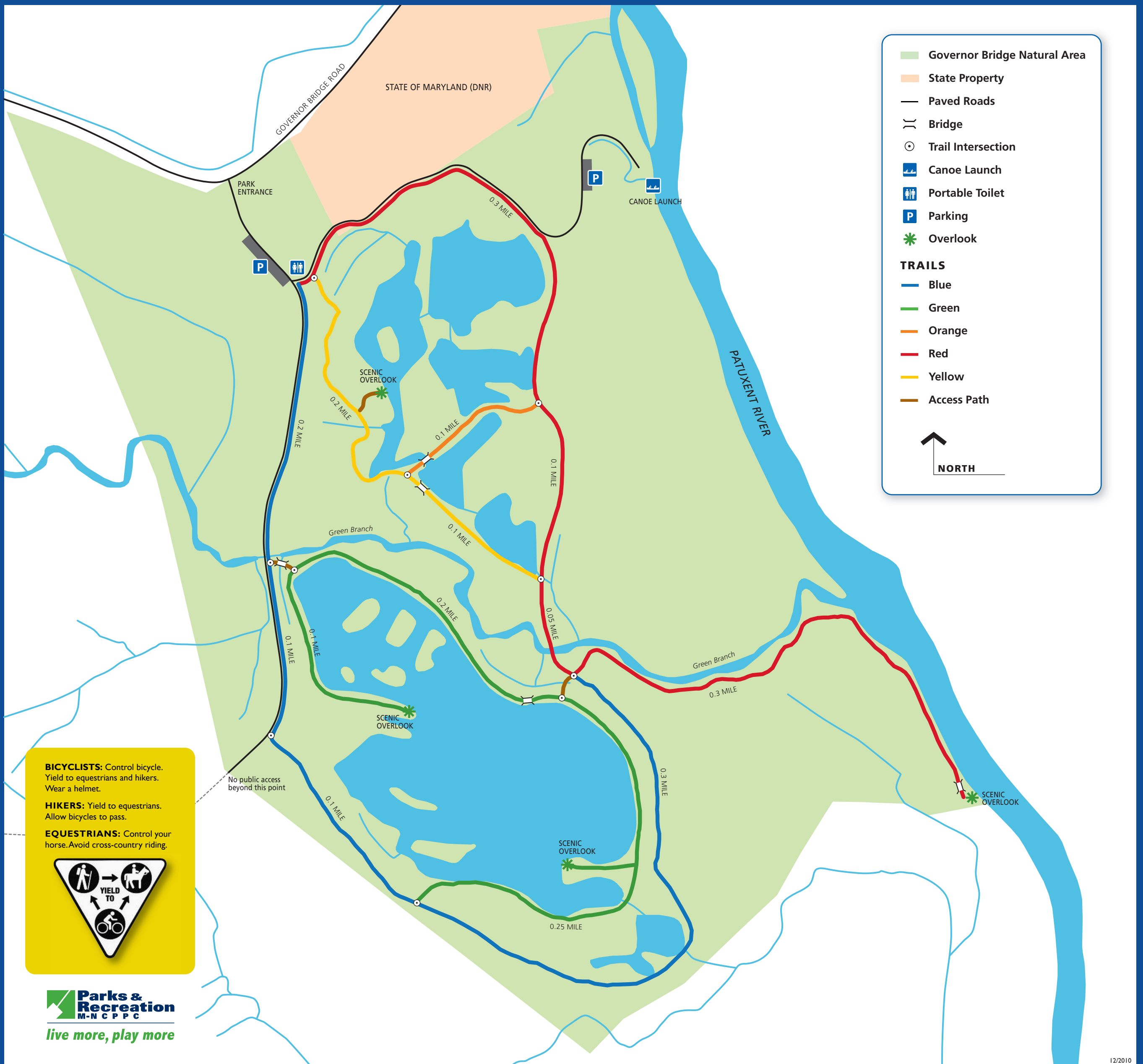


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T I P S F O R T R A I L S A F E T Y

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.

- Always follow posted regulations.
- Do not litter. Place trash in receptacles.
- Bicyclists should pull off the trail when stopping to avoid a potential accident.
- Bicyclists approaching pedestrians should make an advanced noise using voice, bell, or horn to avoid startling walkers.

- Carry a cell phone.
- Bicyclists should always wear helmets 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 trails.
- 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.

- Never wear headsets.
- Wear reflective material and carry a whistle or noisemaker.
- Prior to using trails, familiarize yourself with the trail and plan your route.
- Tell friends or family the route you'll be taking and 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.
- 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.
- Carry tools for minor repairs, if possible. Have supplies to change a flat tire when biking.
- Trails are available for use from sunrise to sunset each day.

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