



## TEAM POTOMAC'S FAVORITE LOCAL HIKES

### OUR GIFT TO YOU

You stepped up for the Potomac, now step outdoors! As a thank you for your generous donation and commitment to restoring our Potomac River, we want you to also feel and “Be restored” with a memorable outdoor experience in the Potomac region.

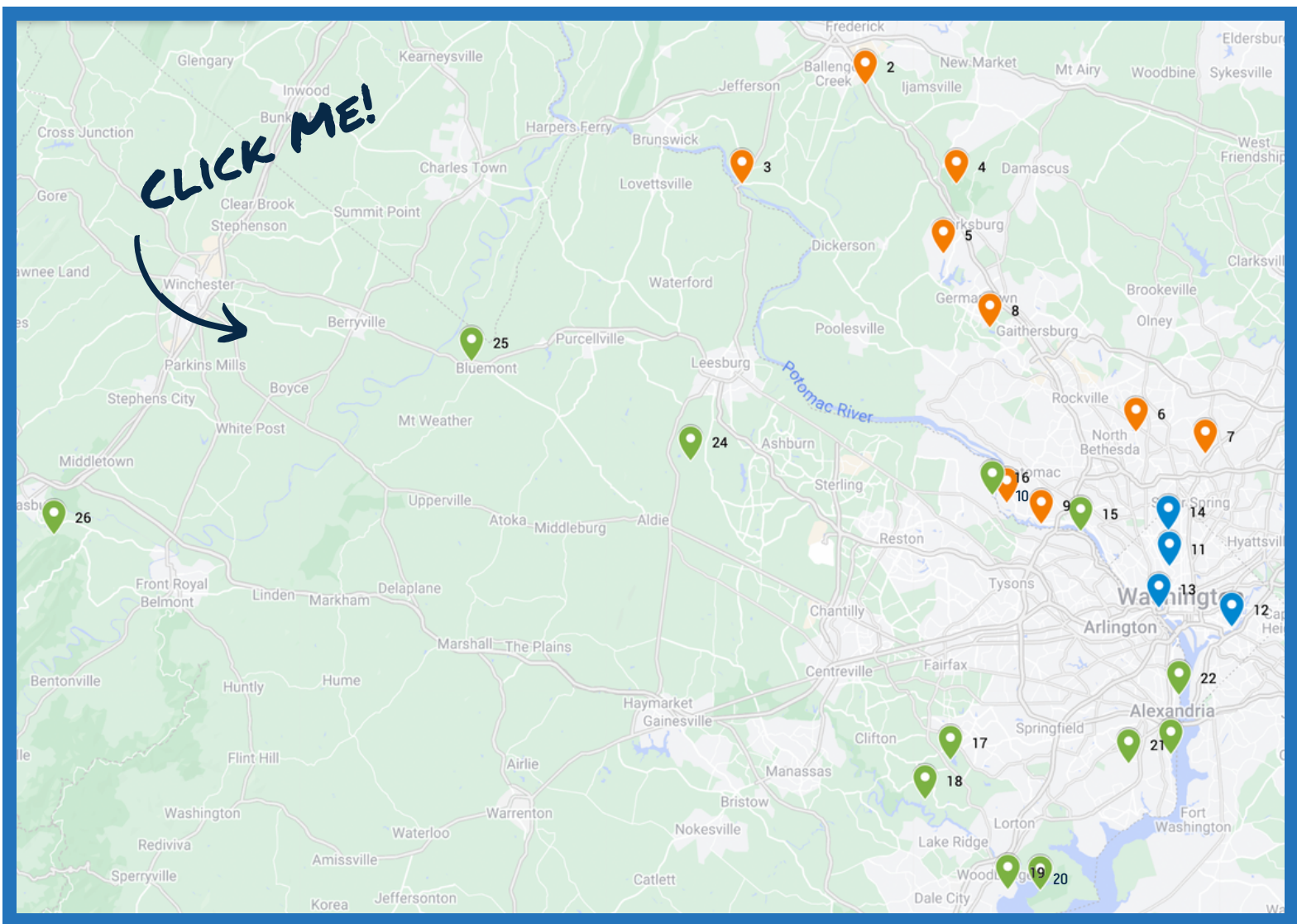
Our staff at Potomac Conservancy has curated a list of our favorite local hikes just for you. Take our guide on the go and enjoy the natural places that you’re helping to protect and restore.

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# A MAP OF OUR FAVORITE HIKES

A list of our staff's can't-miss walks and hikes in the Potomac region curated exclusively for you.

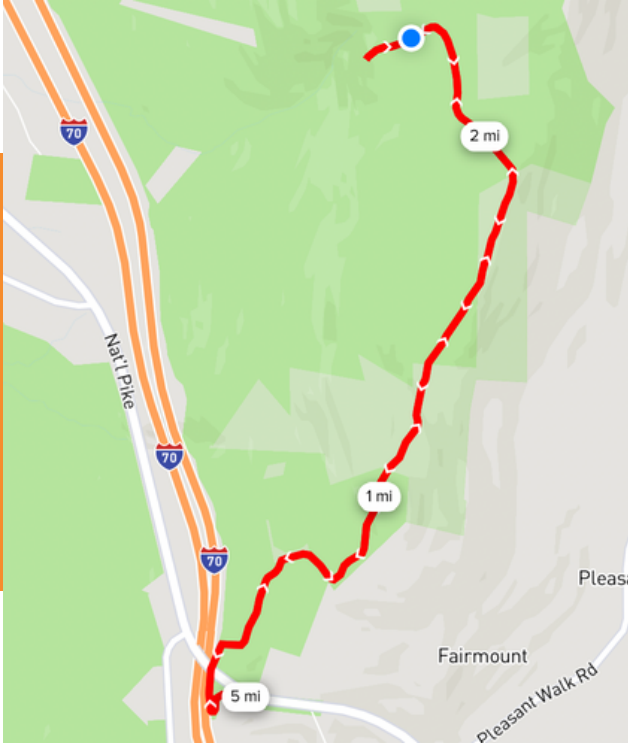


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 Maryland     Washington, DC     Virginia



# 1-ANNAPOLIS ROCK VIA APPALACHIAN TRAIL MAYERSVILLE, MD



This trail is 5.0-miles long and it is out-and-back. There are views of Greenbrier Lake and Black Rock Cliff while on the trail. It is a little steep which makes it a moderate trail.



**Katie Blackman**

Vice President of Programs and Operations

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# 2-BROOKS HILL LOOP, MONOCACY BATTLEFIELD FREDERICK, MD



This is a 7.4-mile loop trail and provides incredible views of the Monocacy River. It encompasses two loop trails and has an elevation gain of 524 ft.



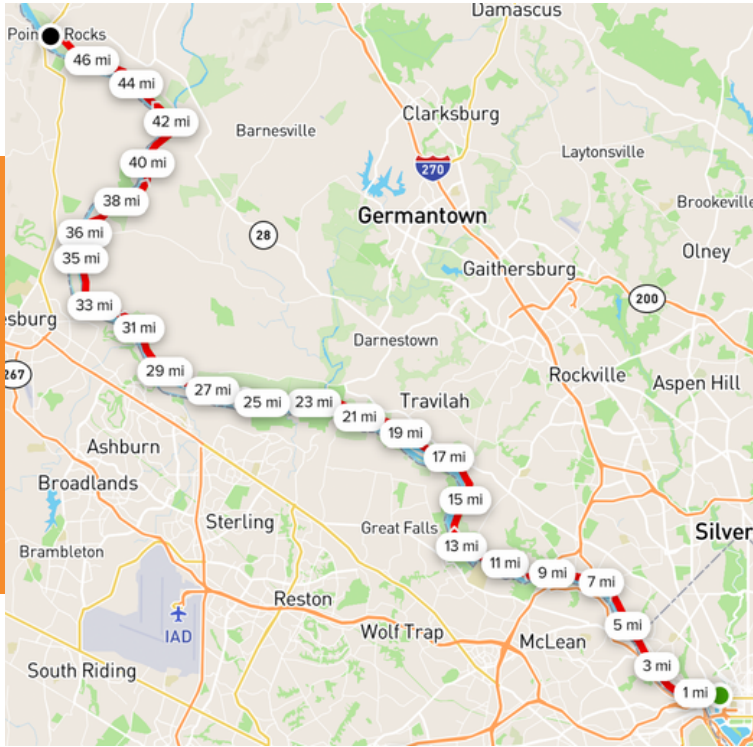
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# 3-WIDE WATER, C&O CANAL TRAIL

## POINT OF ROCKS, MD



In its entirety, this is a 48-mile point-to-point trail. The trail runs along the upper part of the Potomac River and provides a view of the DC skyline.

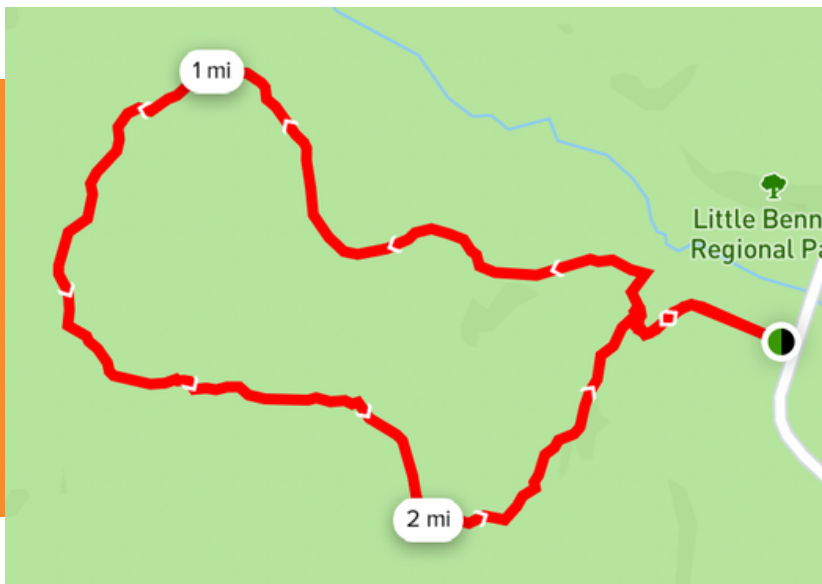


**Mary Vasse**  
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# 4-LITTLE BENNETT CREEK

## HYATTSTOWN, MD



This is a 2.7-mile loop and is considered a fairly easy trail. It has a great woodland landscape. This trail is great for hiking, birding, and running.

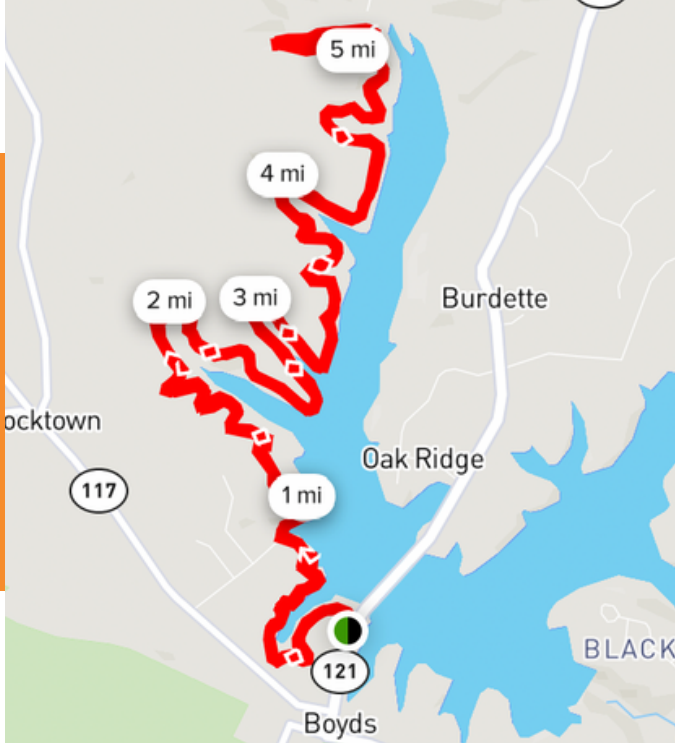


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# 5-TEN MILE CREEK ROAD CLARKSBURG, MD



This 10.9-mile trail is moderately difficult with a 725 ft elevation gain. There are great views of Little Seneca Lake throughout and a variety of wildlife to see.

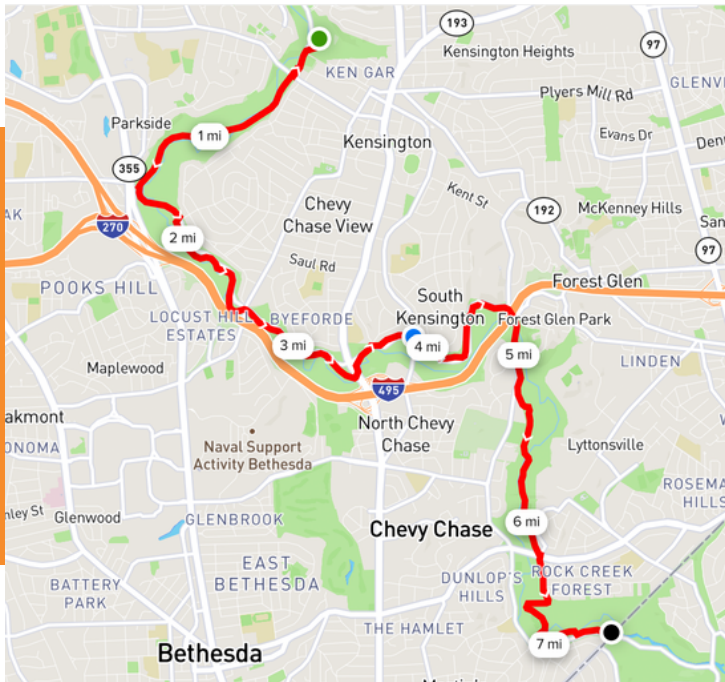


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# 6-ROCK CREEK TRAIL SILVER SPRING, MD



This trail is 7.4-miles long, and it is point-to-point. It is relatively flat and has some great scenery spots. It is ideal for hiking or running.



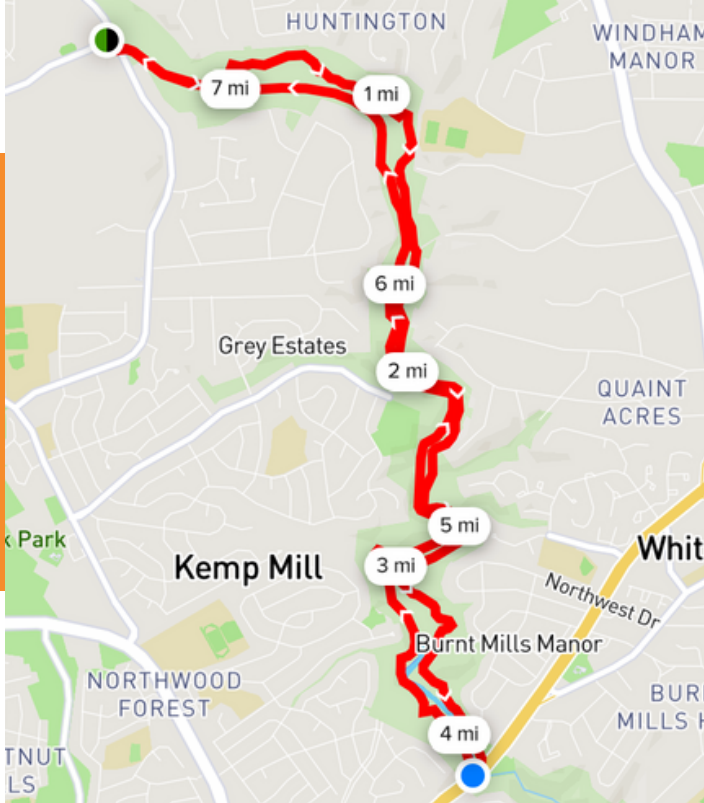
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Development Manager

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# 7-NORTHWEST BRANCH TRAIL

## SILVER SPRING, MD



This 7.4-mile trail is considered fairly easy. Part of the trail goes alongside the Burnt Mills Reservoir which provides amazing scenery.

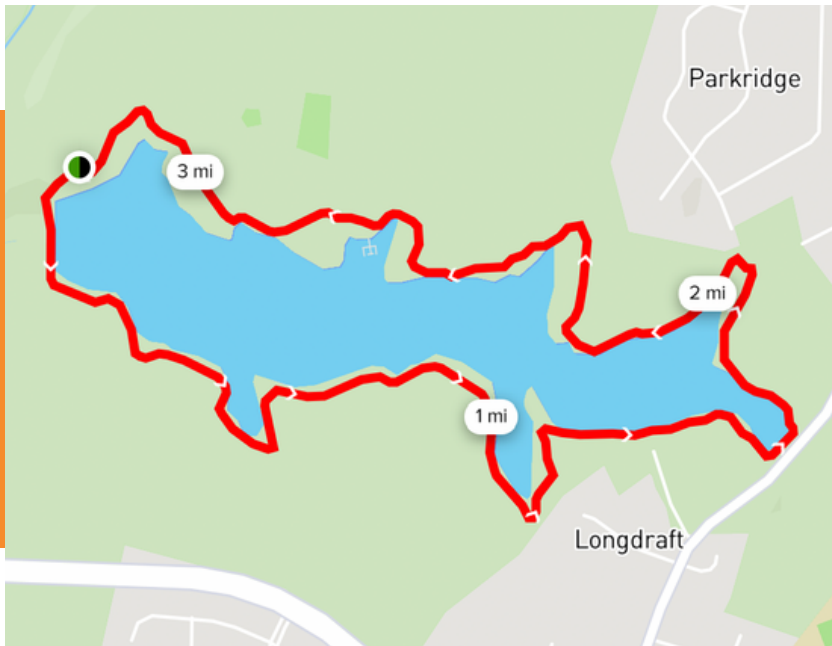


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# 8-CLOPPER LAKE TRAIL

## GAITHERSBURG, MD



This is a 3.3-mile loop trail that is fairly easy with less than 200 ft of elevation gain. The trail goes around Clopper Lake providing lovely views.



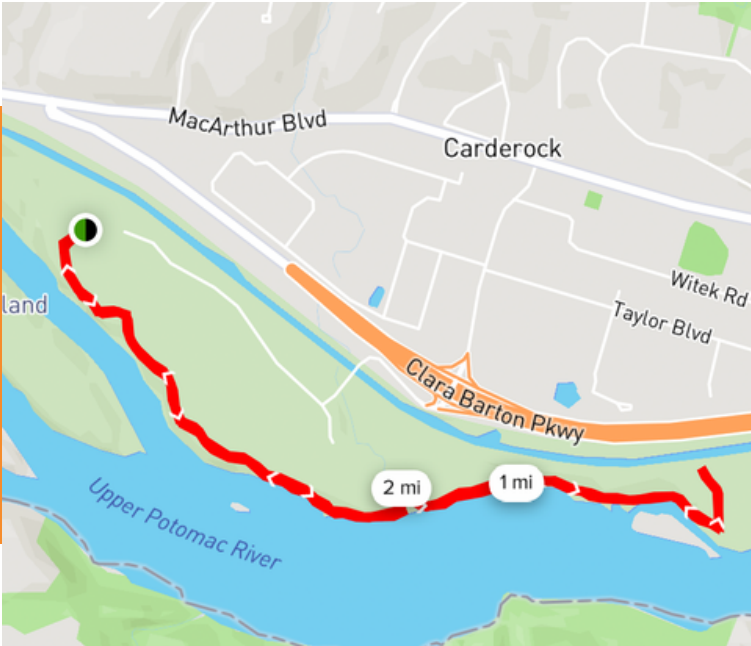
**Haley Epping**  
Digital Grassroots Manager

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# 9-BILLY GOAT TRAIL

## POTOMAC, MD



This 2.8-mile out-and-back trail is considered moderately difficult. The majority of the hike is along the Potomac River so there is great scenery to see.

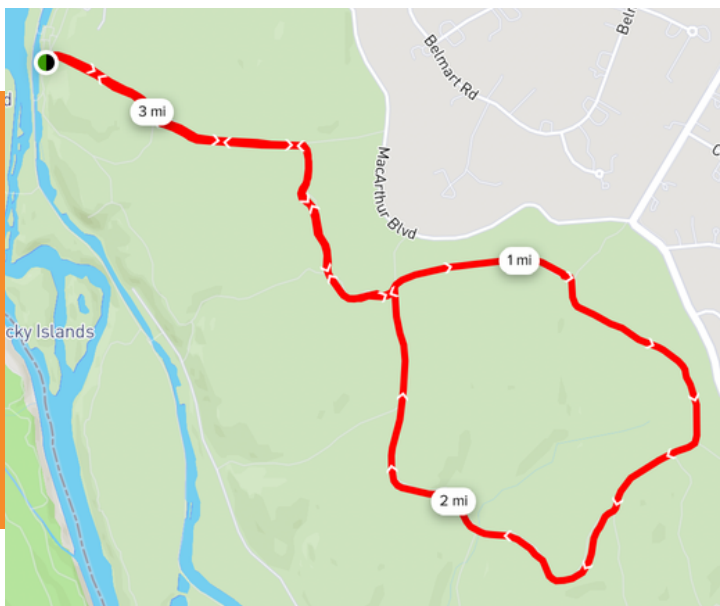


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# 10-GOLD MINE LOOP TRAIL

## POTOMAC, MD



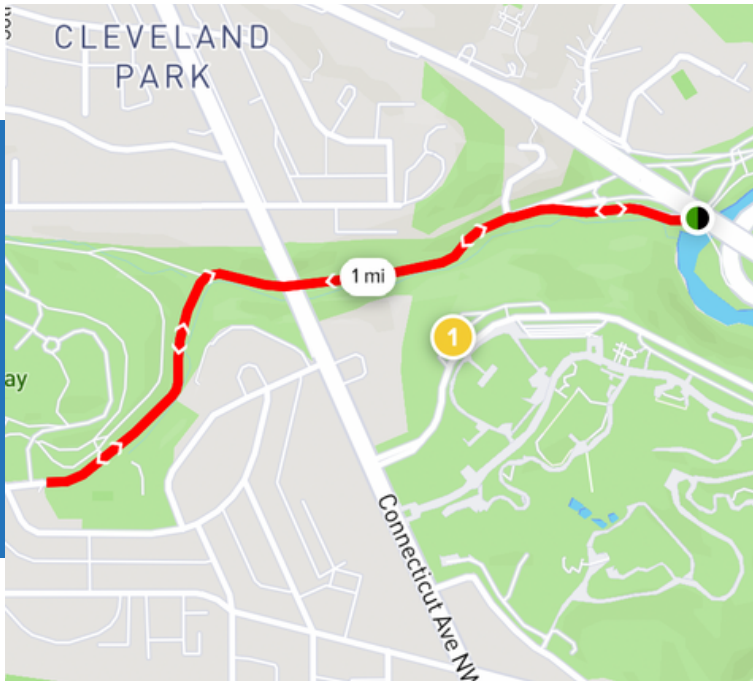
This 3.2-mile trail is moderately difficult. The terrain is a combination of flat and incline with shade most of the way. To add mileage you can hike some of the spur trails that connect leading to great views of the Potomac.



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 Director of Communications

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# 11-KLINGLE VALLEY TRAIL NW, DC



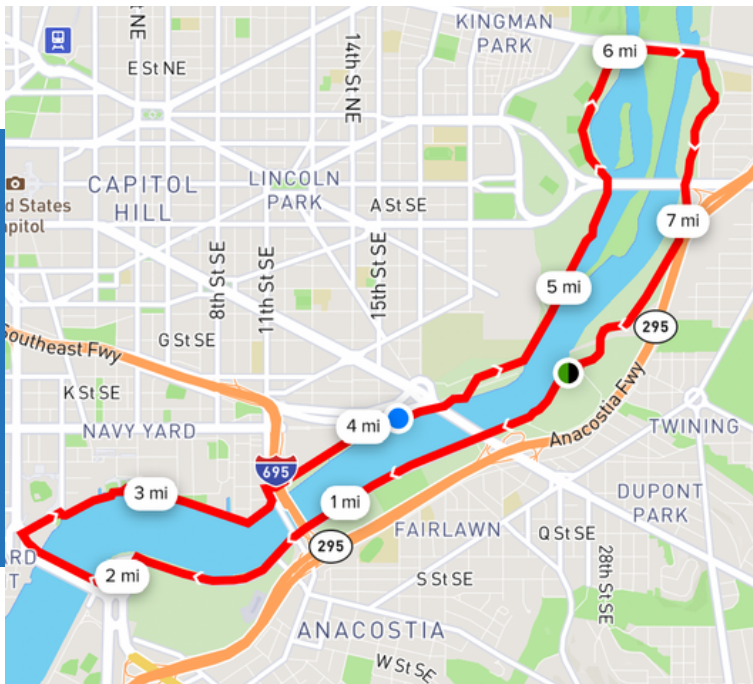
This 1.3-mile trail is considered an easy route. This path can provide some seclusion from the busy city. It is fully paved and is an out-and-back trail.



**Avery Siler**  
Director of Land Conservation

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# 12-ANACOSTIA RIVERWALK TRAIL SE, DC



This 7.8-mile loop trail is great for running, biking, or walking, and is dog-friendly. There are some places to stop for food as well. You walk along the Anacostia River throughout the entire trail.

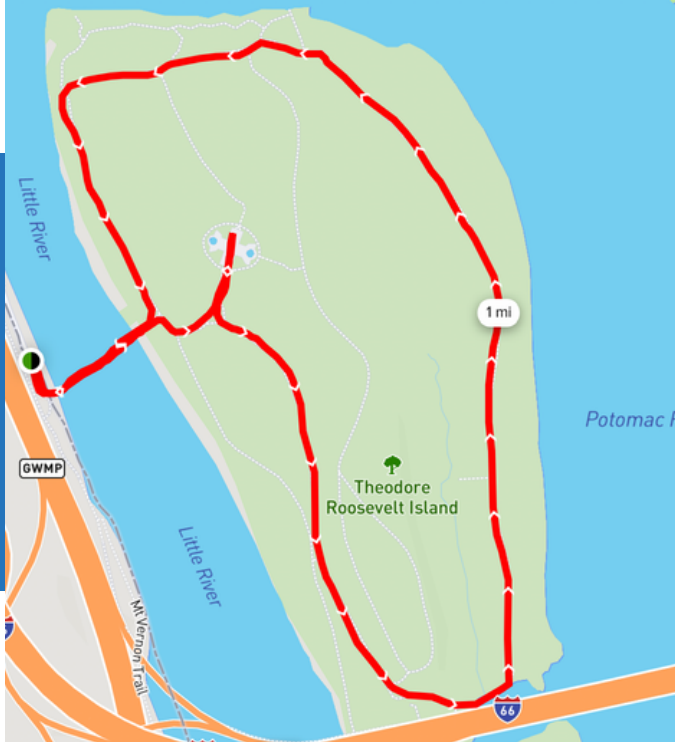


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President

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## 13-THEODORE ROOSEVELT ISLAND NW, DC



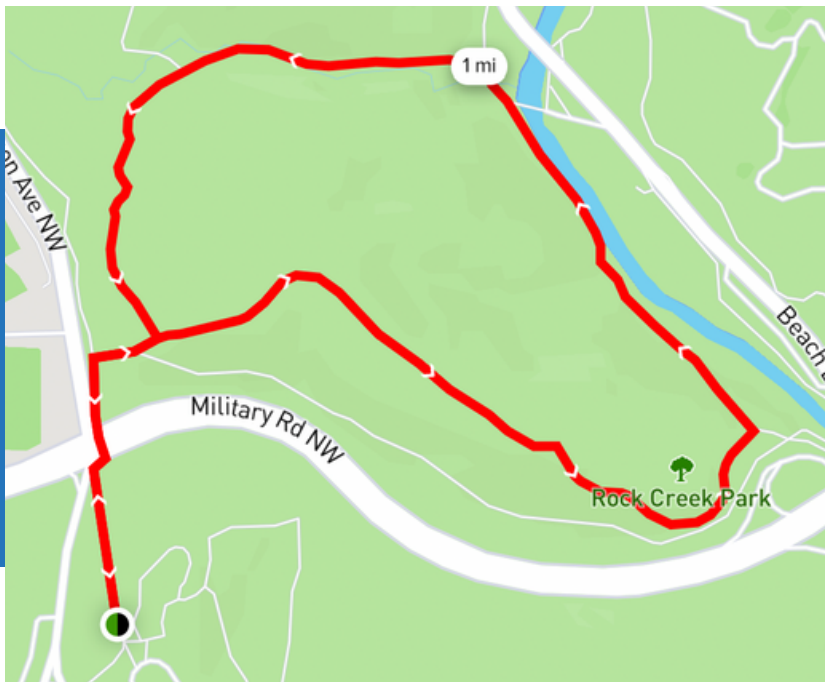
This is a 1.8-mile long trail on Theodore Roosevelt Island in the Potomac River. It is a great trail if you are looking for something shorter and easy. There is a monument dedicated to Theodore Roosevelt in the beginning of the trail.



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Development Manager

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## 14-MILKHOUSE FORD LOOP NW, DC



This 1.6-mile loop trail is considered fairly easy. It is mostly a shaded trail that partially runs along Rock Creek. This trail is great for hiking, running, and horseback riding.

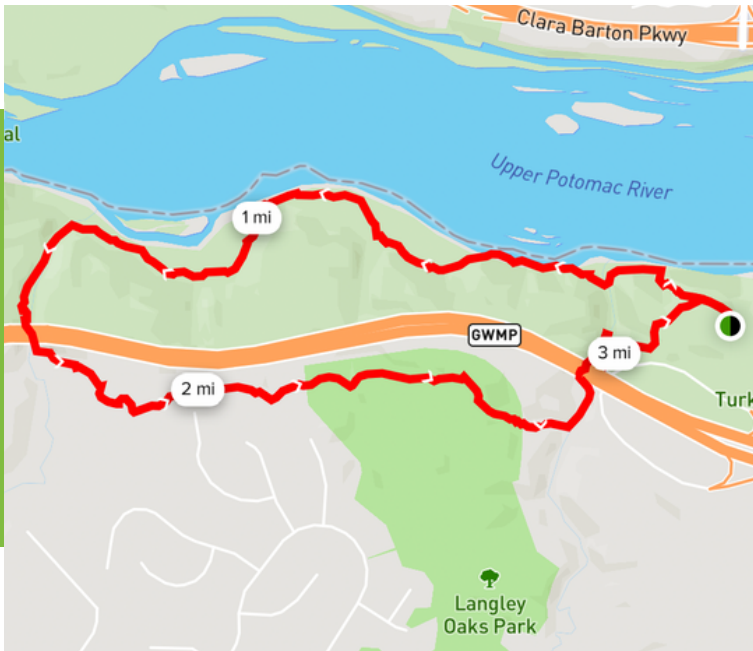


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# 15-TURKEY RUN TRAIL

## MCLEAN, VA



This is a 3.3-mile loop trail can be difficult because of the elevation and rocky terrain. There are great views along the Potomac River and Dead Run.

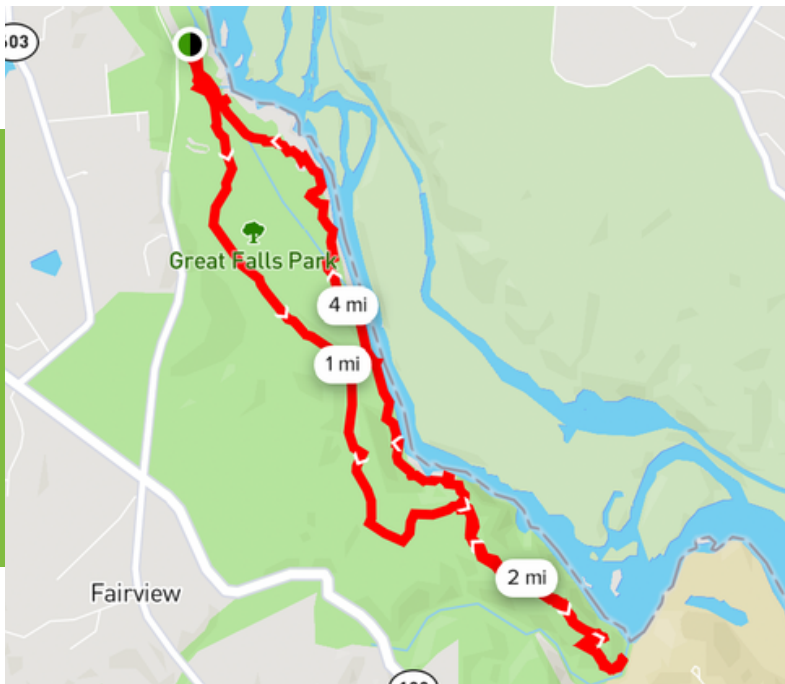


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# 16-GREAT FALLS RIVER TRAIL LOOP

## MCLEAN, VA



This is a 5-mile loop trail that goes partially along the Potomac. This trail has lots of great scenery and leads to some beautiful falls overlooks.



**Olivia Guerra**  
Director of Institutional Giving

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# 17-BURKE LAKE TRAIL

## FAIRFAX STATION, VA



This trail is a 4.8-mile loop and is considered fairly easy with minimal elevation gain at 114 ft. It provides gorgeous views across Burke Lake. This is a kid- and dog-friendly hike.

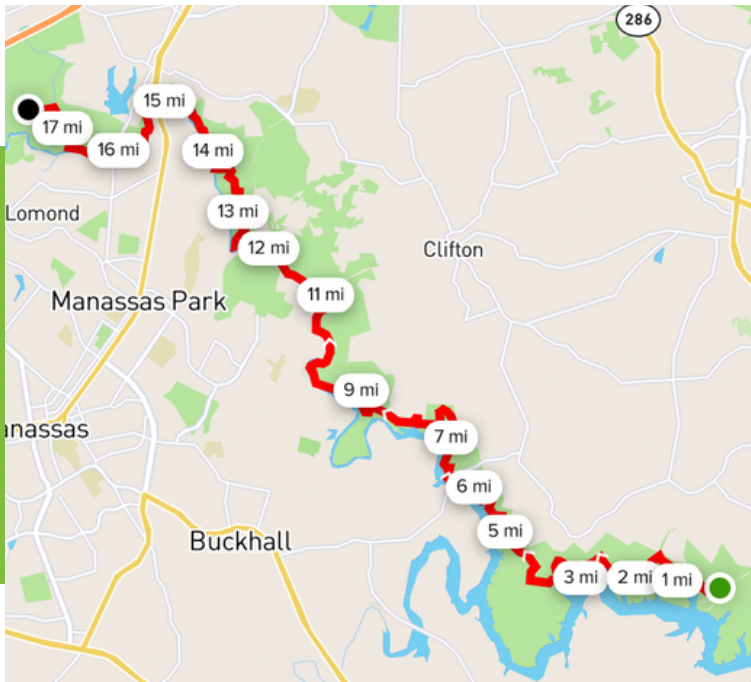


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# 18-BULL RUN OCCOQUAN TRAIL

## FAIRFAX STATION, VA



This is a 17.6-mile point-to-point trail that is moderately challenging. There is an 1,617 ft elevation gain which increases the difficulty. Part of the trail goes along Bull Run which is a tributary of the Occoquan River.



**Grant Miller**  
Tree and Seed Program Intern

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# 19- OCCOQUAN BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WOODBIDGE, VA



This 2.1-mile loop trail is fairly easy with minimal elevation gain. Part of the trail runs along the Occoquan River providing unique views.



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# 20-MASON NECK LORTON, VA



This 5.3-mile loop trail is great if you are looking for a moderately challenging route. Part of the trail goes alongside the Belmont Bay providing unique views and wildlife.

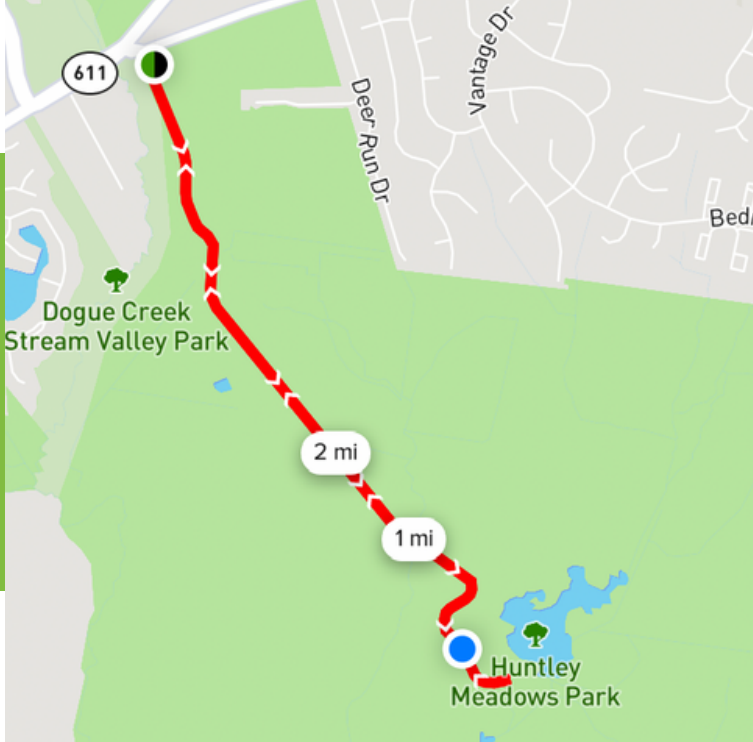


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# 21-HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK

## ALEXANDRIA, VA



This 2.8-mile trail is a nice and easy hike for all ages. Throughout this wetlands trail you can expect to see lots of birds, and there is a lookout spot onto the lake at the end.

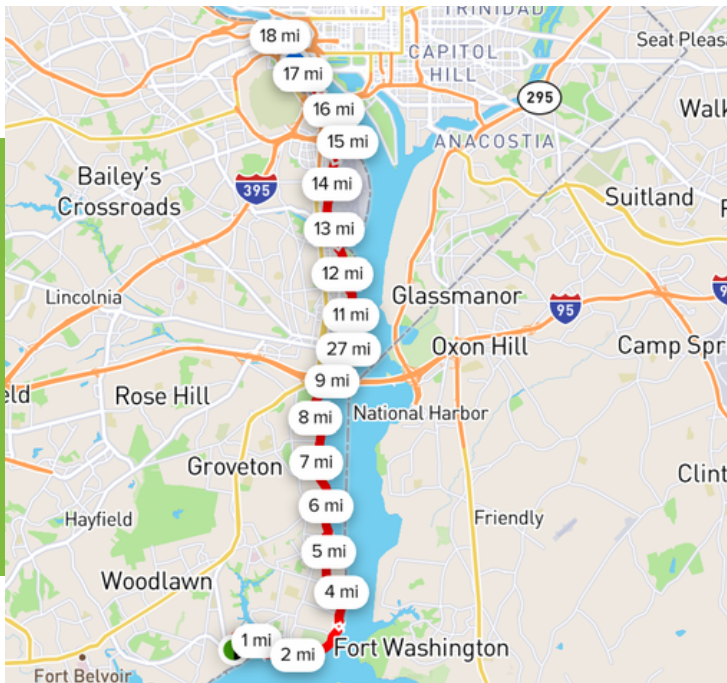


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Director of Seed and Tree Programs

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# 22-MOUNT VERNON TRAIL

## ALEXANDRIA, VA



This is a 37.2-mile out-and-back trail that can be customized to the length you want. The majority of the trail is along the Potomac River which provides great views.

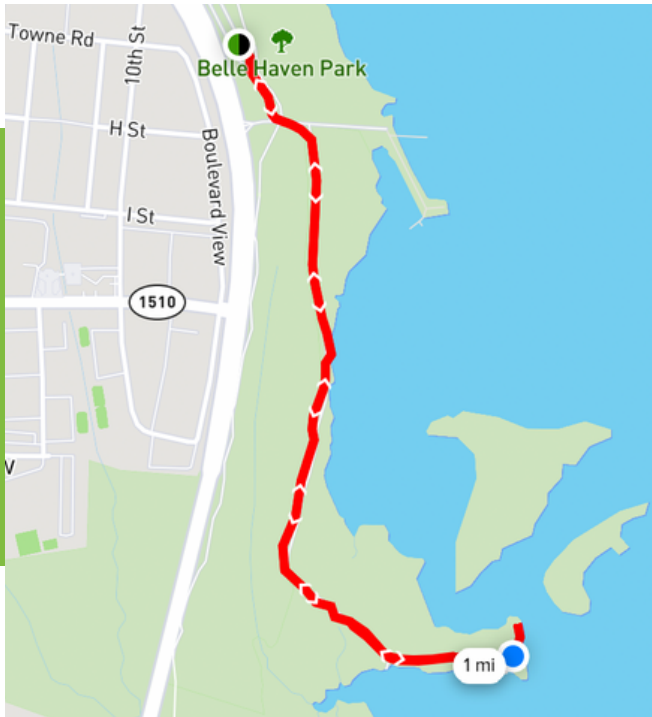


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Director of Communications

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# 23-DYKE MARSH WILDLIFE PRESERVE ALEXANDRIA, VA



This trail is 1.8-mile out-and-back. It is a fairly easy trail with almost no elevation change. This trail is ideal for hiking, birding, and running. The trail goes along the Potomac River which has great scenic views.



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# 24-GOOSE CREEK AND CATHEDRAL TRAIL LOOP LEESBURG, VA



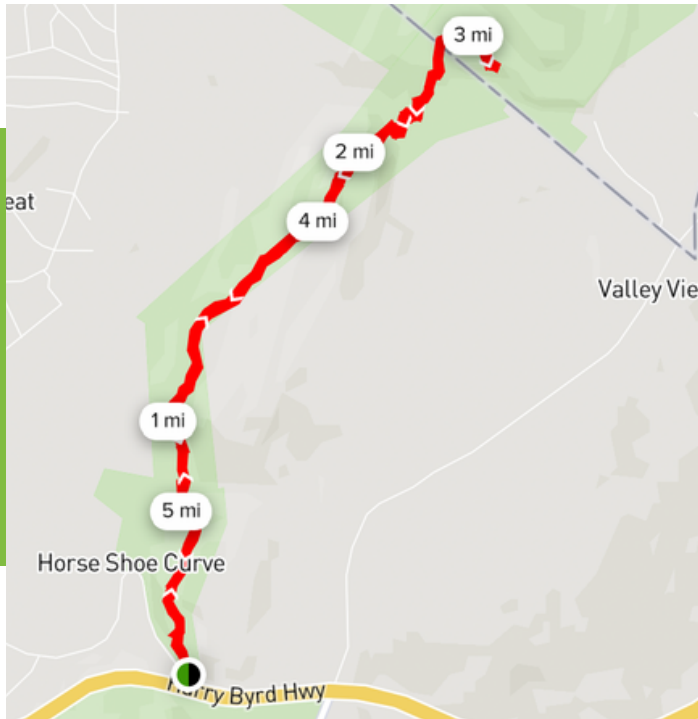
This is a 2.8-mile loop trail that partially goes along Goose Creek. This is a good place for birding and hiking. There are other paths adjacent to increase the distance.



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President

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## 25- RAVEN ROCKS VIA APPALACHIAN TRAIL BLUEMONT, VA



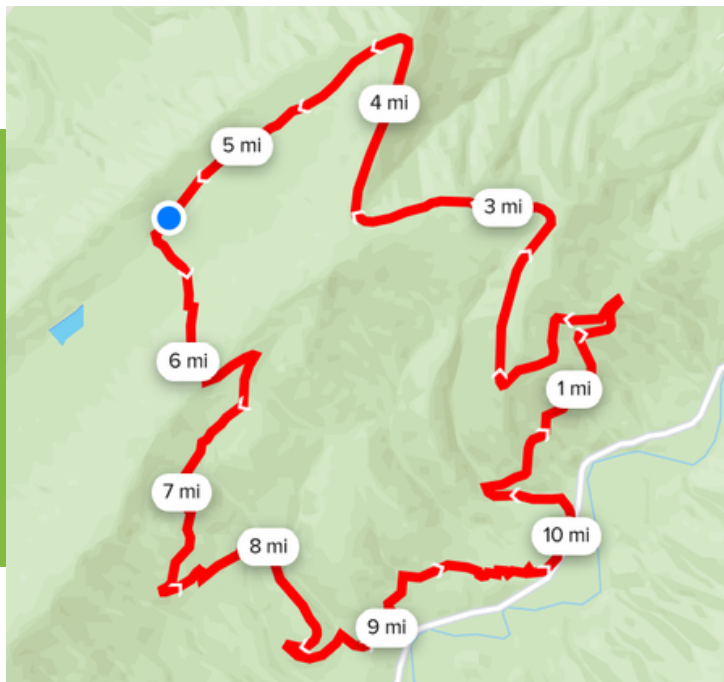
This is a 5.7-mile out-and-back trail that is considered moderately difficult with an elevation gain of 1,535 ft. There are multiple creeks on the trail and lovely views at the lookout.



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Vice President of Communications

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## 26-SIGNAL KNOB FORT VALLEY, VA



This is a 10-mile trail that is generally considered difficult. The best time to visit this trail is during the spring, summer, and fall. With an elevation gain of 2,217 ft, there are gorgeous views of nearby nature.



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