Marshy Point Road, Middle River, MD 21220

(410) 887-2817 • [www.marshypoint.org](http://www.marshypoint.org)

Nature Center Hours: 9am to 5pm daily

Park Hours: 9am to Sunset



Marshy Point is Baltimore County's environmental education center on the Upper Chesapeake Bay, and a part of the National Park Service Chesapeake Gateways Network.

The Nature Center is open from 9am to 5pm every day and park hours are 9am to sunset. The Nature Center provides a variety of educational activities and the park has over 3 miles of hiking trails to provide numerous opportunities for exercise and exploration.

**Directions:** Marshy Point Park is located at 7130 Marshy Point Road, Middle River MD 21220 off of Eastern Blvd, MD 150. From the Baltimore Beltway take exit 31C, Route 43 East, White Marsh

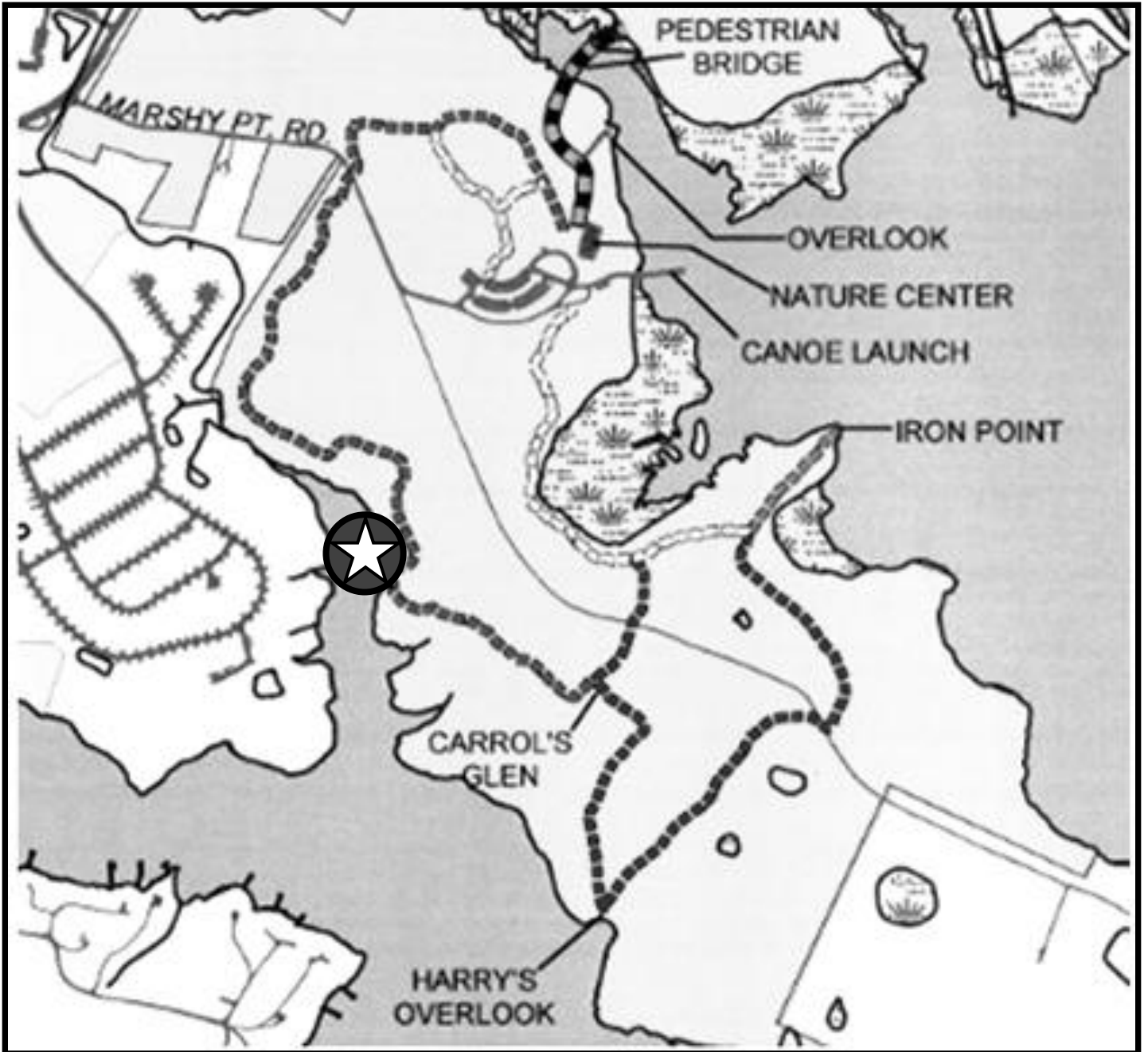


Boulevard. Follow 43 for 8 mi and make a left onto MD 150 East. After 2.5 mi on MD 150, make a right on Marshy Point Road. Follow Marshy Point Road 0.5 mile to the Nature Center parking area.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39.35054, W -76.37878

# Marshy Point Nature Center

## Dundee-Salt peter Trail Marker



INDICATES TRAIL MARKER

# **Marshy Point: Dundee-Saltpeter Trail**

**Description:** Loop, following blue, red, and white blazed trails.

**Directions:** Beginning at Marshy Point Nature Center, hike the Dundee-Saltpeter Trail (blue blaze) for 0.8 miles until you reach an overlook of Saltpeter Creek and the Trail Rubbing Marker. Follow the Dundee-Saltpeter Trail for another 0.2 miles until it intersects the Weiskittel Trail (red blaze) and follow it straight ahead, crossing the park road. Follow the Weiskittel Trail for 0.2 miles until it intersects the Whitetail Trail (white blaze). At the Whitetail Trail turn left and follow for 0.3 miles until you arrive back at the Nature Center.

**GPS Coordinates:** 39.34440, -76.37386

**Length:** 1.5 miles

**Hiking Time:** 45 minutes

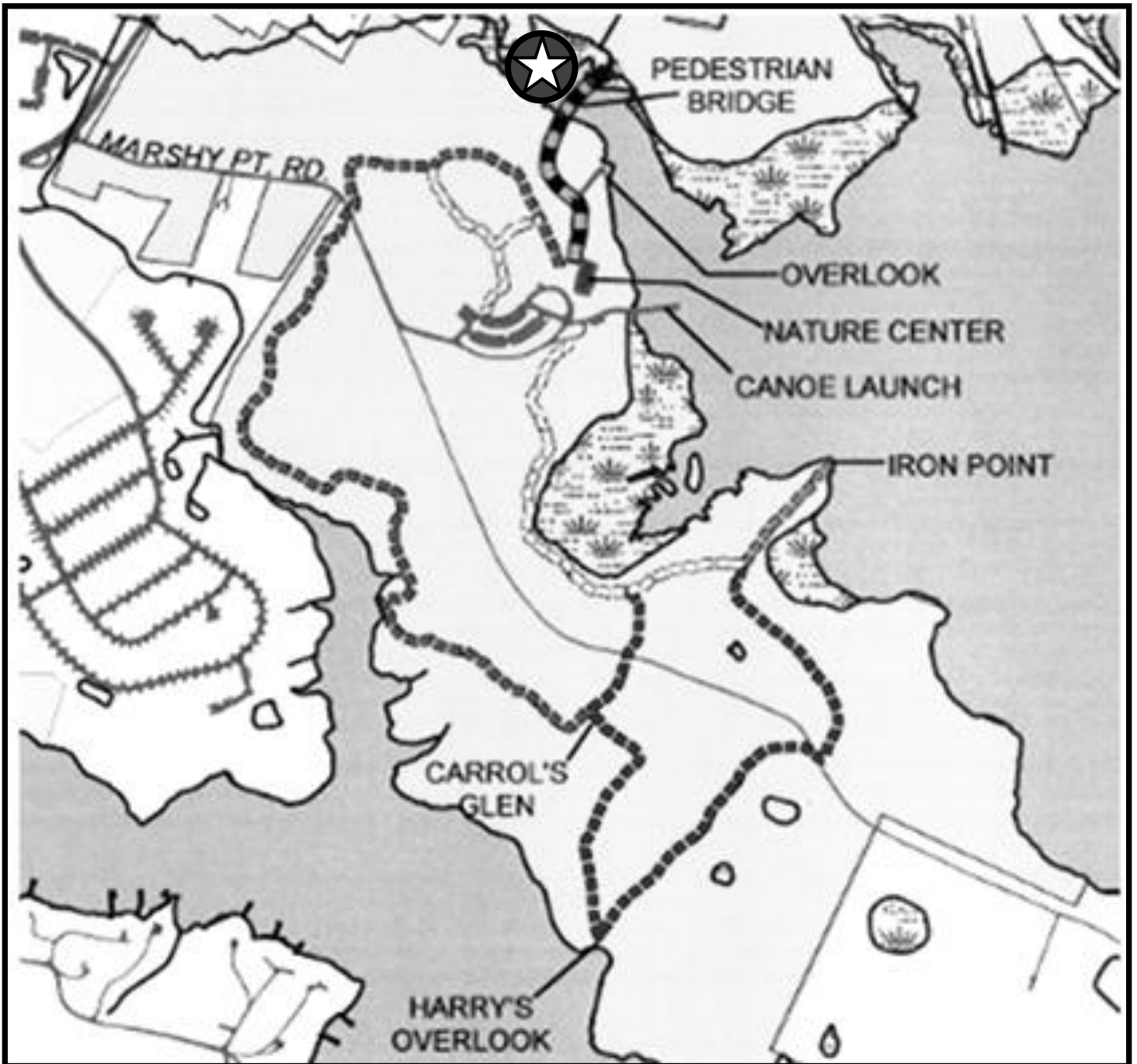
**Difficulty:** Easy and flat. Trail may be muddy after rain events.

**Features:** Note the flat terrain of the coastal plain forest and enjoy views of Dundee and Saltpeter Creeks. Creeks like these serve as nursery and habitat for the birds, fish, mollusks, and crabs that make the Chesapeake Bay an important habitat and a unique ecosystem.

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# Marshy Point Nature Center

## Dundee Creek Canoe and Kayak Trail



INDICATES TRAIL MARKER

# **Marshy Point: Dundee Creek Canoe and Kayak Trail**

**Description:** Canoe exploration. Must bring your own canoe or kayak.

**Directions:** Put in at the Canoe Launch to enjoy exploration of the tidal creeks around Marshy Point. The Canoe Launch faces Dundee Creek looking toward the mouth of the Gunpowder River and the Chesapeake Bay. Enjoy a paddle through estuarine waters full of fish and crabs but be sure to paddle under the pedestrian bridge and into Minnow Branch Creek to find the Trail Rubbing Marker.

**GPS Coordinates:** 39.35084, -76.37062

**Length:** Variable

**Time:** Variable

**Difficulty:** Moderate, depending on weather conditions, canoeing experience, wind, and tides.

**Features:** Marshy Point offers canoe programs available to the public from April to November. Anyone with their own canoe or kayak is welcome to launch during park hours throughout the year, free of charge. Dundee creek offers a sheltered area for paddling and exploration with abundant wildlife to see at all times of the year.

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# Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum

300 Oella Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228

(410) 887-1081 • [www.friendsofbenjaminbanneker.com](http://www.friendsofbenjaminbanneker.com)

Museum Hours: 10am to 4pm, Tuesday – Saturday

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset.



Encompassing 142 acres, with various facilities and extensive nature trails, the primary focus of this site is cultural and natural history. The historical park and museum is dedicated to the legacy of the colonial farmer, clockmaker, mathematician, astronomer, and federal territory surveyor, Benjamin Banneker. Benjamin Banneker is known as the first African American man of science.

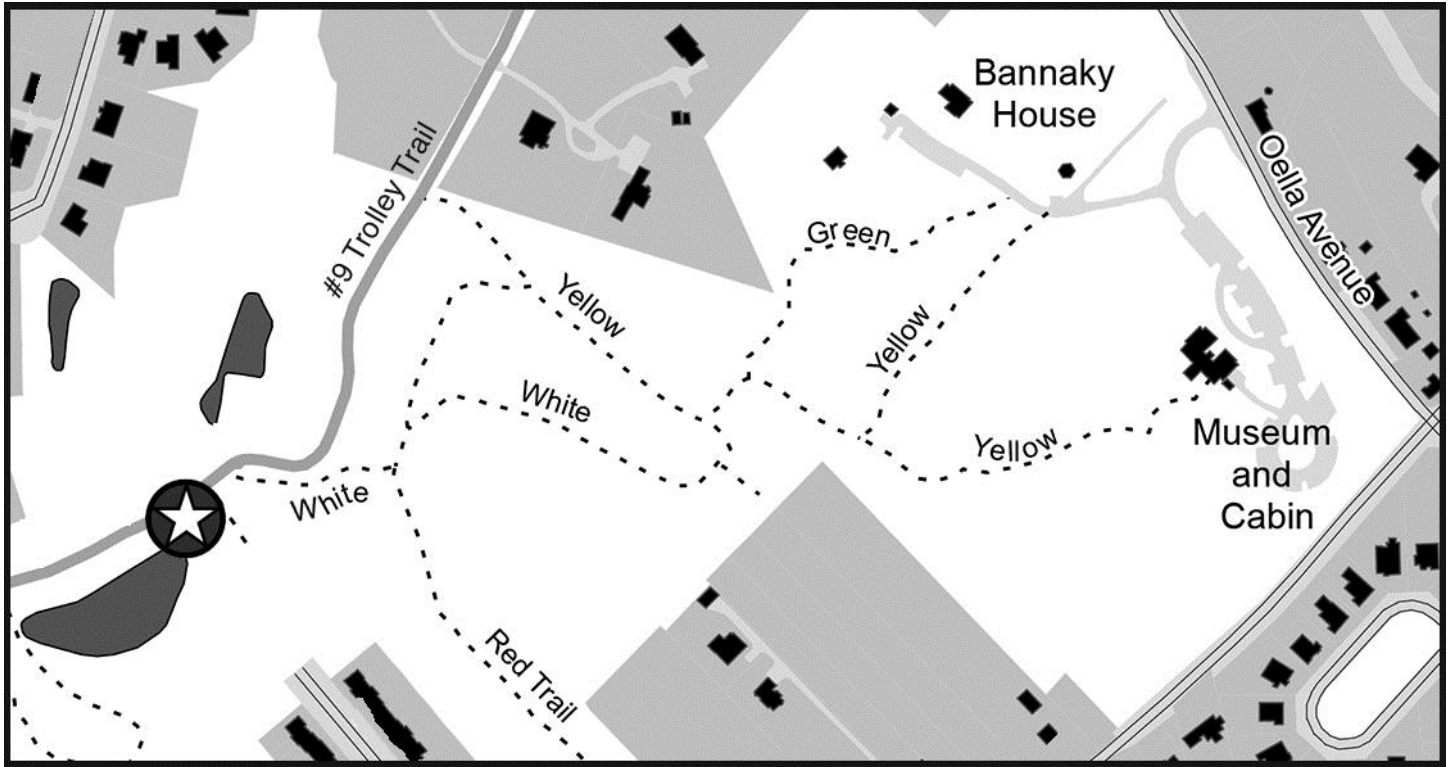
The Banneker Museum features a permanent exhibition on Benjamin Banneker's life and works, community gallery of changing exhibits, gift shop, and patio garden. The site also includes a colonial cabin, historic Victorian farmhouse, and pavilion. The park and museum offers diverse programming in history, culture, science, nature, environmental, and visual and performing arts.

**Directions:** Take I-695 to exit 14, Edmondson Avenue.

Proceed west on Edmondson Avenue to the traffic circle and exit onto Old Frederick Road (left). Turn right at the stop sign on Oella Avenue. The park entrance is on the left.

# Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum

## Trolley Trail



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# **Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum: Trolley Trail**

**Directions:** Follow the Yellow Trail, that begins behind the museum adjacent to the colonial cabin, downhill to the historic #9 Trolley Trail. At the Trolley Trail turn left and proceed to the marker on your left.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39.269009, W -76.78058

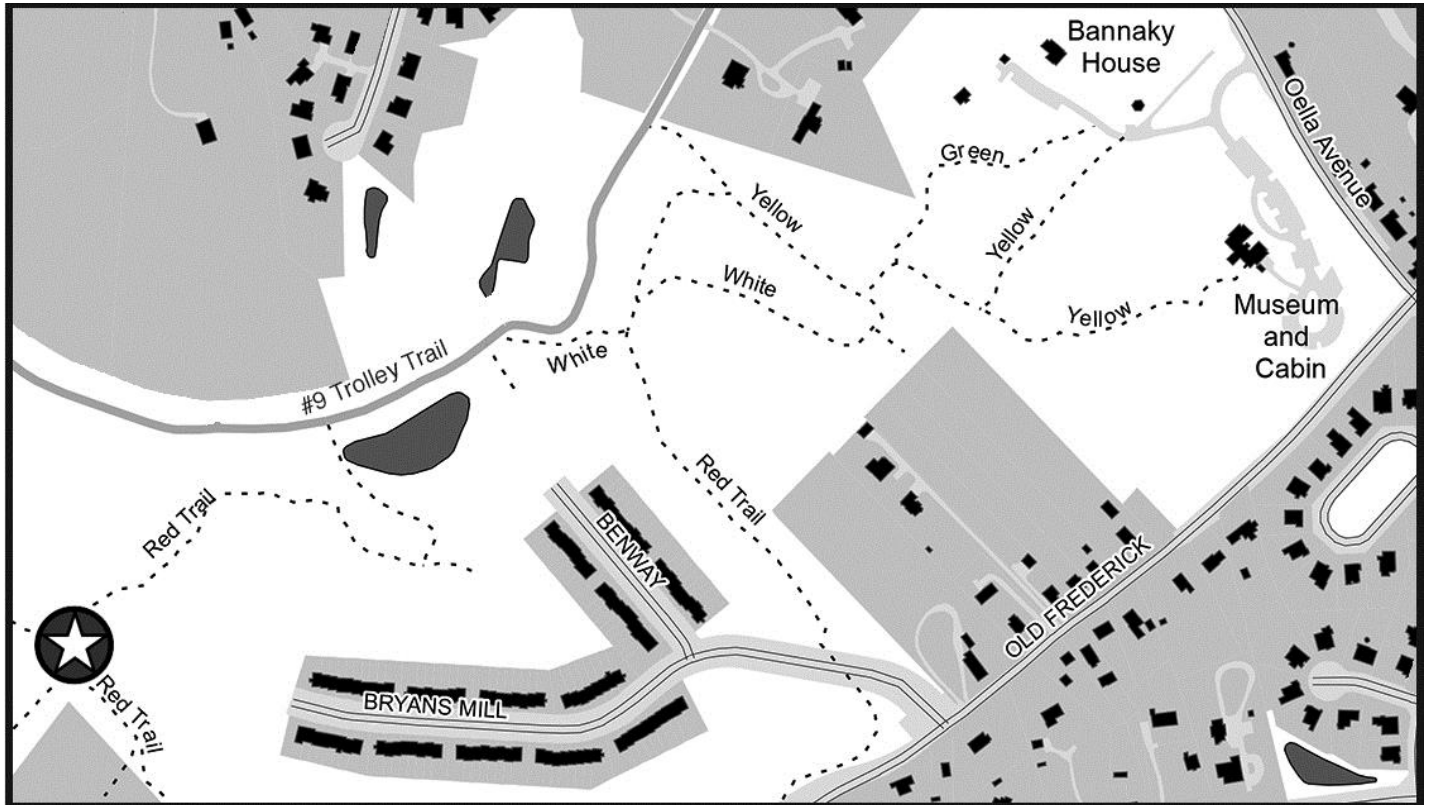
**Length:** 0.5 miles from museum to trail marker

**Hiking Time:** 15 minutes to marker      **Difficulty:** Easy

**Features:** This 1 mile round-trip hike guides visitors through cool, dense second-growth woods on the historic Banneker farmstead, and along a small tributary of Cooper's Branch which leads to the Patapsco River. You will pass two spring-fed wells and a man-made ice pond that served the inhabitants of this property and their livestock for hundreds of years. The #9 Trolley Trail dates from the late 1800s when an electric trolley line ran from Ellicott City into Catonsville and Baltimore. Notice the dominant rocks in the area: Ellicott City granite and Oella Schist. From the Nature Quest trail marker, you can proceed another 0.5 mile on the Trolley Trail to the Patapsco River and restaurants and shops in old Ellicott City.

# Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum

## Red Trail



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## **Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum: Red Trail**

**Directions:** Take the Yellow Trail, which begins behind the museum, to the historic # 9 Trolley Trail (paved path). At the Trolley Trail turn left. Just past the storm water pond take the Red Trail on the left. Proceed uphill on the wooded Red Trail, continuing over two logs and turning right to follow the red trail markers. Follow the ridge through the beech/hickory forest. The marker is located at the top of the ridge where the red trail meets the blue trail. You can turn around and head back the way you came, or for a longer trek, continue along the red trail back to the Museum.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39.26676, W -76.86205

**Length:** 1 mile from museum to trail marker

**Hiking Time:** 35 minutes to marker     **Difficulty:** Moderate

**Features:** This is one of the most scenic hikes in Banneker Park with delightful views of the Trolley Trail and Cooper's Branch below. The trail winds through stands of mountain laurel, American beech, and pignut hickory. The property once belonged to Benjamin Banneker and later his friend, George Ellicott, who loaned him astronomy books and a telescope and started him on his brilliant studies of the heavens. Banneker undoubtedly traveled these trails in the late 1700s as he visited and shopped at the Ellicott Company store in what was then Ellicott's Lower Mills.

# Cromwell Valley Park

2002 Cromwell Bridge Road, Baltimore, MD 21234

(410) 887-2503 • [www.cromwellvalleypark.org](http://www.cromwellvalleypark.org)

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Nature Center Hours: 9am to 4pm, Tuesday – Sunday



The 460-acre park was acquired by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks starting in 1993. It is a stream valley park comprised of pasture, cultivated gardens, open fields, woods, hedgerows, orchards, and wooded piedmont hills. The diversity of this habitat makes it an excellent area for wildlife.

The park is home to miles of hiking trails that range from stream strolls on the Blue Trail along Minebank Run, to walks through many meadows on the Yellow Trail, to more challenging hikes through the woods on the Orange, Red, and Green Trails. Before setting off, grab a trail map from the kiosks located at Willow Grove & Sherwood Farm parking lots.

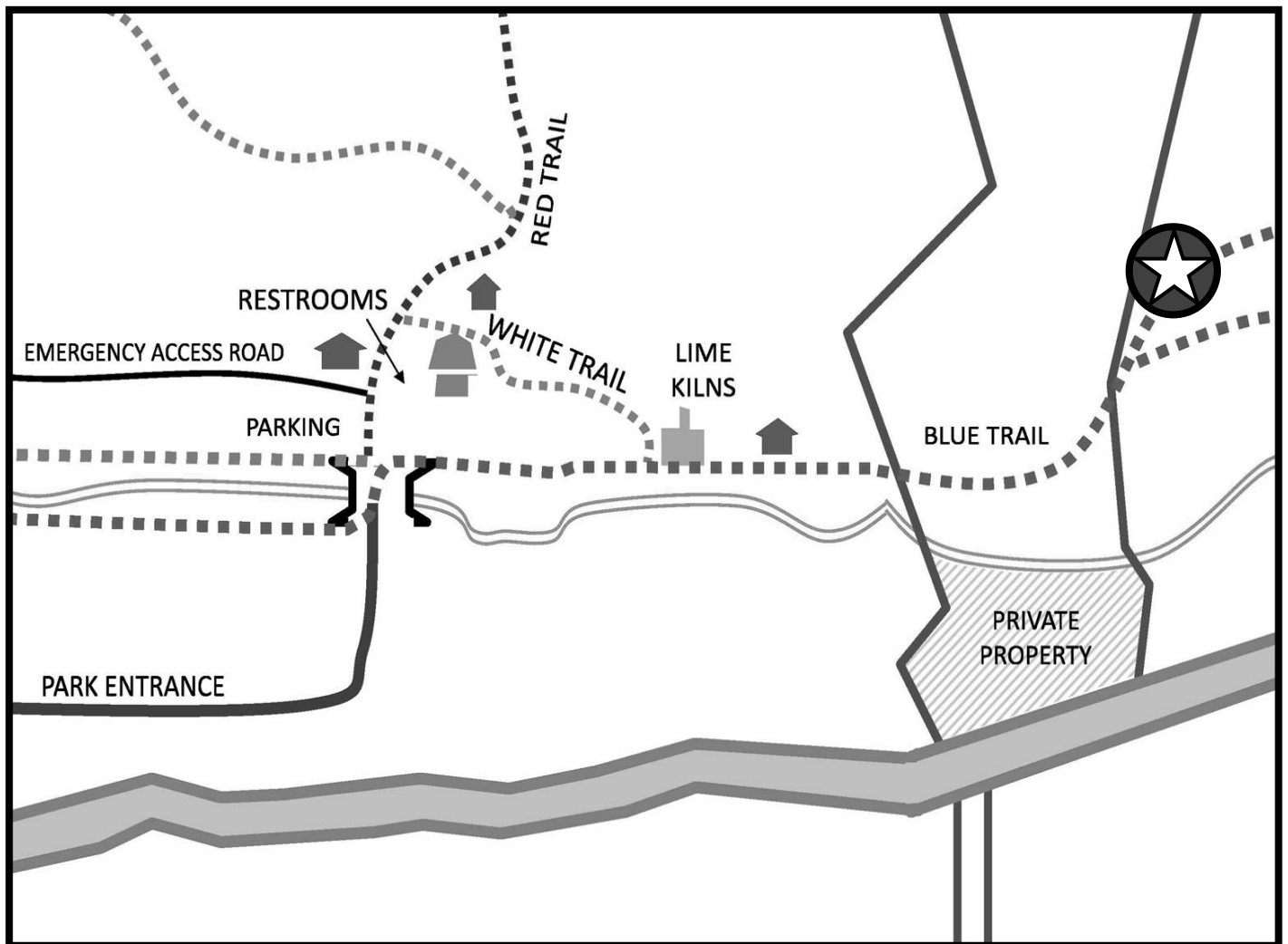
**Directions:** Baltimore Beltway, I-695 to Exit 29, Cromwell Bridge Road. At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp, turn left (east) onto Cromwell Bridge Rd. Continue on Cromwell Bridge Rd past Loch Raven High School. The first entrance to the Park is Sherwood Farm.

**Do NOT turn into the Sherwood Farm entrance for Nature Quest!**

Go ½ mile past the Sherwood Farm entrance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance, Willow Grove Farm (2175 Cromwell Bridge Road). Turn **left** into the driveway and continue across the bridge to the gravel parking lot.

# Cromwell Valley Park

## Blue Minebank Run Trail



INDICATES TRAIL MARKER

# **Cromwell Valley Park: Blue Minebank Run Trail**

**Description:** Out & back following blue blazed trail.

**Directions:** Beginning at Willow Grove Farm parking lot, backtrack toward bridge and turn left onto the Blue Trail just before bridge. Follow the Blue Trail along Minebank Run, passing stone limekilns (on left), and a small “amphibian pond” (on right), until reaching small section of wooden split rail fencing. Bear left at fencing and proceed up mowed path to top of hill. Trail Rubbing Marker is located near bluebird box #25, just past top of hill. Backtrack to parking lot on same paths.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39.414287, W 76.549609

**Length:** Just under 1 mile.      **Hiking Time:** 30 minutes.

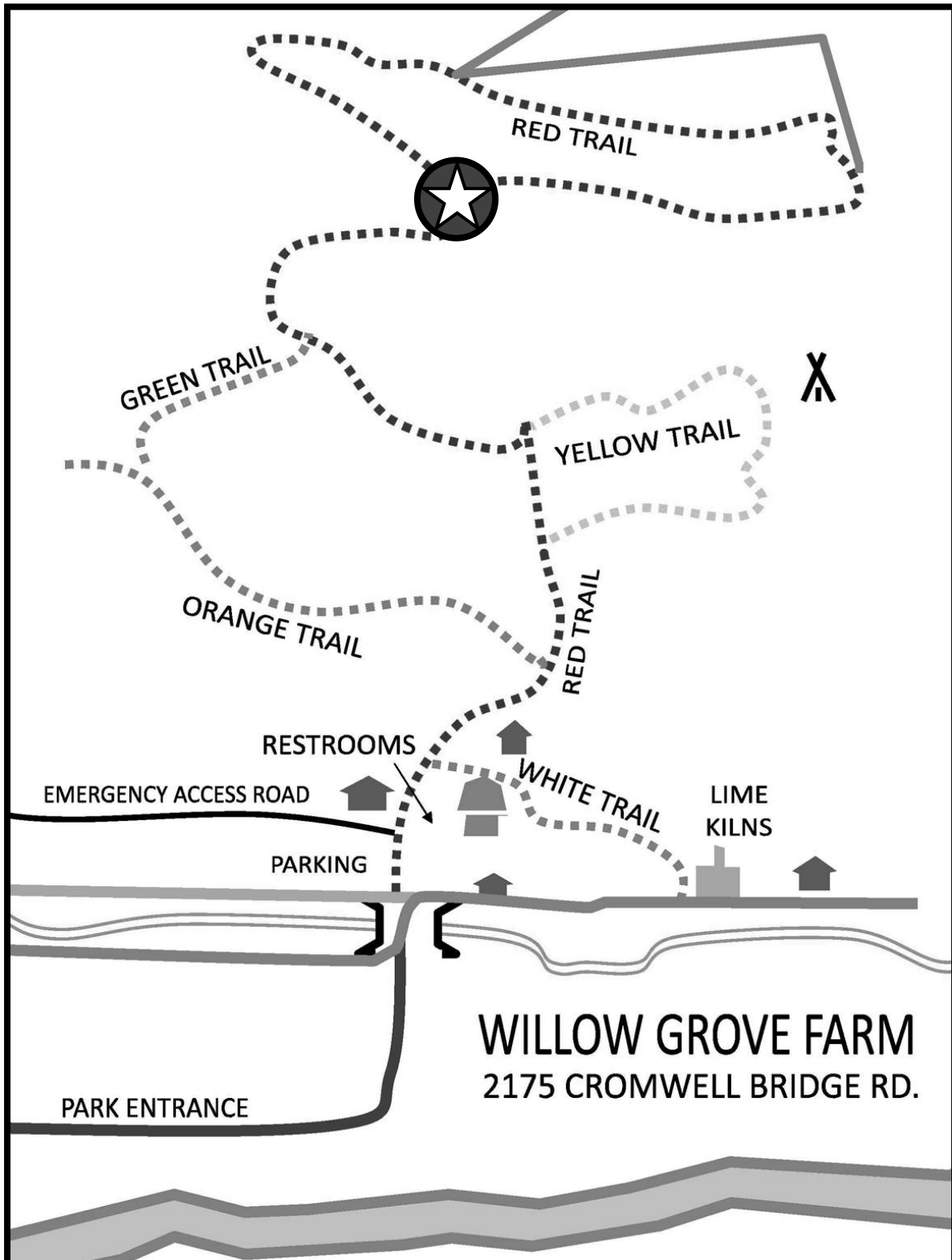
**Difficulty:** Easy, flat except for short hill past split rail fencing.

**Features:** Cromwell Valley has been settled since the early 1700’s and used primarily for agriculture, pasture, and woodlands. The area was formerly known as “Lime Kiln Bottom,” owing to the numerous limekilns that were located in the valley beginning in the mid 1800’s. You will pass three of these kilns along this hike. The kilns used wood harvested from the nearby hillside to heat marble, creating lime powder. The lime powder was then collected and bagged at the base of the kilns. The lime kilns in the valley operated until the 1920’s.

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# Cromwell Valley Park

## Red Willow Grove Trail



# **Cromwell Valley Park: Red Willow Grove Trail**

**Description:** Out & back following red blazed trail.

**Directions:** Beginning at Willow Grove Farm parking lot, turn left onto paved road (Red Trail) and proceed past Nature Education Center, toward Willow Grove Barn. Follow red blazes up gravel path, past post & cable barrier. Continue on Red Trail, past entrances to the Yellow Trail, and bear left into woods. Follow red blazes uphill until reaching split in Red Trail at very top of hill. Trail Rubbing Marker is located at split in Red Trail, next to wooden bench. Backtrack to parking lot on same trail.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39.421727, W 76.552514

**Length:** Just under 1.2 miles.      **Hiking Time:** 1 ¼ hours.

**Difficulty:** Hilly, moderately strenuous.

**Features:** Big trees are the primary feature of this challenging trail through woodland habitat, along an abandoned farm lane. Oak, tulip tree, and beech are the dominant tree species. Understory vegetation includes spicebush, sassafras, and viburnums.

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# Honeygo Run Regional Park

9033 Honeygo Boulevard, Perry Hall, MD 21128

(410) 887-3681 • [www.leaguelineup.com/hrrp](http://www.leaguelineup.com/hrrp)

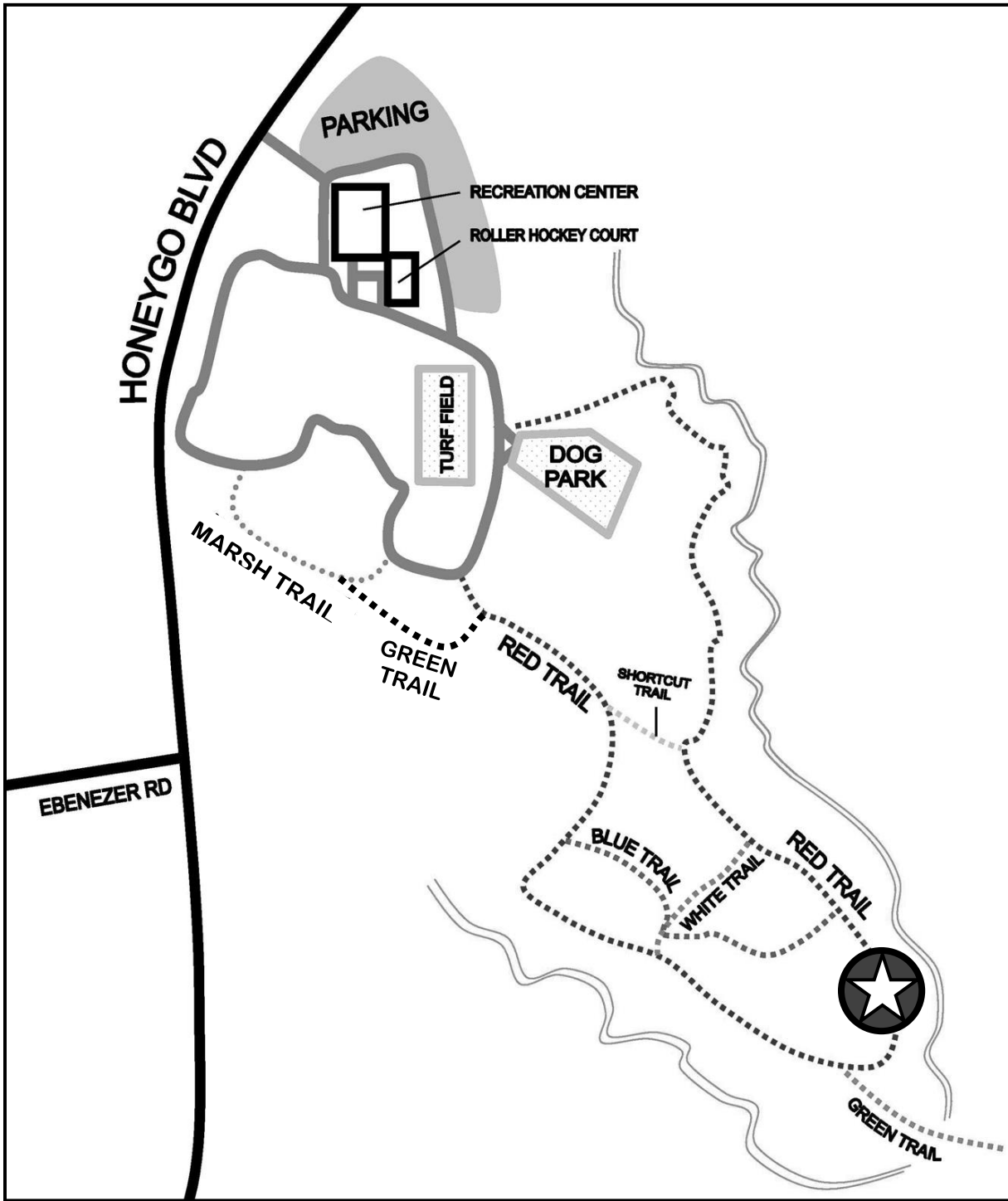
Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Honeygo Run Regional Park is a 150 acre park that provides a variety of outdoor and indoor recreation facilities. Facilities include ball diamonds, athletic fields, roller hockey court, playground, pavilions, dog park (membership required), and recreation center. Hikers will enjoy our paved walking path and miles of beautiful forested trails.

1. **Directions** from points west of the intersection of White Marsh Boulevard (Rt. 43) and I-695: From the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take exit 31C for White Marsh Boulevard East. Continue on White Marsh Boulevard for approximately 3.5 miles and make a left onto Honeygo Boulevard. Proceed north on Honeygo Boulevard for approximately one mile and make a right into the park entrance just past the overhead pedestrian bridge.
2. **Directions** from points east of the intersection of White Marsh Boulevard and I-695: From the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take exit 33 for I-95 North. Continue on I-95 North for approximately three miles and take exit 67 for White Marsh Boulevard West (toward White Marsh Town Center). Proceed to the first stoplight and make a right onto Honeygo Boulevard. Follow Honeygo Boulevard North for approximately one mile and make a right into the park entrance just past the overhead pedestrian bridge.

# Honeygo Run Regional Park

## Red Trail Marker



INDICATES TRAIL MARKER

# Honeygo Run Regional Park: Red Trail

**Directions:** Walk behind the recreation center and towards the fenced athletic field. Take the paved walkway between the dog park and the fenced field. The trail entrance will be on your left. Follow the signs and the red tree blazes to the trail marker.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39.389297, W -76.444688

**Length:** 0.5 miles to marker

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Features:** The Red Trail will take you through a forest of oak, maple, hickory, sassafras, and more while offering views of the nearby stream, Honeygo Run. A variety of spring ephemeral wildflowers can be found along the trail.

MAKE TRAIL MARKER RUBBING HERE

# Red Run Stream Valley Trail

Owings Mills Recreation Office  
4931 New Town Boulevard  
Owings Mills, MD 21117  
(410) 887-1582 • [www.leaguelineup.com/omrpc](http://www.leaguelineup.com/omrpc)  
Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

The Red Run Stream Valley Trail is located in Owings Mills and features both mulch paths and paved paths suitable for wheelchairs, bicycles, or strollers. The trail is surrounded by woods and goes directly through Soliders Delight Natural Environmental Area.

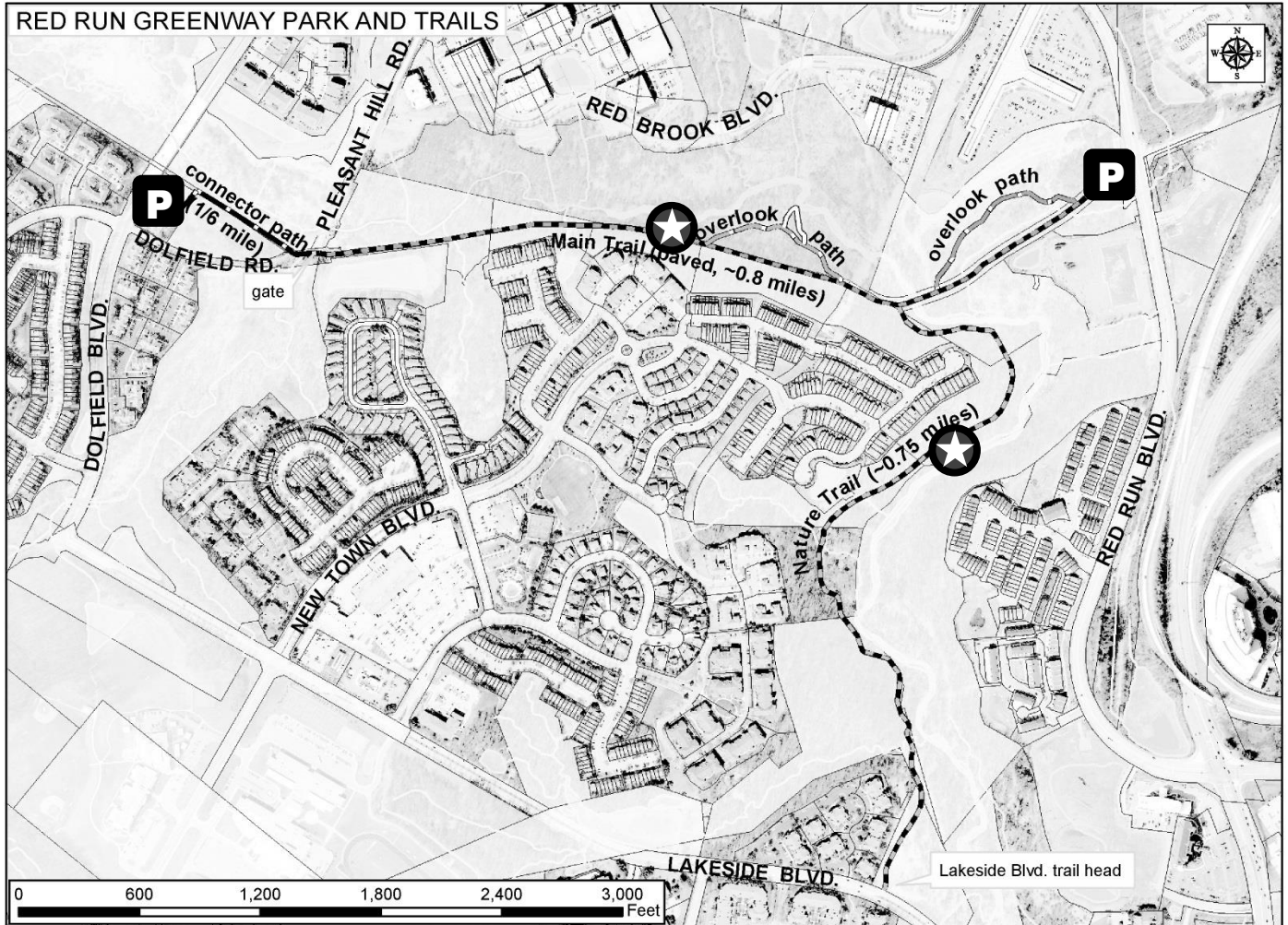
Parking is available in two locations: along Lakeside Boulevard, and after the intersection of Dolfield Road and Pleasant Hill Road, past the bridge.

**Please Note:** Nature Quest prizes and booklets cannot be picked up at this location.

**Directions:** from 695, take exit 19 to merge onto I-795 N (Northwest Expressway) toward Reisterstown/Owings Mills, then take exit 4 for Owings Mills. Keep left at the fork, then follow signs for Owings Mills Boulevard South and merge onto Owings Mills Boulevard. Turn right onto Lakeside Boulevard. The Lakeside Spur of the trail will be on your right, just before Silverbrook Lane.

# Red Run Stream Valley Trail

## Walnut Grove Trail Marker



Aerial photography flown Spring 2014. Trail/path lengths are approximate. The cadastral information on this plot was compiled from existing deed information, and is not to be considered authoritative. Map created by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, June 2016.



INDICATES TRAIL MARKER

# **Red Run Stream Valley: Walnut Grove Trail**

**Directions:** From the parking area near Red Run Boulevard, take the path marked “Main Trail” on your map. The Nature Quest marker can be found on the “Walnut Grove Trail Loop” sign at the intersection of one of the Overlook paths.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39.41089, W -76.80516

**Length:** About 0.7 miles to marker      **Difficulty:** Easy

**Features:** This is a trail with paved sections that are suitable for bicycles and strollers. This trail runs alongside Red Run Stream, and to the west (outside the area of your map), the trail leads toward Soliders Delight Natural Environmental Area, which features unique and globally rare serpentine barrens.

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# **Red Run Stream Valley: Woodland Trail**

**Directions:** From the parking area near Red Run Boulevard, take the Main Trail to the first trail on the left (labeled "Nature Trail" on your map). The marker is on the railing of a bridge.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39.40824, W -76.8009

**Length:** 0.61 miles to marker

**Difficulty:** Easy, with hills

**Features:** This is a shaded trail surrounded by forest, with several wooden bridges over Red Run Stream. There are paved and mulch sections of this trail.

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# Fort Howard Park

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9500 North Point Road

Fort Howard, MD 21052

<http://www.esprec.com>

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Park Closed October - November

Located on the tip of the North Point peninsula in the southeastern corner of Baltimore County, Fort Howard Park sits on a mile of waterfront at the mouth of the Patapsco River where it empties into the Chesapeake Bay.

The park and the surrounding area are steeped in military history. In 1814, forty ships of the British navy sailed into the Patapsco and landed an invasion force of 4500 redcoats at North Point intending to attack and burn Baltimore. American forces met the British troops a few miles north of the present day park. That engagement is called the Battle of North Point.

In 1899, the property where the park is located was purchased by the army and a coast artillery installation was built. It was named Fort Howard in honor of John Eager Howard, a Revolutionary War hero and early governor of Maryland.

By 1903, the fort housed 18 huge artillery pieces designed to protect Baltimore from another attack by enemy ships. The hulking concrete gun batteries still dominate the park. Visitors can climb onto the structures and learn about the guns that were once emplaced in them from the ten historical panels that dot the park.

In addition to its historical aspect, Fort Howard Park features covered pavilions, playgrounds, a fishing pier, and miles of trails throughout the property.

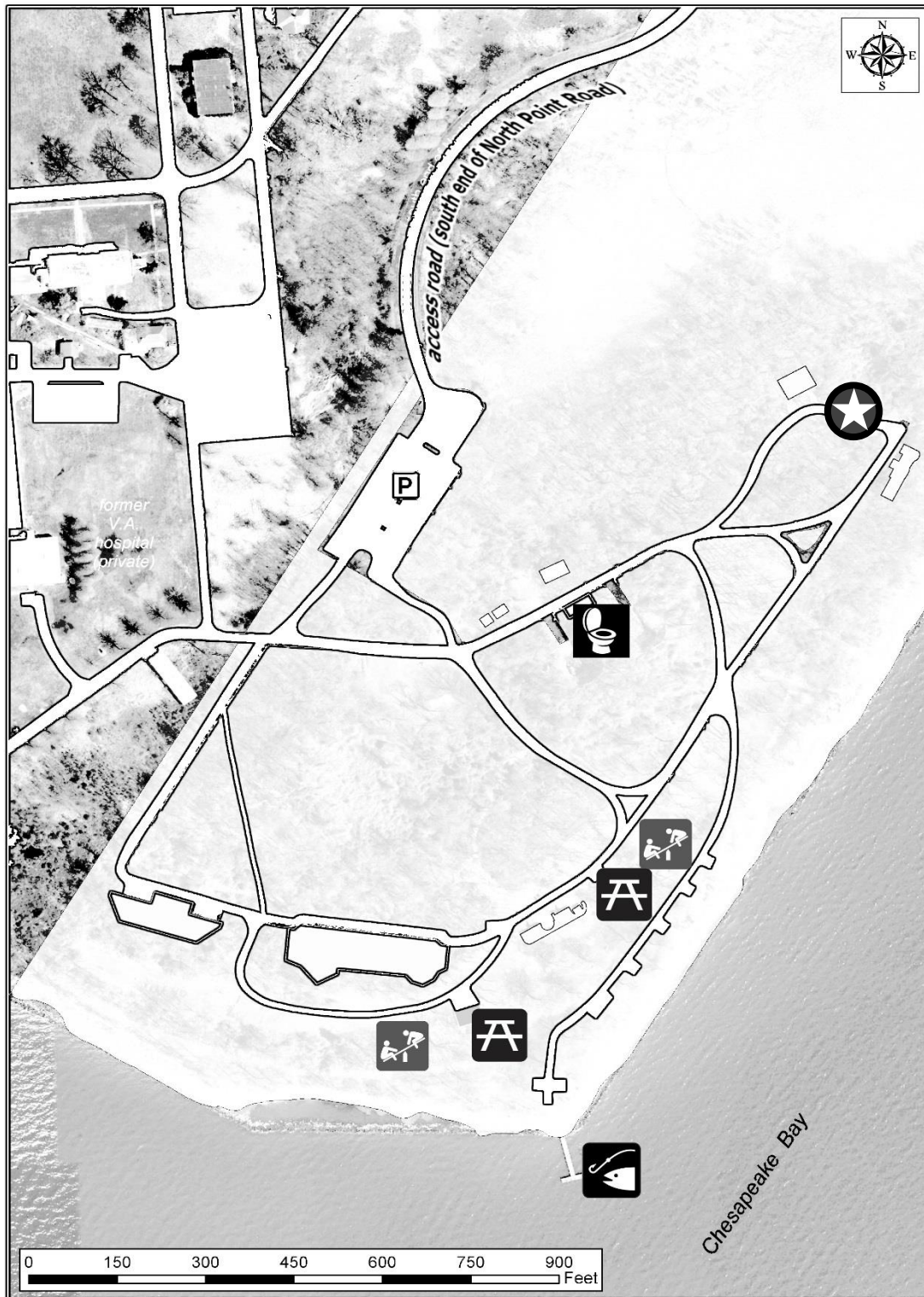
**Please Note:** Nature Quest prizes and booklets cannot be picked up at this location.

**Directions:** Fort Howard Park is located at the end of North Point Road. Take the Edgemere exit off the Baltimore Beltway (695) and follow the signs to the park.



# Fort Howard Park

## Gun Battery Trail



INDICATES TRAIL MARKER

# **Fort Howard Park: Gun Battery Trail**

**Directions:** While facing the bulletin board in the parking lot at the park, take the paved pathway to your left. When you see the playground, continue down the pathway to the left. The marker will be located on the Battery Clagett sign.

**GPS Coordinates:** N 39.19891, W -76.44037

**Length:** 0.5 miles to marker

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Features:** The trail at Fort Howard Park is unique in that you can access an online Do It Yourself Tour Guide to learn about the various historical sites along the trail. Using this QR code (also posted on the bulletin board in the park) will take you to the Friends of Fort Howard Park website, where you can find the link to download the Tour Guide document. Follow the directions it provides and you are off on a 1.25 mile hike through Baltimore County history.



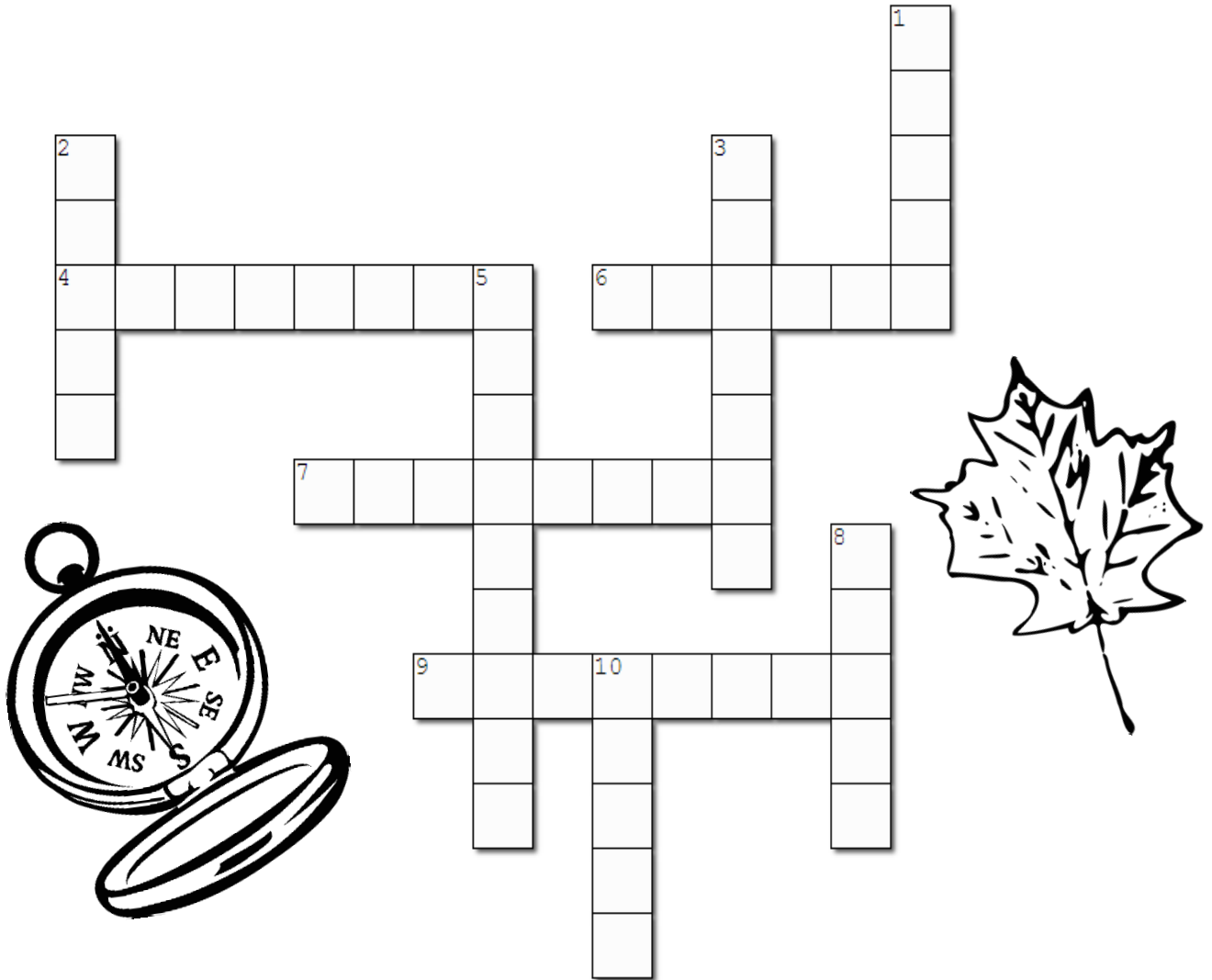
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# Hiking Tips Crossword

Make sure you are prepared for your journey through Baltimore's parks.  
Complete this crossword by figuring out the hiking tips below.

(Answers on next page.)



## **ACROSS**

4. Know before you go: read one of these and plan which trails to take.
6. Remember to pack these to eat on the trail.
7. "Leave No Trace" by using this kind of container for your necessities.
9. This kit should include bandages, antiseptic, and tweezers, among other supplies.

## **DOWN**

1. Some trails are for hiking only, but others are also for people riding these.
2. Bring this with you to stay hydrated.
3. Wear layers so that you can be prepared for any kind of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Know how to identify this three-leafed plant so that you can avoid it.
8. Don't hike alone, bring one of these with you.
10. Make sure you have a pair that is comfortable and closed-toed.

# Nature Quest Fest

## **Held Annually Each Fall**

Hold on to your Passport! If you have completed at least 5 trails, your passport is your free admission ticket to the Nature Quest Fest held each year in the fall (date and time to be announced by Lake Roland on [www.LakeRoland.org](http://www.LakeRoland.org)).

Nature Quest Fest is an exciting celebration and will include multiple activities such as canoeing, archery, meeting live animals, fishing, and more. Be sure to RSVP at one of the parks when you collect your prizes! For more information, call us at 410-887-4156, or email [LakeRol-RP@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov](mailto:LakeRol-RP@BaltimoreCountyMD.gov).

### **Redeem Your Completed Passport for Prizes**

A park stamp certifies a completed Nature Quest *Hit the Trails* Passport. When you present your passport booklet to receive your prize, a park staff member will stamp here to show you have completed 5 or more trails.



Park Staff: Stamp in this Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Completed

Crossword Answers: 1. Bikes 2. Water 3. Weather 4. Trail map 5. Poison Ivy 6. Snacks 7. Reusable 8. Buddy 9. First Aid 10. Shoes