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## South Mountain Recreation Area

With five state parks in the midst of a 13,000-acre forest, the South Mountain Recreation Area is open for adventure year-round! Featuring boating, swimming, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, camping, and picnicking, Greenbrier State Park is the perfect place to get your blood pumping or just relax and unwind. Maryland's approximately 40 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail follow the length of the South Mountain ridgeline, beckoning hikers for a day trip or an overnight excursion. Gathland State Park presents the unique history of Civil War correspondent George Alfred Townsend, whose estate now houses two museums, and you can walk in the footsteps of soldiers who fought in the first major Civil War battle in Maryland at South Mountain State Battlefield. At Washington Monument State Park, climb to the top of the first monument honoring George Washington for unrivaled views of the mountain and valley. Be sure you have the necessary skills, knowledge and equipment for a safe, environmentally respectful visit, and enjoy your time in the great outdoors at the South Mountain Recreation Area!

## Fort Frederick State Park Complex

We are very pleased to have you as our guest within the three parks that comprise this Potomac River heritage corridor. The park complex consists of Fort Frederick State Park, the Western Maryland Rail Trail (WMRT), and Woodmont Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA). The park complex headquarters is at Fort Frederick. Please join us for an historical interpretive program at the fort, a bike ride along the paved WMRT, and hunting and hiking at Woodmont Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA). At Fort Frederick State Park Complex, we hope that you will come for the history and stay for the day!

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## EMERGENCY AND 24-HOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

### Emergency Assistance Call 911

For Park Ranger Information or Assistance, Call the Park Ranger

**South Mountain  
Recreation Area  
Duty Ranger 240-357-4386**

**Fort Frederick  
State Park Complex  
Duty Ranger 443-805-1759**

For 24-Hour Assistance or to Report a Violation,  
Call the Natural Resources Police

**410-260-8888 OR 1-800-825-7275**

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## South Mountain Recreation Area

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# LEAVE NO TRACE

*Enjoy the outdoors and Maryland State Parks responsibly*

## PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Call 800-825-PARK or 911 if you have an emergency.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
- Be aware of hunters. Hunting is heaviest from late September through December, and April through May. Wear bright-colored clothing during hunting seasons.

## TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

- Stay on designated trails and camp only on designated campsites.

## DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

- Pack-it-in, pack-it-out. There are no trash cans in Maryland State Parks.
- Deposit solid human waste at campground privies, or in 8-inch deep cat holes.
- Dispense liquid waste (urine, dishwater) at least 200 feet away from springs and streams.
- Trash should not be placed in privies.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- Repackage food to minimize waste.

## LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Preserve the past. Examine—but do not touch—cultural or historic structures or artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Avoid introducing and/or transporting non-native species.
- Avoid building structures, furniture or digging trenches.

## MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

- Campfires are prohibited at Annapolis Rock. At all other designated campsites, use established fire rings.
- Keep fires small.
- Use only timber found on the ground; do not cut live vegetation.
- Burn all wood or coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.

## RESPECT WILDLIFE

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow, approach or feed.
- Store food and trash securely. Black bears frequent South Mountain. Hang food in bear bags.
- Control your pets. Dogs must be leashed.

## BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Avoid raising your voice and (making) loud noises.
- Be courteous. Yield to other trail users.

## APPALACHIAN TRAIL SPECIFICS

- Travel in small groups. Avoid groups larger than 10 participants for overnight trips, and groups larger than 25 participants for day trips.
- Use a map. The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club's Maps 5 and 6 are ideal for traveling the Maryland portion of the A.T. Copies can be purchased at Greenbrier and Washington Monument state parks.
- Camping is allowed only at designated trail shelters and campgrounds.
- The Appalachian Trail is for foot traffic only.
- Follow official blazes. The A.T. is marked by white blazes, side trails by blue. Avoid bushwhacking your own trail or following abandoned roads.
- Shelters and campsites are intended for backpackers or hikers.
- Maximum of six people per regular campsite.
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### Washington Monument

(elevation 1,500 feet)

**Access Point:** U.S. 40 parking lot, 1/4 mile east of Greenbrier. Follow blue-blazed trail from parking lot to white-blazed trail. Turn left to go south (cross I-70 foot bridge).

*Difficulty: Moderate • Distance: 3 miles (one way)*

**Return Options:** Return by same trail to U.S. 40 or leave a second car at Washington Monument State Park.

*Highlights:* The first monument to George Washington offers views to the east and west.

### Weverton Cliffs (elevation 750 feet)

**Access Point:** Gathland State Park

*Difficulty: Strenuous • Distance: 6 miles (one way)*

**Return Options:** Return by same trail or leave a second car at Weverton Road (one mile south of Weverton Cliffs on A.T.).

*Highlights:* Weverton Cliffs offers a view of the Potomac Valley near Harpers Ferry, WV.

### Annapolis Rock (elevation 1,700 feet)

**Access Point:** U.S. 40 parking lot, 1/4 mile east of Greenbrier. Follow blue-blazed trail from parking lot to white-blazed A.T. Turn right to go north.

*Difficulty: Moderate • Distance: 4.4 miles (round trip)*

**Return:** Return by same trail to U.S. 40.

*Highlights:* Annapolis Rock offers a view of Greenbrier Lake and the Cumberland Valley.

## APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

*Explore the Mountain's Challenging, Scenic Terrain on this National Treasure of a Trail*

**THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL** — a 2,190-mile footpath across Appalachian Mountain ridgelines from Georgia to Maine — was envisioned in 1921 by Benton MacKaye, a forester and self-styled philosopher. Thousands of volunteers, many legislators and the Civilian Conservation Corps made the trail a reality by 1937. Many hikers use the trail today for short day hikes or overnight backpacking adventures, and hundreds tackle the entire journey, which requires extensive planning and incredi-

ble physical and mental strength. Maryland's 40 miles are considered easy by A.T. standards, with only a 1,650-foot change in elevation from the low point at the Potomac River to the high point at High Rock. Following the South Mountain ridgeline, it offers plenty of challenges and impressive scenery. For beginning backpackers or those getting in shape, the entire A.T. in Maryland can be hiked in three or four days, with trail shelters and backpacker campgrounds spaced about a day's hike apart.

**HELP FOR THE HIKE** To learn more about the A.T. and plan your trek, visit:

Appalachian Trail Conservancy  
appalachiantrail.org

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club  
patc.net

National Park Service  
nps.gov/appa

### DON'T MISS THESE A.T. POINTS OF INTEREST

(Distances in miles between features)

Mason-Dixon Line	0.2
Pen-Mar Park	2.9
High Rock	1.8
*Raven Rock Shelter	1.0
MD Route 491 (Raven Rock Hollow)	0.8
Warner Hollow Road	1.5
MD Route 77	1.2
*Ensign Cowall Shelter	0.2
MD Route 17	4.7
*Pogo Memorial Campground	1.3
Black Rock	1.0
*Annapolis Rock Campground	1.6
*Pine Knob Shelter	0.6
I-70 Footbridge/Route 40	2.9
Washington Monument	2.0
U.S. Route Alternate 40 (Turners Gap)	0.2
*Dahlgren Backpackers Campground	0.8
Reno Monument Road (Fox's Gap)	1.0
*Rocky Run Shelter	1.8
Lambs Knoll/White Rock	3.2
*Crampton's Gap Shelter	0.4
Gathland State Park (Crampton's Gap)	3.7
*Ed Garvey Shelter	2.1
Weverton Cliffs	0.9
Weverton Road	0.5
C&O Canal Towpath (east end)	2.6
C&O Canal Towpath (west end) and Footbridge to Harpers Ferry	
*Designated Campsites	



# GREENBRIER STATE PARK

*Discover the Full Range of Fun,  
All In One Great Park*

Located in the Appalachian Mountains, with a portion of the Appalachian Trail passing through the park's eastern edge, Greenbrier is a multi-use park offering a range of recreational opportunities. The manmade freshwater lake offers swimming, sunbathing, boating and fishing opportunities, and hiking trails meander through a variety of wildlife habitats and spectacular views. Picnic tables, grills and playgrounds are available in the day-use area.

**SWIMMING:** A 1,000-foot beach and swim area that gradually reaches a depth of six feet leaves plenty of shallow water for children to play in Greenbrier's 44-acre fresh water lake. Lifeguards monitor the beach and swim area daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Restrooms, showers and changing rooms are available.

**PICNICKING:** Greenbrier features hundreds of picnic sites with tables and grills. Sites overlook the lake and are convenient to restrooms. Rent one of our four lake-front gazebos for group picnics — they seat up to 32 people.

**BOATING:** Bring your own boat (electric trolling motors only) or rent rowboats and paddleboats by the hour during the summer.

**FISHING:** With an appropriate Maryland fishing license in possession, you can fish for trout, bass or blue gill. Children 15 or younger do not need a fishing license. Free Fishing Days: first two Saturdays in June and July 4. No license is required to fish in any of Maryland's fresh waters on these days.

**PETS:** Pets on leashes are allowed in Greenbrier State Park in the following areas:

- Pets on leashes are allowed in the day-use and lake area from the day after Labor Day to the day before Memorial Day Weekend.
- Pets on leashes are allowed in the Cedar and Dogwood camp loops.
- Pets on leashes are allowed on trails outside the day-use and lake area (access from outlying parking areas).

**WILDLIFE:** The park is home to abundant wildlife. Bring your camera and guide books, but please respect the animals. Do not disturb!

**HUNTING:** Greenbrier has a 500-acre hunting area. A Maryland hunting license and knowledge of the Maryland hunting seasons are required. There is no hunting on Sundays. The Natural Resources Police monitor hunters closely, so be sure your weapon is unloaded in the safety zones and near your vehicle. Remember that hikers may be unaware of hunting seasons.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The Visitor Center and all restrooms in the beach area at Greenbrier State Park are accessible to the mobility impaired. The beach plaza allows easy access to the beach and shower house. Beach wheelchairs are available at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

**VISITOR CENTER:** Explore exhibits on South Mountain's wildlife, history and the Appalachian Trail. Park staff will be happy to answer your questions. The Visitor Center is open weekdays year round and weekends in the spring and summer.



## DAY USE SERVICE CHARGES

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For Maryland State Park Passport information visit [dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands](http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands)

\*Maryland resident discount; additional fees for out-of-state residents

## PLAN YOUR VISIT

- Alcohol is prohibited in the entire park
- Greenbrier is a "Trash-Free Park." Take your trash home with you; bring bags and plan accordingly to reduce waste.
- Bus groups must make prior reservations. Buses are not permitted on summer weekends and holidays.
- Greenbrier often fills to capacity on summer weekends and holidays. If the park fills, all additional visitors will be turned away (no exceptions). To ensure entry, all party members are encouraged to arrive at the park early.
- Baptisms at Greenbrier Lake are strictly prohibited between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. every day from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Prior written approval is needed for baptisms at all other times.
- Metal detectors are permitted on the sandy beach and in the swimming area only. From the Friday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, metal detectors are prohibited from 9 a.m. to dusk. Metal detectors may not be used elsewhere in the park.

**Greenbrier State Park**

c/o South Mountain Recreation Area

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## CAMP STORE

Greenbrier's Camp Store, located at the beach next to the Concession Stand, is now open for the convenience of our campers. We will have cups of coffee for sale, breakfast items, souvenirs, and other camping necessities that you may have forgotten to bring. The store will be open for several hours in the morning and again in the evening.

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**BARTMAN HILL TRAIL**

Blaze Color: **Light Blue**  
 Distance: 0.6 mile  
 Difficulty: Strenuous. Steep trail connects Visitor Center to Appalachian Trail (A.T.). Turn left on the A.T. to go north or right to go south.

**BIG RED TRAIL**

Blaze Color: **Red**  
 Distance: 4.5 miles  
 Difficulty: Strenuous. The longest trail in the park, Big Red is a complete circle with many access points.

**CAMP LOOP TRAIL**

Blaze Color: **Orange**  
 Distance: 1 mile  
 Difficulty: Moderate. Adding a short section of the Big Red Trail makes this a 1.5 mile loop. Hilly by the lake.

**COPPERHEAD TRAIL**

Blaze Color: **Black**  
 Distance: 0.4 mile  
 Difficulty: Moderate. Parallels a section of the Big Red Trail.

**GREEN TRAIL**

Blaze Color: **Green**  
 Distance: 0.8 mile  
 Difficulty: Moderate. Loop trail starting at the Visitor Center. Good for beginning hikers.

**MARKED MILE**

Blaze Color: **White Arrows**  
 Distance: 1 mile  
 Difficulty: Easy. Follow white arrows on paved surfaces in the day use area for exactly a mile walk. Starts at the "X" near the Visitor Center.

**ROCK OAK FIRE TRAIL**

Blaze Color: **Blue**  
 Distance: 1.5 miles  
 Difficulty: Moderate. Parallels Snelling Fire Trail. Includes one steep section.

**SNELLING FIRE TRAIL**

Blaze Color: **Silver**  
 Distance: 1 mile  
 Difficulty: Moderate. Fairly flat; steep section in the middle.

**WATER TANK TRAIL**

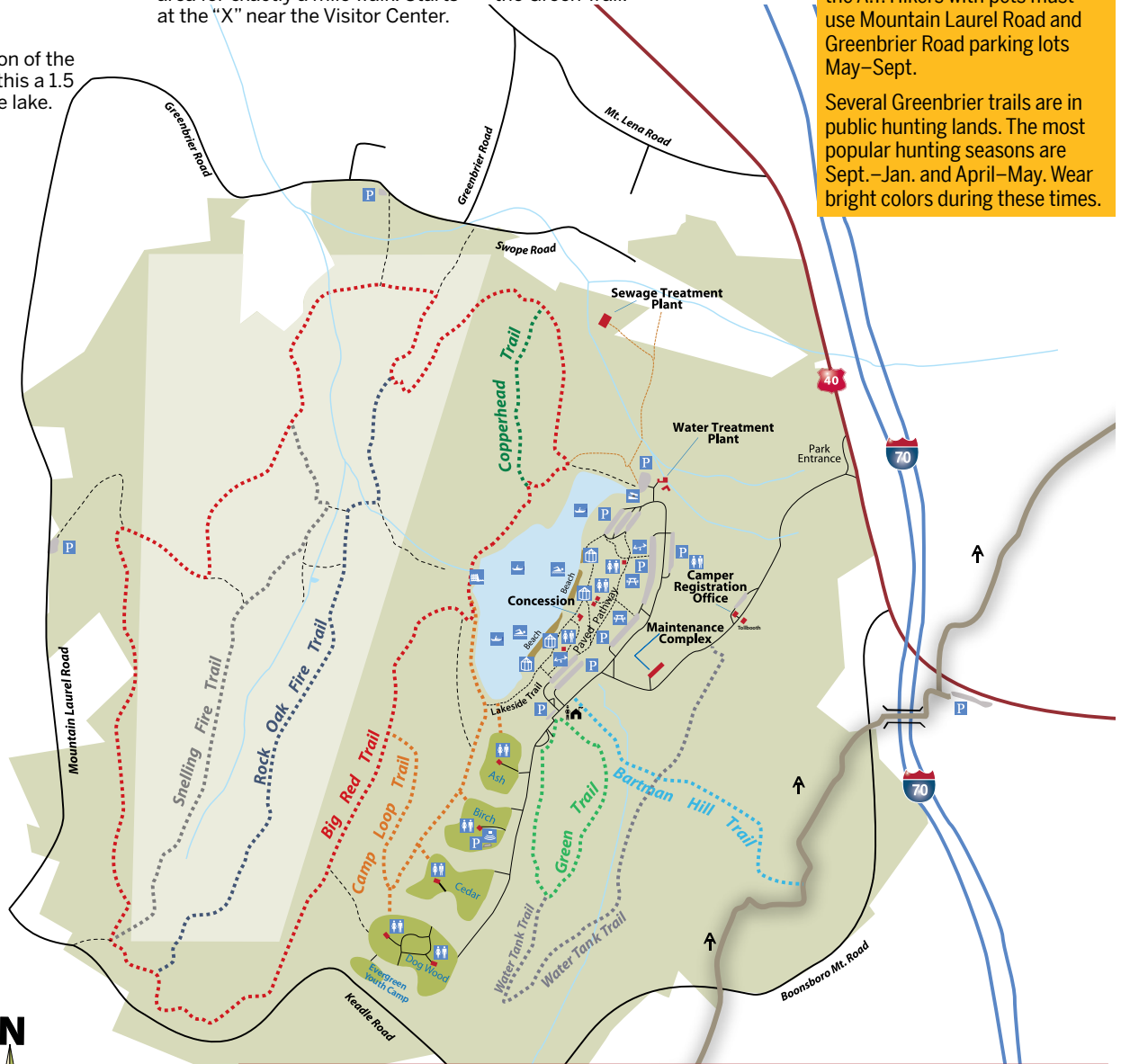
Blaze Color: **Silver**  
 Distance: 0.8 mile  
 Difficulty: Moderate. Runs from Camper Registration Office to the Green Trail.

**HIT THE TRAILS**

Mountain bikes are welcome on all Greenbrier State Park trails except on the face of the dam, on a section of un-blazed trail between the Rock Oak Fire Trail (blue) and the dam, and the Bartman Hill Trail. Bikes are NOT permitted on the Appalachian Trail.

Pets are not allowed within the developed areas the day before Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Pets on leashes are welcome on the trails and on the A.T. Hikers with pets must use Mountain Laurel Road and Greenbrier Road parking lots May–Sept.

Several Greenbrier trails are in public hunting lands. The most popular hunting seasons are Sept.–Jan. and April–May. Wear bright colors during these times.



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**LEGEND**



# GREENBRIER CAMPGROUND

*Connect with Family and Nature Camping Under the South Mountain Stars*



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camp area has a central dump station and dumpsters. Camping is open from early April through late October. Pets on leashes are permitted in the Cedar and Dogwood loops.

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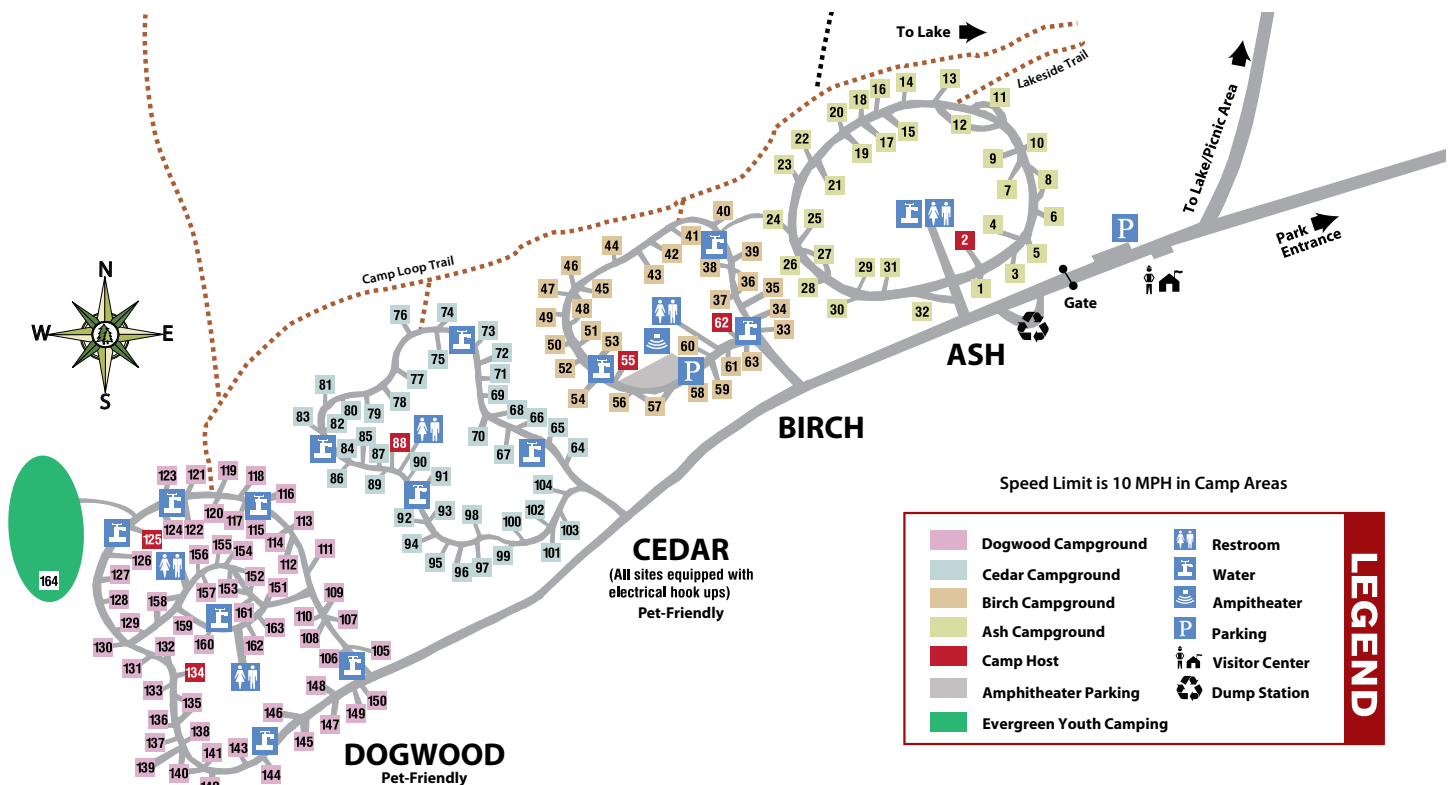
- Help maintain the park
- Make campers feel at home
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site online anytime at [parkreservations.maryland.gov](http://parkreservations.maryland.gov). Campsite costs range between \$26 and \$40 per night; weekend, holiday, non-resident and electric premiums apply. Alcohol is prohibited in the campground and throughout the park. Quiet hours start at 10 p.m.; check out is 1 p.m.

During the week (Sunday after 1 p.m. through Friday before 3 p.m.) visitors are welcome to tour/preview the Greenbrier campground after registering their vehicles with the Camp Office staff.







# SOUTH MOUNTAIN STATE BATTLEFIELD

## *A Crucial Battle Echoed Through the Mountain Gaps in the Lead-Up to Antietam*

The Battle of South Mountain was perhaps the most decisive part of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's failed first attempt to invade the Union — and perhaps one of the most decisive events in the American Civil War. A Confederate victory on northern soil might have compelled Great Britain and France to intervene on the South's behalf, and persuade a war-weary North to negotiate a peace settlement. A Southern victory might have secured Confederate independence.

Following his victory at 2nd Manassas, Lee's invasion of the Union (also known as the Maryland Campaign) began Sept. 4, 1862, when a portion of the Army of Northern Virginia crossed the Potomac River near Leesburg, Va., and advanced toward Frederick, Md. As the Confederates moved westward across South Mountain toward Hagerstown, the Army of the Potomac under Union Gen. George B. McClellan left Washington, D.C., in pursuit of the invaders.

Everything went according to Lee's plan until Sept. 13, when the Federals reached Frederick and Union soldiers found a copy of Lee's Special Order No. 191. The famous "Lost Order" revealed that Lee's army was divided, with only a few regiments in Boonsboro watching the mountain gaps.

Fought Sept. 14, 1862, the Battle of South Mountain broke out in the Fox's Gap and Turner's Gap areas after Confederate gunners opened fire on Federal forces moving toward the base of the mountain. Charges and

counter-charges continued here throughout most of the day. Further south at Crampton's Gap, Gen. William B. Franklin did not begin an attack by his Union VI Corps until late afternoon — a delay that cost the Union a chance at dividing the Confederate forces.

By nightfall on Sept. 14, 1862, the Maryland Campaign changed for Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia from an offensive incursion to a defensive withdrawal. Although the Battle of South Mountain was a Confederate tactical defeat, the Union's failure to lead a full-scale attack early in the day allowed Lee to summon reinforcements. On Sept. 15, Lee fell back to Sharpsburg to set up a defensive position along Antietam Creek.

The first major Civil War battle in Maryland, the Battle of South Mountain, shaped events that resulted in the bloodiest one-day battle in American history when, three days later, on Sept. 17, the armies clashed during the Battle of Antietam.

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## Visiting Hallowed Ground

The South Mountain battlefield is a remarkable historic, natural, and recreational resource. In addition to being the site of the first major Civil War battle in Maryland, it includes valuable farm and forestland and is home to diverse wildlife. Only here does the Appalachian National Scenic Trail intersect a major Civil War battlefield. The battlefield also serves as a shrine to the memory of the approximately 6,100 soldiers who were killed, wounded and missing that day.

A large portion of the battlefield is privately owned. Please respect the property rights and privacy of our friends and neighbors when touring the battlefield.

Battlefield preservation is an ongoing, expensive process. Two-thirds of the battlefield remains unprotected. Assistance is needed to prevent encroaching development from forever snuffing out this unique landscape. To learn more about how to help save the battlefield, call the South Mountain State Battlefield office at 301-432-8065 or visit the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' website.

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN STATE BATTLEFIELD POINTS OF INTEREST

### 1 Washington Monument State Park

The Washington Monument Visitors Center features exhibits covering the history of the nation's first completed monument to honor George Washington, a summary of the 1862 Maryland Campaign, and a fiber-optic map presenting an overview of the Battle of South Mountain. Visit the monument itself, which was used as a Union signal station during the Civil War.

### 2 Turner's Gap

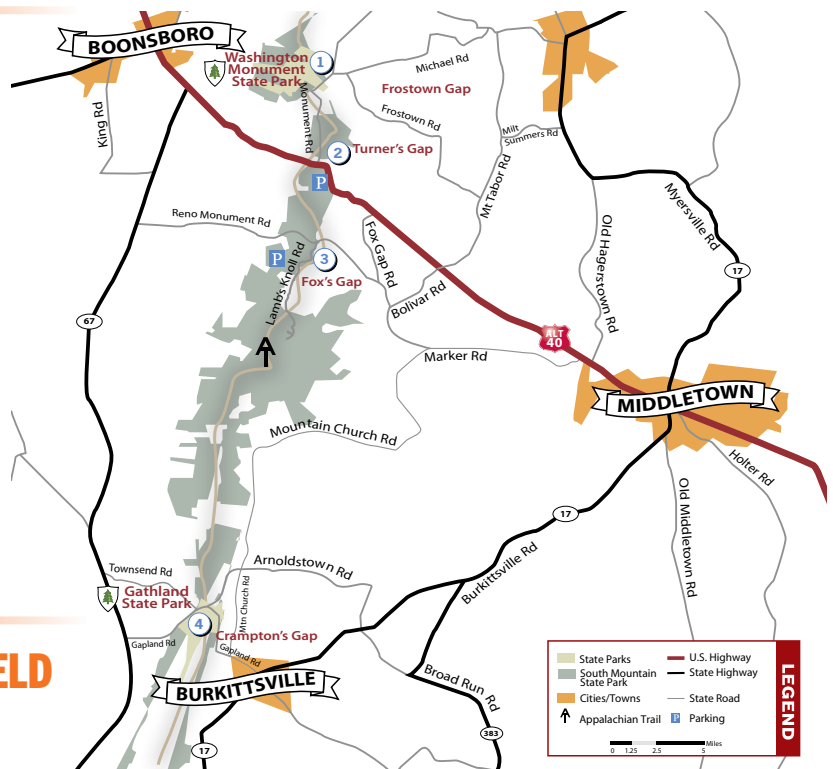
A major thoroughfare in the area during the Civil War, the National Road crosses the mountain here, at one of the three major gaps involved in the battle. The Mountain House hugs the road and was a focal point during the battle. It still operates as a restaurant today (South Mountain Inn). Wayside exhibits explain the battle around the gap, where the famous Iron Brigade earned its name.

### 3 Fox's Gap

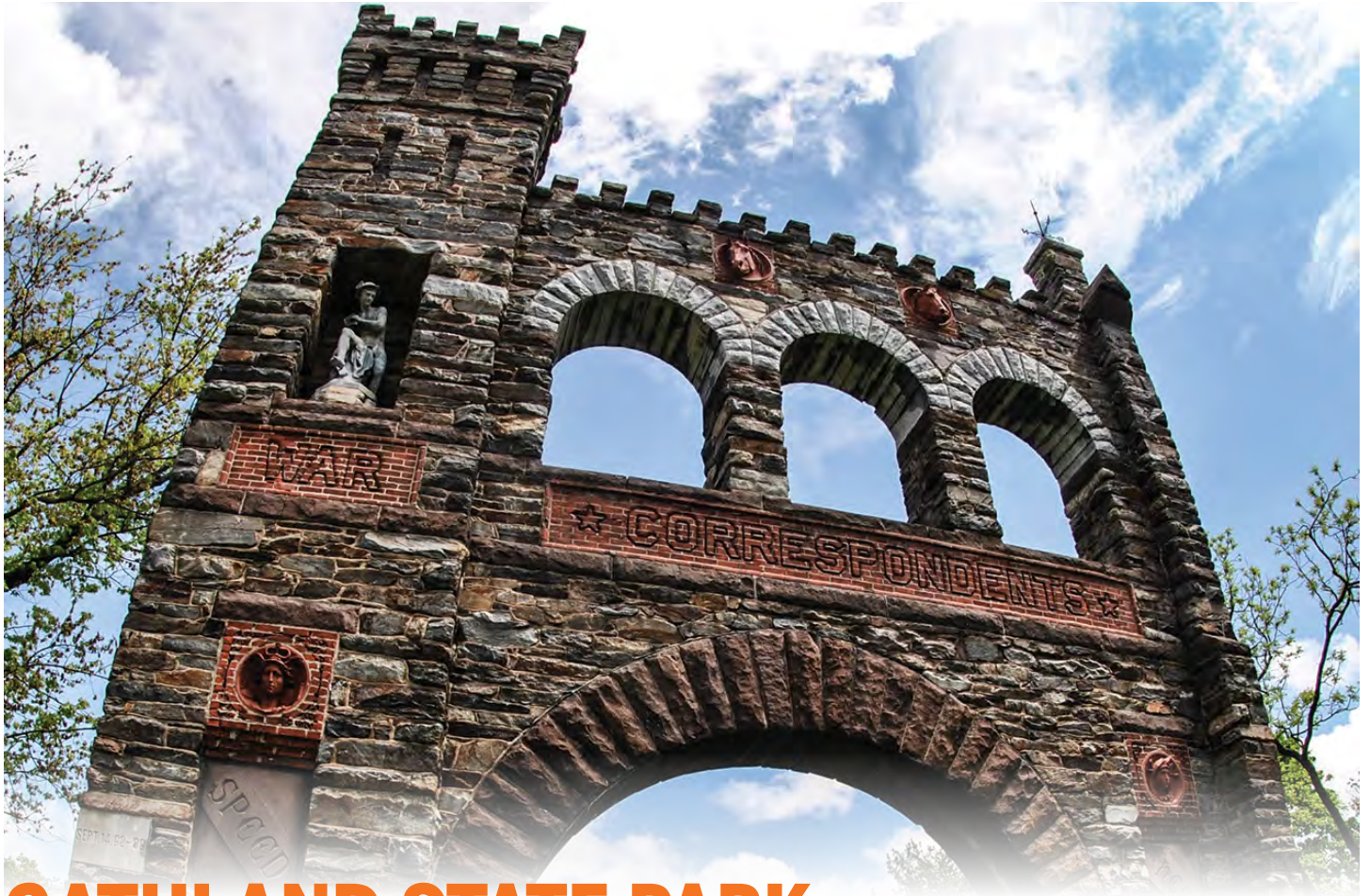
Wayside exhibits discuss the battle in this area. Monuments dedicated to the men who fought here include two devoted to generals killed during the battle: Union Major General Jesse Reno, commander of the Ninth Army Corps, and Confederate Brigadier General Samuel Garland, commander of a North Carolinian brigade.

### 4 Crampton's Gap (Gathland State Park)

Two museums explore the literary career of George Alfred Townsend and War Correspondents, and the Battle of South Mountain. Interpretive wayside exhibits highlight points of interest from the battle. The War Correspondents Memorial, constructed by Townsend after the war, stands at the park entrance.







# GATHLAND STATE PARK

## *Nature and Architecture Combine in Mountain Estate Honoring Civil War Correspondents*

While researching President Abraham Lincoln’s assassination, George Alfred Townsend — the Civil War’s youngest field correspondent and one of late-19th century America’s most important journalists and novelists — became captivated by beautiful Crampton’s Gap, site of a September 1862 Civil War battle. He purchased 100 acres on the ridge of South Mountain and built his estate. Townsend often wrote under the pen name “GATH,” which he derived from adding an “H” to his initials “G.A.T.,” and the estate is now Gathland State Park.

During the Civil War, Townsend reported on the events from the Union side. He covered the Peninsular Campaign in 1862, then lectured in Europe before returning to report on the war’s end. A popular syndicated columnist and novelist, Townsend fashioned himself as a Renaissance man and was an unabashed self-promoter. Race horses, pocket knives, a line of cigars as well as a post office all bore his pseudonym.

In establishing his estate, he included a monument to honor war correspondents, artists and photographers. The War Correspondents Arch — a monument 50 feet high and 40 feet across built in 1896 — is a national historic monument administered and maintained by the National Park Service. Two buildings from Townsend’s estate survive and now serve as Gathland State Park’s museum. The museum features many artifacts from Townsend’s life, career and estate, as well as artifacts from the Battle of South Mountain.

Gathland’s pavilion is available for reservation by calling 888-432-CAMP or visiting [parkreservations.maryland.gov](http://parkreservations.maryland.gov). Reservation cost is \$76.36 per day. Alcohol permits are available for this site and are available through the reservation service for \$35.

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail passes through Gathland State Park. You can hike the A.T. from Maine to Georgia or for just a few miles. If you are planning an overnight backpack outing, you can park at Gathland State Park for a few days.

### **Gathland State Park**

The museums are open in spring, summer and fall, and by request.  
 900 Arnoldstown Road • Jefferson, MD 21755  
 301-791-4767  
[dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/gathland.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/western/gathland.aspx)

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# WASHINGTON MONUMENT STATE PARK

## *A Monument to Our First President Provides Stunning Views and an Activity-Packed Park*

In 1827, the citizens of Boonsboro became the first to complete a monument in honor of George Washington. According to a period newspaper account, on July 4, 1827, at 7 a.m., most of Boonsboro's 500 inhabitants assembled at the public square. Behind the Stars and Stripes and stepping spiritedly to the music of a fife and drum corps, they marched two miles up the mountain to the monument site. The citizens worked until noon and then held a dedication ceremony and lunch. They resumed work and by 4 p.m. the monument stood 15 feet high on a 54-foot circular base. The day ended with the reading of the Declaration of Independence and a three-round salute fired by three Revolutionary War veterans. The workers returned that September to complete the monument, at a finished height of 30 feet. During the Civil War, the Union Army pressed the monument into service as a signal tower. The monument fell into disrepair, and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) restored it in 1936.

Visitors today can take in panoramic views of three states from the top of Washington Monument, which anchors a park featuring hiking, picnicking, camping, bird watching, and a museum. Most of the Washington Monument's hiking trail is part of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Hikers planning an overnight backpack outing can park at Washington Monument State Park for a few days (park in the lower lot only and sign the hiker log book). Day-hikers can trek north for 3 miles to Greenbrier State Park or go south to South Mountain State Battlefield and Gathland State Park. Pets on leashes are welcome on the Appalachian Trail and in Washington Monument State Park.

Picnic sites with tables and grills are available, and families or groups can rent one of the two pavilions. The park includes a multi-purpose field for pick-up games and playground for children. The monument is an ideal site for spotting migratory birds like hawks, eagles and falcons; peak time is mid-September. The monument museum features historical artifacts related to the history of Washington Monument and the Battle of South Mountain.



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### FEES AND RESERVATIONS

**Entrance Fee: \$2\***      **Maryland Park Passport: \$75\***  
 \*Maryland Resident Discount • Additional fees for out-of-state residents

**Fort Necessity Picnic Shelter \$61.36/day (Shelter capacity: 55)**  
**Youth Group Camping Areas: \$16.36 reservation service charge**

To reserve campsites or shelters, call 888-432-CAMP or visit [parkreservations.maryland.gov](http://parkreservations.maryland.gov). Alcoholic beverages are prohibited except by permit with reservation of the Fort Necessity Shelter. Call the park office at 301-791-4767 for help planning your visit.

### Washington Monument State Park

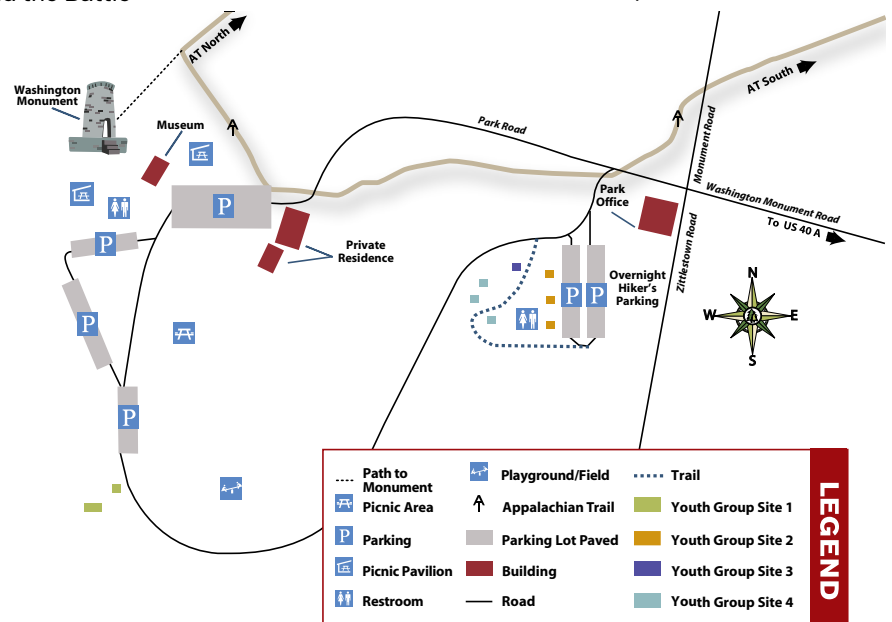
The museum is open in spring, summer and fall, and by request  
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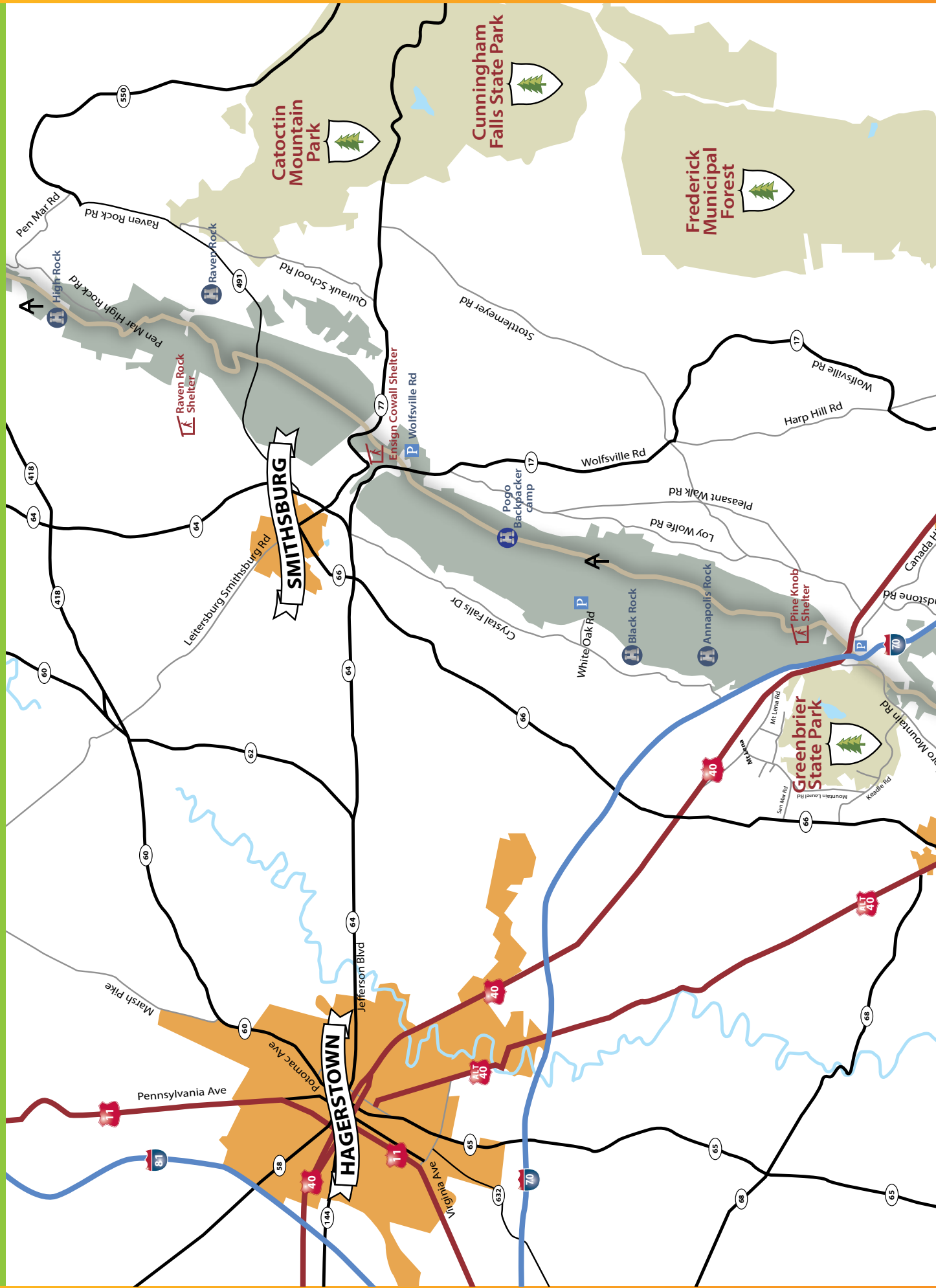


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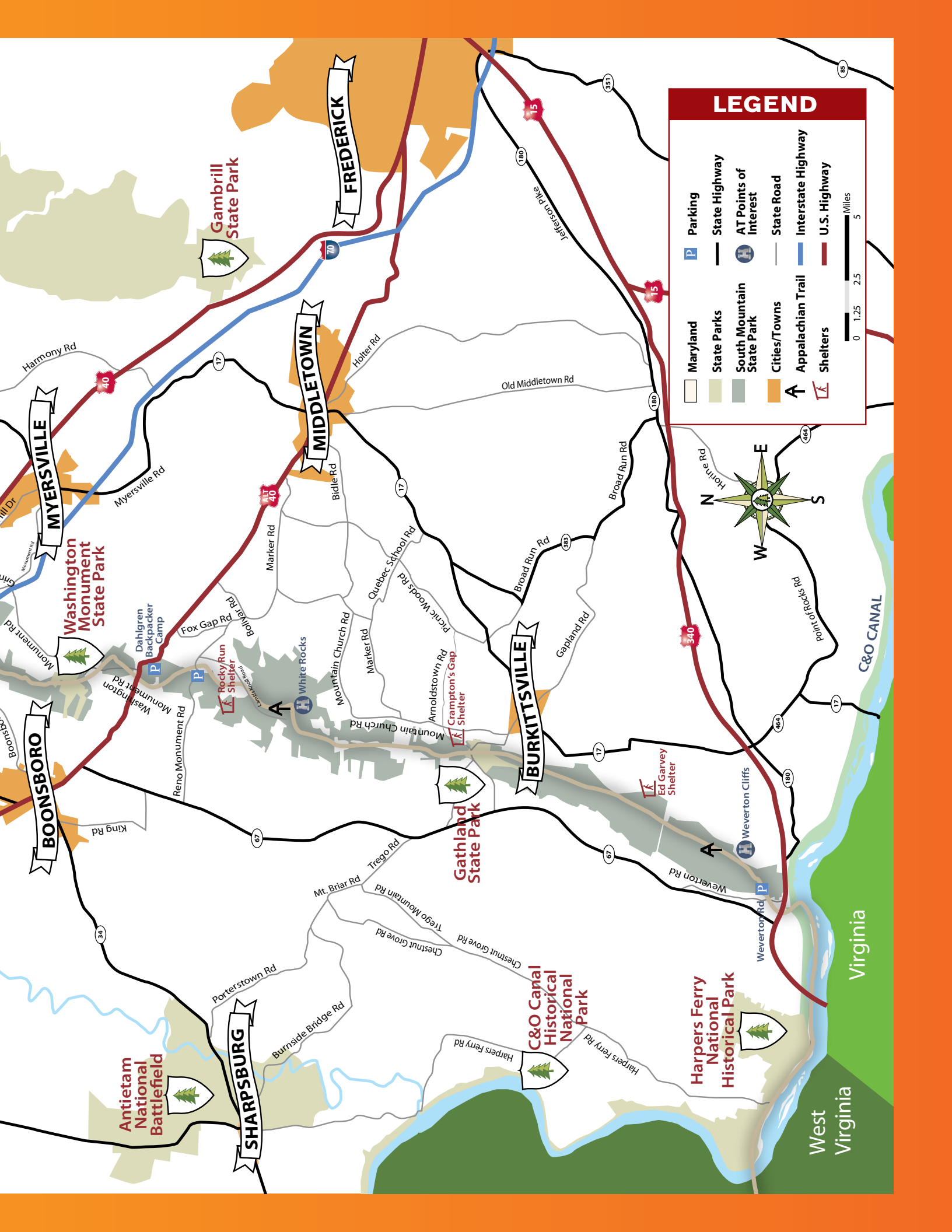




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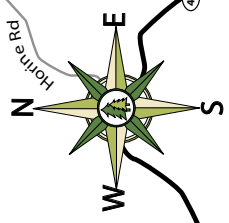






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# SOUTH MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

*Explore a Landscape Teeming with Wildlife, Scenic Vistas and History*



South Mountain State Park is a 40-mile-long multi-use state park weaving along the South Mountain ridge from the Pennsylvania line to the Potomac River. The park has no distinguishable boundary or entrance facility but is accessible at a number of locations. Most of the park is only accessible by foot.

South Mountain State Park's 13,000-acre forest is home to a wide variety of wildlife, including black bears, meadow voles, whitetail deer, raccoons, rat snakes and opossums. Please be respectful to the wildlife; keep your distance and do not

disturb! South Mountain is also along the Eastern Flyway, a migration route for hawks, eagles and owls.

Maryland's portion of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail is situated along the ridge top of South Mountain State Park. The A.T. is perfect for a variety of hikes and experience levels: You can make a simple day hike, an overnight backpack trip or a multi-night excursion part of your South Mountain adventure. Use a detailed Appalachian Trail map to plan your outing, available for purchase at Greenbrier State Park. South Mountain features several impressive scenic vistas, including High Rock, Black Rock, Annapolis Rock, White Rock and Weverton Cliffs, which are all accessible from the A.T.

In addition to its natural significance, South Mountain has been influenced by several historic figures, including General Edward Braddock, George Washington, William McKinley, Rutherford B. Hayes, Robert E. Lee, George B. McClellan, and George Alfred Townsend.

### South Mountain State Park

The South Mountain State Park Office is located at Greenbrier State Park.

Send mail c/o South Mountain Recreation Area  
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## Observe Safety Zones and Respect Private Property

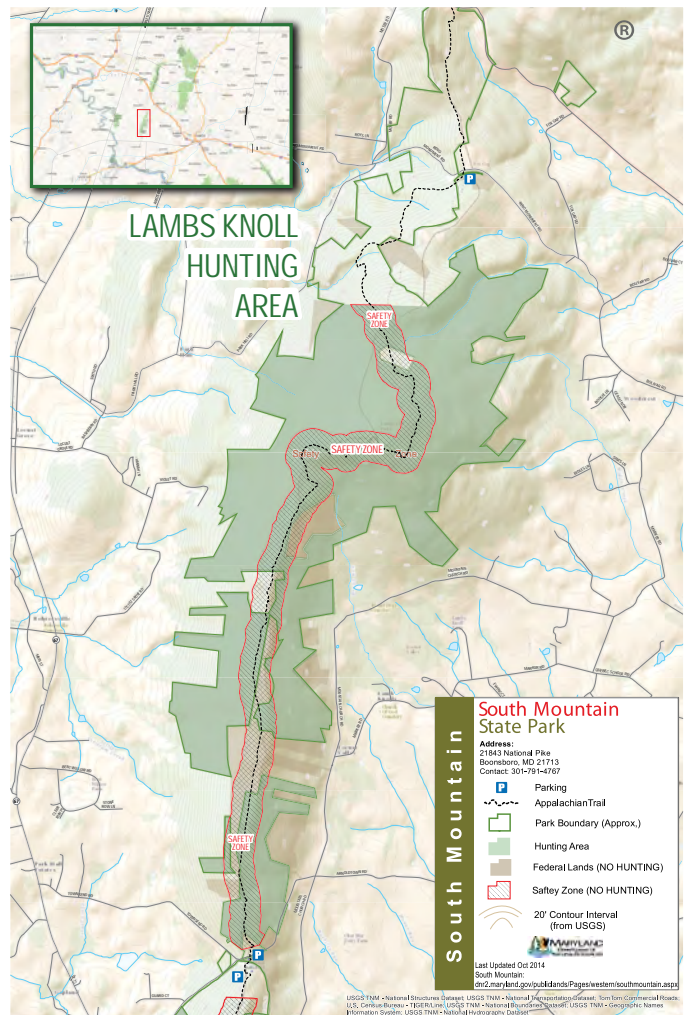
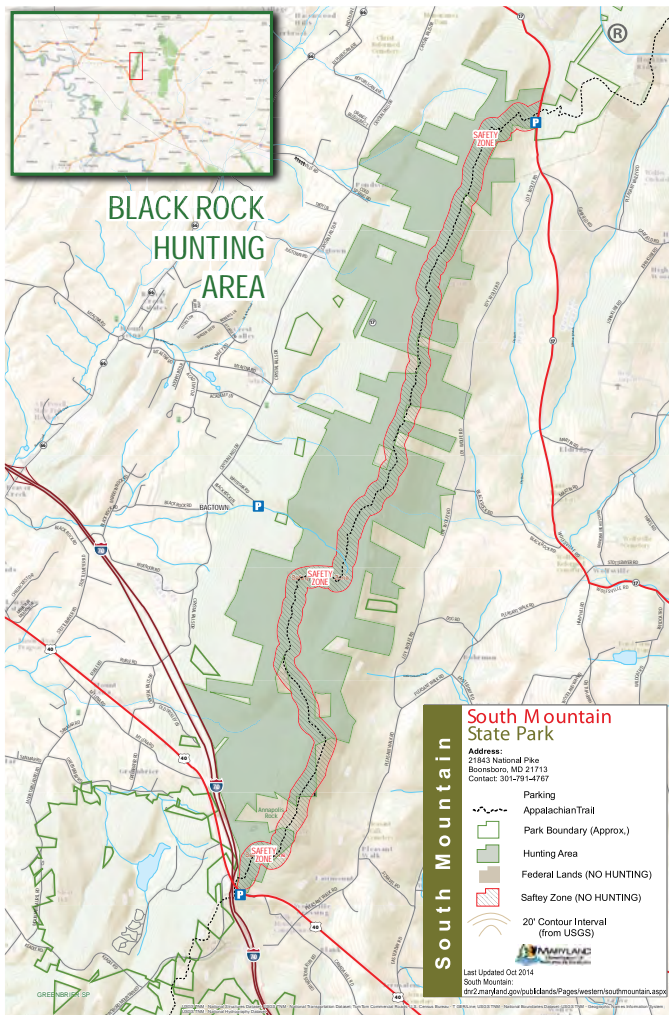
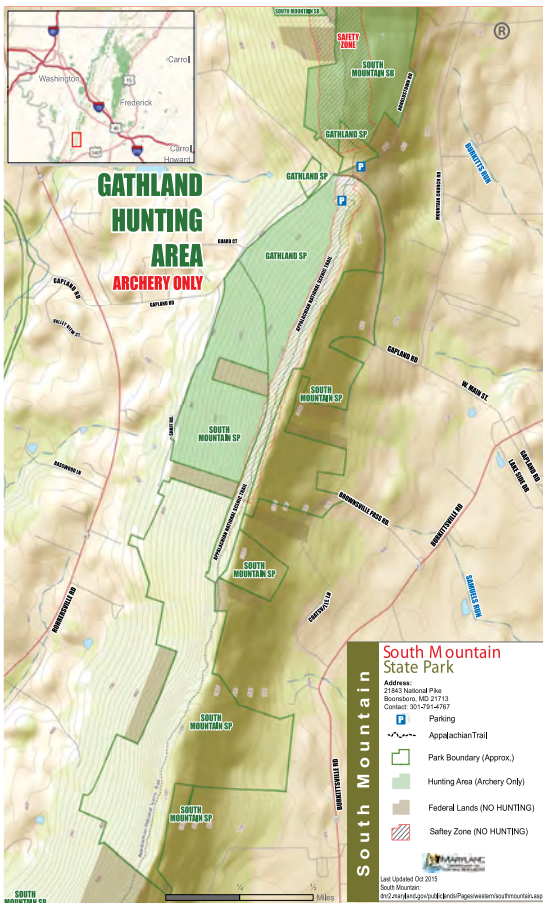
South Mountain State Park includes Black Rock Hunting Lands and Lambs Knoll Hunting Lands. A Maryland hunting license and knowledge of the Maryland hunting seasons are required. **THERE IS NO HUNTING ON SUNDAYS.** Access is limited, so be prepared to hike long distances. To improve your hunting experience, scout out the areas prior to hunting season. You may use the Appalachian Trail to access the hunting areas, but the Appalachian Trail Corridor is a non-hunting area. You cannot hunt until you are 150 yards away from the Trail in either direction. Hunting is not permitted on Federal land.

Make sure your weapon is unloaded in the safety zones and also while hiking to your destination through non-hunting areas. Respect private property. Off-road motorized vehicle use is strictly prohibited.

**Remember that many hikers using the A.T. may be unaware of hunting seasons.** Boundaries are marked with yellow paint. A yellow line indicates you are looking into state property; a yellow dot indicates you are looking into private property.

To learn more about hunting on public lands, hunting licenses and education programs, visit [dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Pages/default.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Pages/default.aspx)

**For hunting maps of South Mountain Recreation Area, call 301-791-4767**





# FORT FREDERICK STATE PARK

The centerpiece of the Fort Frederick State Park is a unique stone fort that served as Maryland's frontier defense during the French and Indian War. Built in 1756, the Fort's stone wall and two barracks have been restored to their 1758 appearance. Historic exhibits are in the Fort, barracks, Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Museum, and Visitor Center. The fort barracks are open seven days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day and on the weekends in the spring and fall, when staff and volunteers dress in period clothing and occupy the fort, demonstrating daily life in the 18th century. The 585-acre park borders the Potomac River and The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal passes through the park. The park also features a boat launch, campsites, camp store, fishing, flat water canoeing, hiking trails, a playground, a picnic area and large pavilion. Group tours are available seasonally.

**Facility Service Charge:** Please pay at one of the honor boxes located in the picnic area or the store parking lot near the fort. You may also pay at the Visitor Center or Captain Wort's Store.

**General Park Hours:** April 1-October 31 (8 a.m.-Sunset)  
November 1-March 31 (10 a.m.-Sunset) • *Closed: Christmas Day*

**Camping:** Family camping at Fort Frederick State Park is available on 29 sites. Sites include: a picnic pad with stone dust surface; a picnic table; a fire ring with grilling grate attached; a lantern post with small wooden countertop area. There are no electric sites, and the restrooms in the vicinity are portable toilets. Flush toilets are located near Capt. Wort's Sutlery and are available throughout your stay.

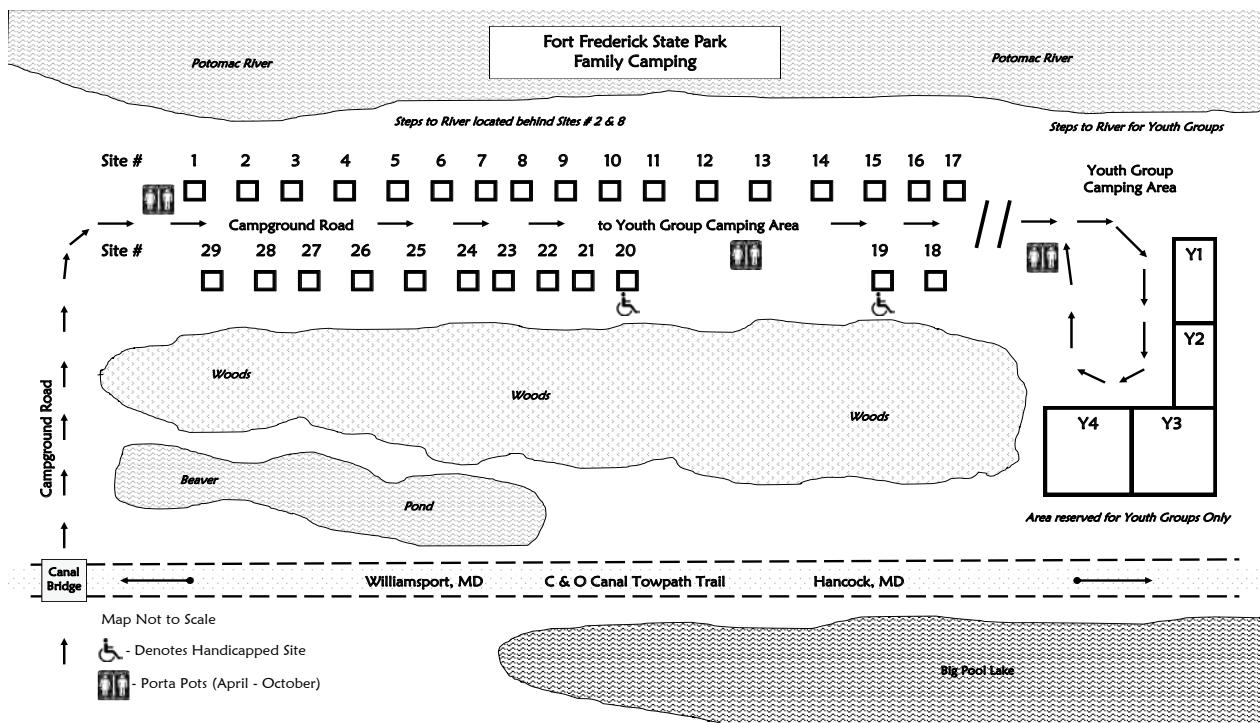
Tent camping is available April through October. Camping is available year round for self-contained units. Family campsites may be reserved through the reservation system, however walk-ins are also welcome on a first-come first-served basis. **ALL CAMPING EQUIPMENT MUST BE PLACED ON THE STONE DUST PAD.**

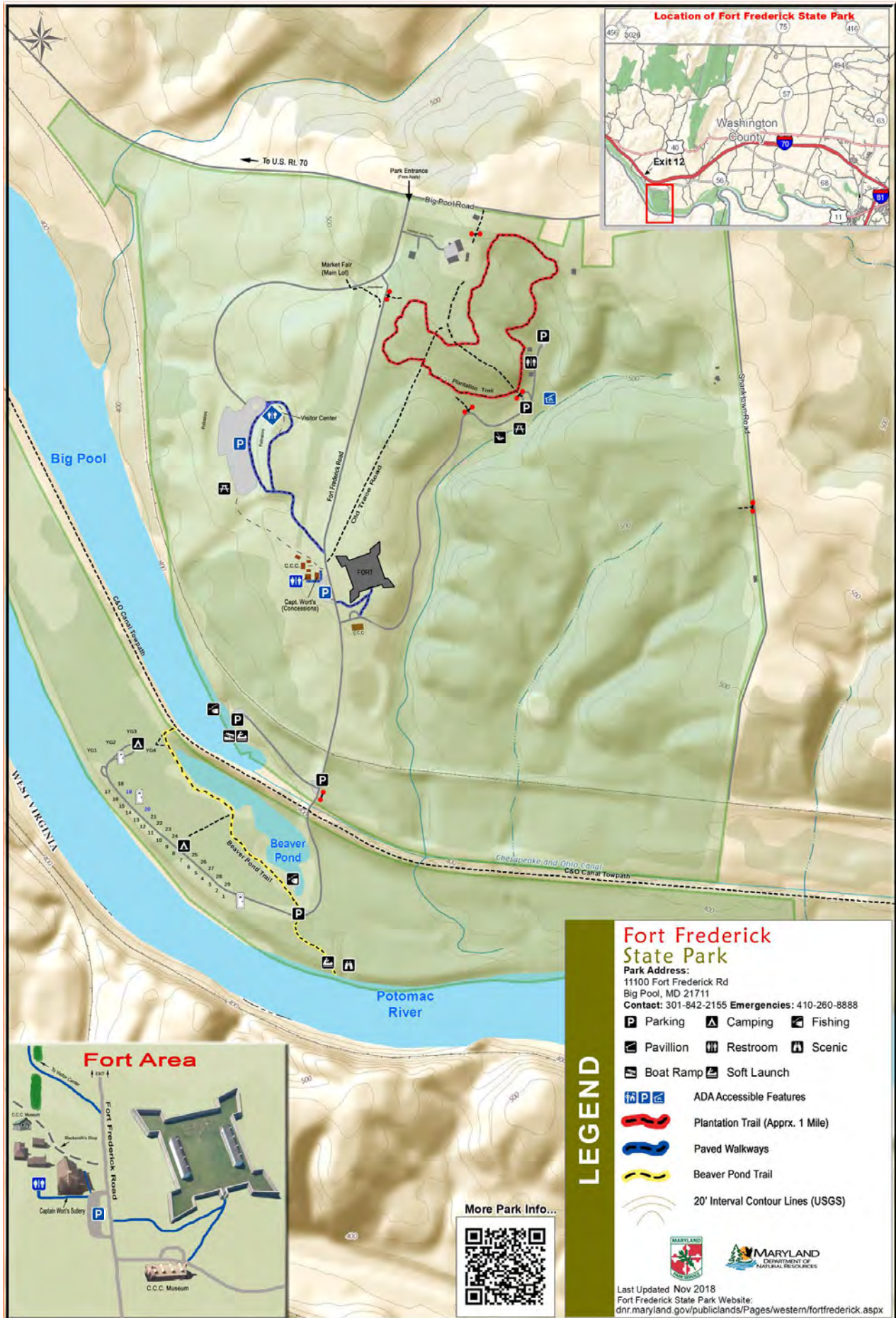
Four youth group campsites are available for organized youth groups aged 16 and younger. These sites must reserved be either online or through the park office. To obtain a two-year youth group pass, please apply online at: [dnr.maryland.gov](http://dnr.maryland.gov) and search "youth group pass."

*To make pavilion or youth group camping reservations, call Park Reservations at 1-888-432-2267. Or make your reservation on the internet: [parkreservations.maryland.gov](http://parkreservations.maryland.gov)*

## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

18th Century Market Fair	<b>CANCELLED</b>	April 23-26
Youth Fishing Rodeo	<b>TENTATIVE</b>	May 2
One Fort: Three Centuries		May 23
Memorial Day Astronomy Program		May 23
To Build a Fort: 18th Cent. Military Engineering		June 6-7
Junior Rangers & Park Pals (Start)		June 17
Colonial Children's Day		June 20
Fort Frederick During the American Revolution		July 3-5
Night Hike, Nocturnal Animals		July 5
The American Soldier through the Ages		Aug. 1
Fishing Derby		Aug. 16
French & Indian War Muster		Aug. 22-23
Labor Day Plantation Trail Guided Hike		Sept. 7
Woodmont Lodge Open House		Sept. 13
Provincial Garrison		Sept. 19
Pontiac's Rebellion Living History		Oct. 17
Western Maryland Rail Trail Guided Bike Tour		Oct. 24







# FORT FREDERICK WALKING TOUR

1. **Stone Wall** ~ This wall is the fort's main defense. It is built of local rock and is three layers thick. The outside layer is mainly limestone with a rubble layer between. It measures four feet thick at the bottom and tapers to two feet thick at the top. At its highest point, the wall measures roughly 22 feet high. British engineers designed the fort for the Colony of Maryland. As a guide, the engineers used the design of French engineer Sebastian de Vauban. His design was very popular in European forts and was modified for different environments in the colonies. Many American- and English-built forts followed a similar design but were built of logs and earth. Fort Frederick is designed as a large square with four diamond-shaped bastions used for defensive purposes. The wall is made of stone, rather than wood, which allows the fort to be very secure.
2. **Fort Gate** ~ Large wooden doors are the only entrance to the fort and were closed except when a supply wagon came through. Individuals were allowed to enter through a smaller door known as a wicket gate. This gate allowed the guard to watch people entering the fort. If an enemy was trying to get in, he could be pushed back, the door closed, and block anyone else from entering. The main gate had a row of spikes to discourage anyone from climbing over.
3. **West Barracks** ~ This building shows the life of the common soldier. Governor Sharpe set up the fort to house 200 men easily and 400 if needed. The barracks are large for the 18th century. Typically, frontier forts did not have two-story buildings, white clapboard siding, double porches and glass windows. The floor plan was open except for a sectioned-off area on each end for camp followers' living space. The camp followers were women hired by the army to cook for the officers, do laundry, sew, clean and do nursing duties. The enlisted men would have done their own cooking in groups of 6-8 men. The Barracks were rebuilt in 1975 for the bicentennial. The barracks are open when staff in 18th-century clothes are present.
4. **Governor's House** ~ This building, represented by the stone outline, was the officers' quarters. Governor Horatio Sharpe stayed in this building several times as he supervised the construction of Fort Frederick and commanded the fort in the summer and fall of 1758. The large diamond shape in the middle of the east wing shows a central chimney with a fireplace in each room. It appears there were no fireplaces in the west wing and could indicate this side was used for storage. The middle rooms were used as the fort's office and officers' dining area. In May 1757, Wahachey of Keowee (near Clemson, S.C.) and 62 Cherokee Warriors came to the fort. In a meeting held in the Governor's House, the Cherokee agreed to help Maryland in the fight against the French and their American Indian allies.
5. **Parade Ground** ~ The parade ground between the fort's buildings was used for troop inspection, drill and review. The area inside the fort encloses about two acres, a large size for a frontier fort.
6. **East Barracks** ~ This building and the one across the parade ground were the enlisted men's quarters. This building now shows officers' quarters, grand hall, armory, store house, laundry and kitchen on the first floor, which would have been in the Governor's House historically. The second floor shows other areas, including a hospital and doctor's quarters, Indian trade good storehouse and timeline museum.



7. **Well** ~ By building the well inside the fort, the garrison's water supply could be protected. Since the Potomac River was a half-mile south of the fort, a well supplied the men with water for drinking, cooking and laundry.
8. **Bastion and Catwalk** ~ The catwalk in the fort was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. It is not known what kind of defenses were inside Fort Frederick. There is no proof that there were ever catwalks inside the fort. There is evidence that two of the bastions had earth ramps. The bastion defenses allowed soldiers to fire over the wall at attackers. Each bastion had one six-pound cannon. Bastions improved the fort's defenses by allowing the artillery to have a broad range of fire and by putting crossfire on attackers who might attempt to attack the wall. There is some evidence that the northeast bastion had an earth-covered powder magazine.
9. **CCC Museum** ~ The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built this building in the 1930s for the park store and museum. The building does not look like any building from the 18th century. Today, it houses exhibits about the CCC.
10. **Captain Wort's Store and Outbuildings** ~ The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built these buildings in the 1930s as the Park Superintendent's Residence, which now serves as the park store. The outbuildings included a barn, carriage house and blacksmith shop.

## JOIN THE TRAILS & NATURE CLUB!

Join the Trails & Nature Club! Membership is growing! Meeting monthly, the trails & nature club plans monthly nature and/or recreational hikes throughout the complex. The goal is simple, to get folks out into nature and to enjoy our public lands together. Meet friends and family and learn about nature, or just go for an extended hike for the sake of exercise. The trails and nature club will be hosted by park staff and volunteers. Join up and let's go hiking!

**Contact Rgr. Jeremiah Corbin (301) 842-2110.**

# WILLIAMS FAMILY - AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE WALKING TOUR

From 1860 until 1911, the fort was owned by the Nathan Williams family. The Williamses were free African-Americans. The family had been held as slaves until Nathan's father, Samuel, purchased the family's freedom in 1826. By 1847, Nathan would purchase his wife, Ammy from bondage. The Williamses made a prosperous farm on the site. In 1876, Nathan was named trustee of "Fort Frederick Colored School," which operated off and on until 1909. Two of Nathan's children served as teachers for the school.

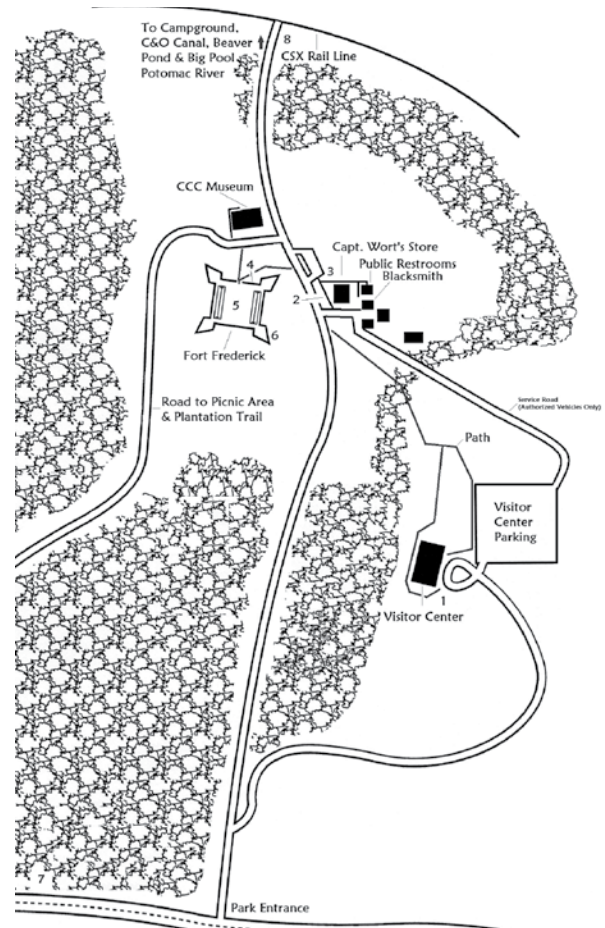
- 1. Visitors' Center and Kiosk** ~ At the visitors' center, watch an orientation movie about the fort's history and view an exhibit about the Williams family. The kiosk located in the parking lot features historical information on the fort and the Williams family. The visitors' center is near the site of the Charles Williams farm. Charles was Nathan William's son and a school teacher.
- 2. First House Site & Civil War Trails Markers** ~ From about 1857 to 1909, the Williams family resided on this site. The restored foundation might be from the kitchen of the house. According to period sources, the house was considered a "mansion." A period image of the house contradicts that sentiment as the house appears to have had two stories, no porch, and no more than six rooms. The house was destroyed by fire in 1909. During the Civil War, Union officers occupied the house for their quarters, and Ammy Williams cooked for them.
- 3. Second House Site** ~ On this site stood the second home built by the Williams family. It was built in 1909 and was raised by the Civilian Conservation Corp in 1934. It was a two-story frame house with a wrap-around porch and had four to eight rooms.
- 4. Cannon Hole** ~ According to Nathan Williams, Union soldiers knocked a hole in the wall in 1861, to fire a cannon through at Confederates across the Potomac River in Virginia. Historical documentation places Union artillery at the fort in 1861 and 1862. In 1931, the Daughters of the American Revolution placed a Confederate Civil War cannon at the hole, it is currently displayed in the Visitors' Center.
- 5. Fort Interior** ~ Williams took advantage of the ruined walls of the fort and used the area inside for many purposes, including a pig sty, orchard and vineyard.
- 6. Northwest Bastion / Bank Barn** ~ Around 1860, Nathan Williams dismantled the northwest bastion and built a bank barn here, recycling a lot of the wall's stone in its construction.
- 7. "Fort Frederick School for Colored's"** ~ In 1876, Nathan Williams was named trustee of the "Fort Frederick School for Colored's." This school was the second school built in Washington County for the education of African-American children. The school appears to have been in several buildings and locations, including Charles Williams' house before the current building was built. The school consisted of three rooms, one classroom and two offices or closets. It has been altered several times during its life span. This building was built about 1899 and used as a school periodically until 1909. Two of Nathan Williams' children, Charles and Betty, were teachers at this school. The school building was sold by the county in 1914 and became a private residence.

## 8. Other Points of interest:

**Western Maryland Railroad** ~ This railroad crossing is part of the former Western Maryland Railroad, and is an active spur line for CSX today. The Western Maryland Railroad began construction in 1852 but did not reach Big Pool until 1882. It offered passenger and freight service and was an economic catalyst for local farmers.

**C&O Canal** ~ Construction began in 1828. By 1852, it was completed from Georgetown to Cumberland, Md. Some of the laborers used to build the canal were enslaved people. Tradition states it was part of the Underground Railroad. The canal opened up commerce, trade and travel both east and west. This was accomplished by overcoming the mountains with a series of locks which raised and lowered canal boats. The Williams' family would have been intimately familiar with the canal workers and using the canal as a source of trade.

**Potomac River** ~ The river was the original source of trade and travel for early settlers. By the 1800s, it was an obstacle to be overcome for north/south trade. Ferries were established along the river; the closest being at McCoy's Ferry and Cherry Run. During the Civil War, the river would be the dividing line between two nations and the front line of that war. Nathan Williams, a Virginian by birth, knew and traded with people who lived in Virginia. He did not let the war stop him. He would take goods and cross the river with his wagon and trade with soldiers and civilians in the Confederacy. Upon his return to Maryland, he would give information to Union soldiers stationed around Fort Frederick.





# FRIENDS OF FORT FREDERICK



The Friends of Fort Frederick State Park Inc. sponsors, or provides financial and volunteer support, for the park complex and historic fort activities throughout the year, geared toward enhancing the visitor's experience and providing educational and recreational opportunities at the fort and park. These events include: Hosting an 18th Century Market Fair, French and Indian War Muster Reenactment, Revolutionary War Reenactment, School of the Ranger, Civil War Reenactment, other Historical and Youth-Oriented Weekend Events, Supporting Maintenance and Enhancement of assets and purchase of historical interpretive supplies and other equipment. For more details, please visit: [friendsoffortfrederick.info/index.htm](http://friendsoffortfrederick.info/index.htm). To contact the Friends, send email to [info@friendsoffortfrederick.info](mailto:info@friendsoffortfrederick.info).

The Friends of Fort Frederick State Park Inc. is a 501c(3) organization and is always looking for new members to join to help keep our heritage alive.

**JOIN THE FRIENDS!** The Friends of Fort Frederick State Park organization is always looking for new members to help keep our heritage alive. Membership is open to anyone, regardless of state of residence, who is interested in contributing to the preservation and interpretation of this historic and natural heritage site. Please complete the application found at [friendsoffortfrederick.info/membership.htm](http://friendsoffortfrederick.info/membership.htm) and mail with the appropriate dues and/or donation to The Friends of Fort Frederick, 11115 Fort Frederick Road, Big Pool MD 21711.

**MEETINGS:** General membership meetings are held at the Fort Frederick Visitors Center every month on the

second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. It is not necessary that you attend meetings to be a member. Plus, you'll get a great monthly newsletter.

**18TH CENTURY MARKET FAIR:** At the end of April each year, the Friends host over 120 sutlers selling reproductions of period items including firearms, ceramics, clothing, artwork, baked goods and much, much more. Hundreds of campers in period attire also take up residences in the park in a sea of tents. Day visitors can purchase handmade one-of-a-kind gifts, enjoy colonial entertainment and support the Clear Spring Lions Club and Historical Society at their food concession booths. For more details about this wonderful event, please go to: [friendsoffortfrederick.info/market\\_fair.htm](http://friendsoffortfrederick.info/market_fair.htm).

**CURRENT FUNDRAISER PROJECTS:** Your tax-deductible donations will directly support important projects to enhance natural/cultural preservation, and historic interpretation at the park. Past projects have included the purchase of a complete 18th-century cannon with naval carriage used for public firing demonstrations at the Fort and a Skid Steer (a small bucket loader vehicle) crucial for the maintenance and clearing of the Western Maryland Rail Trail.

**Fort Frederick Flag Pole Fund Raising Campaign:** In August of 1755, His Excellency Governor Horatio Sharpe of Maryland ordered "a Black & Yellow Flagg 24 feet long and 16 feet broad with the Union in One Corner" from Silvanus Grove, a merchant in London. This large flag was destined to fly over historic Fort Frederick during the French and Indian War.

In order to fly a copy of this wonderful flag at Fort Frederick again, the Friends of Fort Frederick State Park are undertaking a campaign to raise \$60,000 to construct a 75-foot tall, authentically constructed flag pole in the fort's Northwest bastion. Imagine driving into the park and before your eyes this magnificent flag flutters in the wind, welcoming all visitors to this one-of-a-kind fort, Fort Frederick.

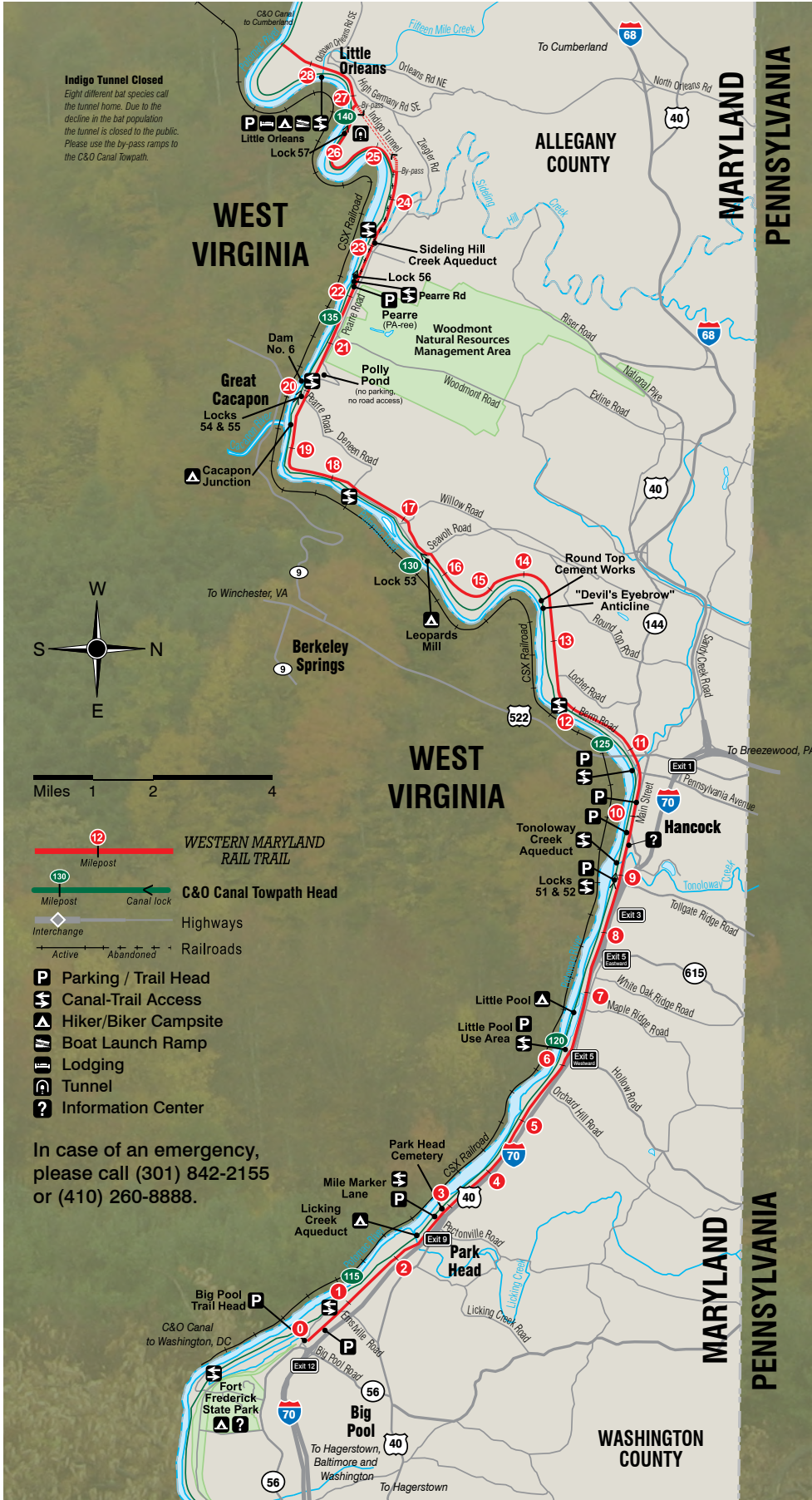
You, your civic group or company can all help us make this dream come true by contacting the Friends of Fort Frederick to become a sponsor of the fort's flag pole. The flag colors of Yellow, Black, Red, White and Blue symbolized the Calvert family's proprietorship of the English colony of Maryland. During this campaign, they will serve as the levels at which you can contribute. Contact the Friends for details. You can also donate through the Flag Pole GoFundMe website, [gofundme.com/f/flag-pole-fund](http://gofundme.com/f/flag-pole-fund).

**Western Maryland Rail Trail Five Dollar Fix:** The very popular bike trail has deteriorated due to encroaching roots under the pavement of the trail. Bikers are experiencing a very bumpy, uncomfortable ride and have asked if the park can make repairs. Help the Friends of Fort Frederick State Park Complex get to the root of the problem, by repaving the trail.

Repaving the trail will be expensive, and not currently within the park budget, but we calculate that if every trail user made a one-time donation of only \$5, we could repair the trail. This is our \$5 Fix. You can contribute by sending a check to the Friends or you can donate through the Rail Trail GoFundMe web site, [gofundme.com/f/western-maryland-rail-trail-fit-it-project](http://gofundme.com/f/western-maryland-rail-trail-fit-it-project).



# WESTERN MARYLAND RAIL TRAIL



The Western Maryland Rail Trail (WMRT) is a recreational, paved, linear trail opened to the public for walking, running, biking, and inline skating. The trail is suited to anyone seeking a pleasant, leisurely outdoor experience. The easy grade and paved surface make this trail ideal for families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. The WMRT is wheelchair accessible. Pets are permitted on the trail.

In August of 1990, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources acquired 20.3 miles of the abandoned segment of the Western Maryland Railroad Line, and the three lots in the Town of Hancock from CSX Transportation, Inc. The rail corridor was purchased with state-wide DNR Program Open Space funding at a cost of \$1,042,000.

Beginning at the Eastern Terminus in Big Pool, MD the Western Maryland Rail Trail (WMRT) winds along the Potomac River through rolling farmland, woodlands, and rural towns. Passing the southern slope of Sideling Hill Ridge, the trail now extends westward past Little Orleans, MD; straight out to the "First Maryland Crossing" (Potomac River Railroad Bridge). The new section of trail utilizes a two mile bypass onto the C&O Canal Towpath (unpaved). The total combined mileage is now 28 miles.

The WMRT follows a path rich in history. The Potomac River Valley has been an important transportation corridor for hundreds of years. From the Native Americans to the National Road to the C&O Canal, people have always traveled the path of the Potomac River. The Western Maryland Railway was no exception. In its heyday, the Western Maryland Railway was a lifeline to the Tri-State area of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Through the construction of the WMRT on this abandoned railroad bed, numerous opportunities are now available to visit old ruins of days past. There are interpretive signs along the length of the trail at many of these locations.

Please enjoy the trail and make sure to let us know if there are any concerns you may have. You may see one of our volunteer bike patrol rangers who are frequently out and about, if not, please contact Fort Frederick State Park at 301-842-2155 with questions or concerns.

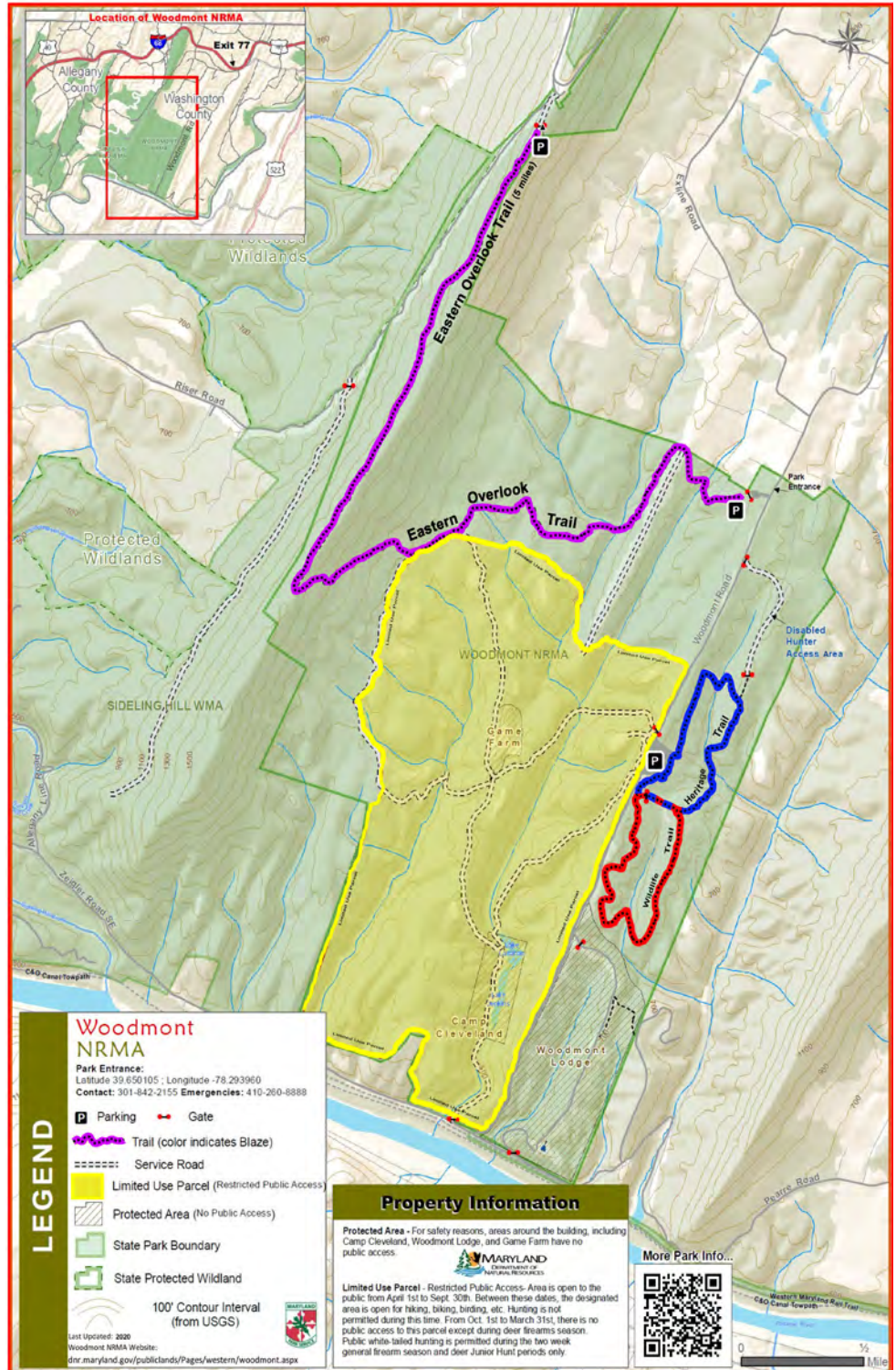


# WOODMONT NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA

Woodmont NRMA is a multi-use public land managed by the Maryland Park Service. Recreational opportunities include: hiking, hunting, mountain biking, bird watching, and horseback riding. 2,000 acres are open year round and an additional 1,400 acres are open seasonally. Please see the map for details or contact Fort Frederick State Park for more information at 301-842-2155.

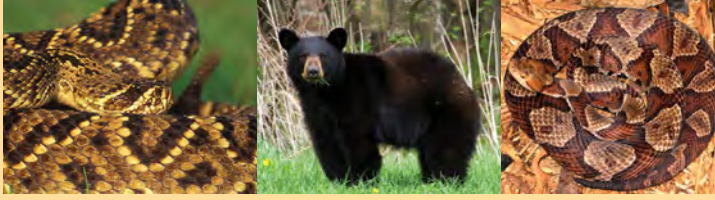
Situated seven miles southwest of Hancock, MD, the former Woodmont Rod & Gun Club comprises approximately 3,425 acres. In 1995, Woodmont was acquired by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and DNR entered into a unique partnership and lease agreement with the Izaak Walton League of America. The league formed a local Woodmont Chapter to manage the leased 1,400 acres that includes the lodge, Camp Cleveland, lakes, and game farm. From October 1st to March 31st each year, the Chapter has exclusive use of the 1,400 acres and funds generated from their activities provide for the maintenance and operation of Woodmont and its conservation activities and programs. From April 1st to September 30th, DNR manages the public use of the 1,400 acres. The remaining 2,000 acres of the Woodmont property are open for public use on a year-round basis. Hunting at the Woodmont NRMA is permitted. Please follow the laws and regulations in the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping.

**Hours of Operation: Woodmont Lodge is open by appointment only from April 1st through September 30th with a reservation made at least 14 days in advance.**





## WILDLIFE IN THE PARK



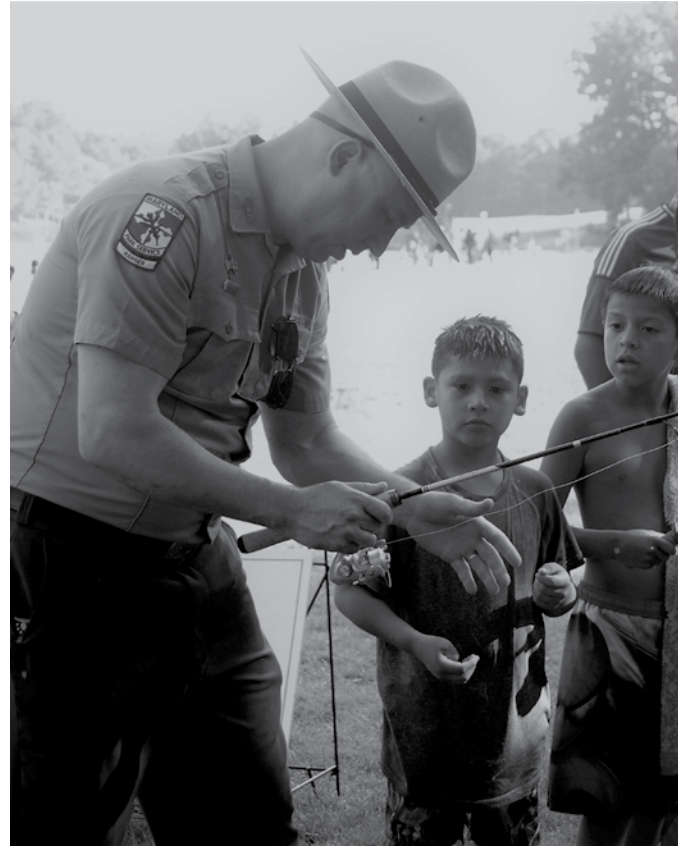
Maryland State Parks are filled with numerous species of wildlife, including some species that can be harmful to humans. Negative interactions with wildlife are rare, due, in part, to park policies regarding trash and pets. Millions of people will visit and enjoy Maryland state parks each year without incident. Here are some tips for avoiding negative interactions with wildlife.

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not feed wildlife or keep food inside your tent that can attract wildlife.
- Keep a clean camp. A messy camp can attract wildlife in the short-term and for future campers.
- Take trash to dumpsters daily and store food securely in containers. Your vehicle is a good place to keep food away from wildlife.
- Wear bug repellent and check yourself for ticks frequently during your trip and upon departure. If you are bitten by a tick, make sure that the entire tick is removed and seek medical attention. Some ticks may carry diseases that are transmittable to humans.
- Stay on the path when hiking and when in the campground.
- Wear sturdy footwear with closed toes.
- Watch where you step and sit. Look before you reach. Snakes are not generally aggressive, but will defend themselves if they feel threatened. It is illegal to kill snakes in Maryland.
- Please report any wildlife that is acting in an aggressive or unusual way. The concern is rabies infection. Wildlife should have a natural instinct to run from humans. Please report stray domestic animals. Call the duty ranger at 443-805-1759.
- Some potentially dangerous species of wildlife found within the park include: black bears, deer, raccoons, opossums, snakes (some venomous), snapping turtles, coyotes, ticks, mosquitoes, ants, bees, wasps, hornets and spiders.
- If you encounter wildlife while in the park, maintain a safe distance and give the animal a way to escape your presence.
- If you encounter wildlife while in the campground, don't feed the animal. Scare it away by making loud noises. If you do not feel safe doing this, please call the duty ranger or Natural Resources Police at 410-260-8888.

## PARKS PET POLICY

- Pets are permitted in all areas of the park except inside the fort walls and within any state buildings.
- Pets must be leashed, and the leash must be held by the pet owner at all times.
- Service animals are allowed in all areas.
- Pets are not to be left unattended.
- Excessive barking is not permitted. Please call the Duty Ranger at 443-805-1759 if you are unable to control your dog's barking. Alternative arrangements may be available, but are not guaranteed.
- Please clean up after your pet; have current vaccinations; check your pet for ticks after departure; and ensure that your pet does not disturb wildlife.

Please use caution during hunting season. You and your pet should always wear "blaze orange" while hiking. The park is a shared natural resource. Canines pose a perceived threat to both humans and wildlife. It is for this reason that we ask you to keep a leash on your pet at all times. In addition, leash laws help to contain territorial "marking" which can disturb wildlife during mating and nesting seasons.



## *Have you always wanted to fish, but don't know where to start?*

Stop into the park store throughout the summer and borrow our fishing gear! We will provide a rod (many sizes), tackle, bait and all you need to get started. Great for kids! Bring your budding anglers and see what's in the Beaver Pond, Big Pool, or the Potomac River (all accessible through the park). A license is required for persons 16 years of age and older and can be purchased online at [dnr.maryland.gov](http://dnr.maryland.gov). Ask staff for details.







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