

## Parking and Access

Our main Parking Lot is located along Route 97 at 23222 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville MD. Additional parking can be found along Howard Chapel, Hipsley Mill, Elton Farm, Jennings Chapel, Annapolis Rock, Mullinix, Long Corner, and Brown's Church Roads.

## Rules and Regulations

**Trash Free Parks:** Maryland State Parks are trash free. The park does not have any trash or recycling receptacles. All trash that is carried into the park must be carried out by park users.

### General Park Rules:

- Pets are allowed in all areas except park buildings.
- Pets must be leashed and cleaned up after.
- Parking allowed in designated areas only.
- Fires are not permitted.
- Alcohol is not permitted
- Off-road Vehicles are not permitted.
- Hunting and fishing are permitted in designated locations. Please review regulations in the annual MD Hunting Guide and/or Fishing Guide.

**Hunting Information:** Hunting area maps can be found online at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/patuxentriver.aspx>.

Patuxent River State Park is a multi-use park. Please be aware of and respect other users and their respective activities

Report park violations to MD Park Watch  
at: 800-825-7275

For after-hours assistance, call DNR Communications at : 410-260-8888

## Nature Center

The Nature Center will be open 10-2 pm Thursday-Sunday. These hours are subject to change. Check our website for up-to-date information on programming and hours.  
[http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/documents/patuxent\\_programs.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/documents/patuxent_programs.pdf).

## Trails

Our Flowing Free Trail will take you through the park with an ever-changing display of diverse ecosystems! Hike through hilly deciduous forests, shady pine forests, and grass fields that were once farmland. The trail is marked with yellow blazes and ends at Howard Chapel Road. The white, blue, and red trails offer quick deviations from the Flowing Free.

**Note:** Patuxent River State Park has many unmarked "social" trails that have been created by hunters, equestrians, wildlife, and hikers. These trails are not maintained by park staff and should be used **at your own risk**. If venturing along social trails, bring a cell phone and note our **Duty Ranger** number. You can also text or call the Duty Ranger to inform them about any issues or hazards on our trail system.



# Patuxent River State Park Trail Map and Information

23222 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, MD  
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**Hours of Operation:** Daily from Sunrise to Sunset



Located in Howard and Montgomery counties along the upper 12 miles of the Patuxent River watershed, Patuxent River State Park was originally created in the 1960's in order to protect the water quality of the Patuxent River. The park now encompasses 6,700 acres of natural areas and farmlands, from Route 27 between Damascus and Mt. Airy to Route 97. The central portion of the park is a designated state wildlands area.

The southern area, between Route 97 and Howard Chapel Road, is currently the only developed area of the park. There is a large parking lot along Route 97 with easy access to the trail system and the Nature Center. The rest of the park lacks a developed trail system, yet is still accessible to the public. Plans are underway to develop a trail system throughout the park. The park is open to a wide variety of recreational activities, including: fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking. Hunting is allowed in designated areas only.

Entrance to Patuxent River State Park is **always free!**

**Park Duty Ranger:** 443-962-0216  
[PatuxentRiver.StatePark@maryland.gov](mailto:PatuxentRiver.StatePark@maryland.gov)

# Patuxent River State Park

## South End Trail Map

For Assistance and Information: Call 443-962-0216 (Duty Ranger)

