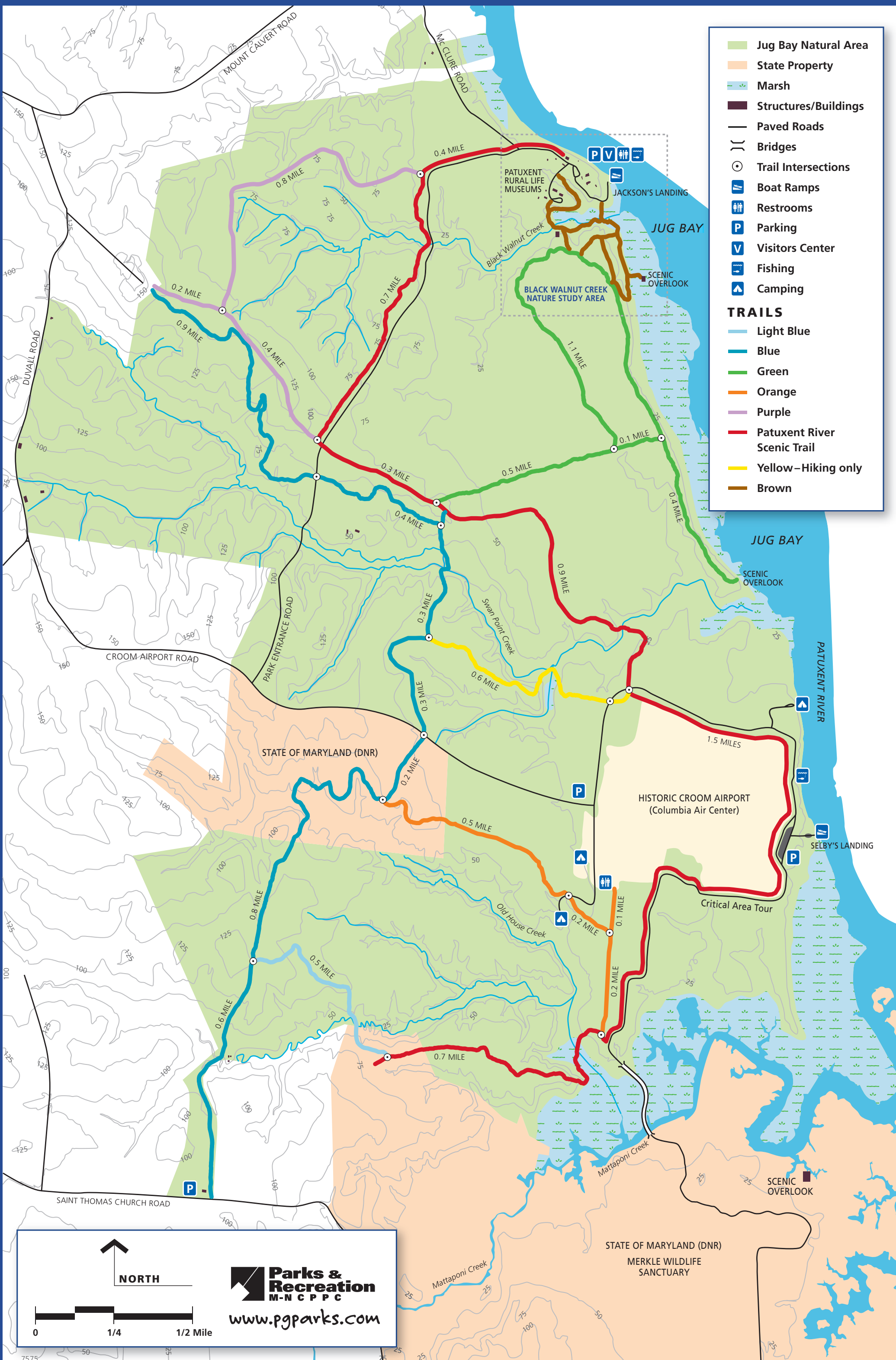


Patuxent River Park / Jug Bay Natural Area

Trail Etiquette



SMART TRAIL USE includes adherence to some basic safety practices. Trails are shared recreation amenities and are accessed by a variety of users at the same time. Please be courteous to all users and remember that pedestrians have the right-of-way. All trail users should stay to the right on the trail.

- Never use the trails at dark and always follow posted regulations.
- Leave no trace. Place trash in receptacles.
- Bicyclists should pull off the trail when stopping to avoid a possible accident.
- Bicyclists approaching pedestrians should make an advanced noise using voice, bell, or horn to avoid startling walkers.
- Bicyclists should always wear a helmet and ride at speeds that do not exceed 12 miles per hour.
- Horses should be kept on the grass shoulder, when possible.
- With the exception of motorized wheelchairs, motorized vehicles are not allowed on the trail.
- Pets should be kept on a short leash and people must clean up after their pets.
- Be sure to carry identification (which includes name, phone number, and pertinent medical information), and record your bicycle serial number.
- Carry coins for phone calls or have a cell phone.
- Prior to using a new trail take the time to familiarize yourself with the trail and plan your route.
- Tell friends or family the route you'll be taking, and always travel with a partner when possible.
- Avoid unfamiliar areas when on the trails alone.
- Stay alert, be observant about your surroundings and avoid areas where visibility is poor.
- Wear reflective material and carry a whistle or noisemaker.
- Never wear a headset.
- Use discretion when acknowledging strangers, and follow your intuition about unfamiliar people and areas.
- When on roadways, remember to ride with traffic, but walk and run against traffic.
- Always carry tools to change a flat tire or make minor repairs.
- Trails are available for use from 8:00 am to dusk each day.

PARK POLICE: 301-459-3232

PARK HOURS: The park is open daily from 8:00 am until dusk with seasonal adjustments

BICYCLISTS: Control bicycle. Yield to equestrians and hikers. Wear a helmet.

HIKERS: Yield to equestrians. Allow bicycles to pass.

EQUESTRIANS: Control your horse. Avoid cross-country riding.

