

## Rules & Regulations

Following the rules and applying common sense will help ensure a safe and pleasant visit for all.

- Park only in designated areas
- Fires allowed in park grills only – No campfires
- No motorized vehicles allowed off road
- No disturbance or removal of plant or animal life
- All dogs must be on a leash
- No wading or swimming
- No camping or hunting
- No alcohol
- No metal detectors

## Park Phone: 786-8989

In event of emergency, park staff can call 911.  
First aid kit available at boat concession.

## Concession

Fishing and jon boat/canoe rental available for fee (brochure on rates, lake map available).

## Hours of Operation

April 1 – Oct. 31 7am-7pm DAILY  
CLOSED Every Tuesday & Wednesday  
Nov. 1 – March 31 CLOSED

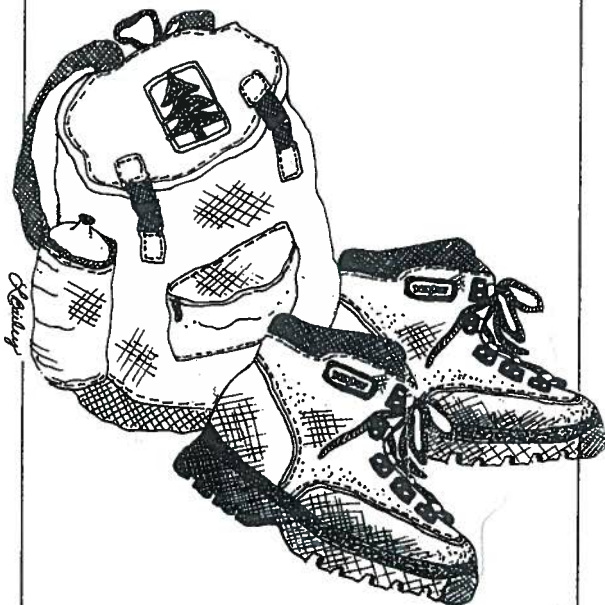
Weather and Water Conditions Permitting

## Nature Center

Open Sat/Sun 12-5pm, April 1-Oct. 31  
Interested in Volunteering? 372-1086 x213

For more information, contact the City of Fredericksburg  
Department of Parks, Recreation & Public Facilities  
408 Canal St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401 (540) 372-1086  
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# Motts Run Reservoir



## Hiking Trails Guide 2015

City of Fredericksburg  
Department of Parks, Recreation  
and Public Facilities

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## Welcome to Motts Run Reservoir

Welcome to the woods and waters of Motts Run Reservoir. This 860-acre park was opened in 1974, three years after completion of the reservoir, and since that time has seen many changes. In 2000 a water treatment facility was completed near the dam to serve the City of Fredericksburg and parts of Spotsylvania Co., and in 2004 our lovely log cabin nature center was completed. Motts Run continues to provide recreational opportunities for fishermen and boaters, as well as habitat for waterfowl and a host of other wildlife. Over 4.5 miles of hiking trails, in turn, encourage exploration of the surrounding forest.

## Trees Along the Trail

... see how many you can identify

<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia pine	<input type="checkbox"/> Loblolly pine
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern redcedar	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweetgum
<input type="checkbox"/> Tulip poplar	<input type="checkbox"/> Black gum
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder	<input type="checkbox"/> E. cottonwood
<input type="checkbox"/> American beech	<input type="checkbox"/> Mockernut hickory
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern red oak	<input type="checkbox"/> Southern red oak
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut oak	<input type="checkbox"/> Post oak
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Oak	<input type="checkbox"/> Willow oak
<input type="checkbox"/> White oak	<input type="checkbox"/> Sycamore
<input type="checkbox"/> American holly	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild black cherry
<input type="checkbox"/> Red maple	<input type="checkbox"/> E. redbud
<input type="checkbox"/> Am. hombeam	<input type="checkbox"/> White ash
<input type="checkbox"/> Flowering dogwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

## Wildlife

Wetland vegetation rimming the 6.5 mile shoreline provides a breeding ground for spring peepers and American toads, dragonflies and mayflies, which in turn become food for bluegill and bass. Great blue herons, kingfisher and osprey prey on the aquatic life while beavers make use of the sweetgum, oak, and pine growing along the banks, for their numerous stick and mud bank lodges. Further upland, the hardwood forest of oak, hickory and beech provides food and shelter for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, raccoon, and the great-horned owl. Flowering

"When we try to pick out anything by itself,  
we find it hitched to everything else  
in the universe."

mountain laurel and dogwood brighten the spring woodland while black gum and red maple set the autumn woods on fire. Enjoy your visit to this wilderness in reach of town!

## Orienteering Course

Challenge yourself with map and compass! A series of possible routes through the woods to orange-topped posts makes for great family fun. Info @ Nature Center or [www.fredericksburgva.gov](http://www.fredericksburgva.gov) (Parks&Rec / Parks / Motts Run Nature Center/)



## Eagle Scout

### Service Projects

9/96	Corwin Paxton - Hidden Creek Trail footbridges
4/97	William Wilkerson - Mine Run Trail footbridges
6/97	Will Dickinson - Mine Run Trail clearing
1/99	Chris Horne - Laurel Trail clearing & bench
1/99	Ryan Keeling - Lakeview Trail clearing
8/01	Phillip Wilkerson-Opsrey Pt. Tr., benches/bridge
3/02	John Weir - Bank Fishing Tr. Footbridges; Bench on Lakeview Tr.
5/03	Cole Grinnell - Old Silo Trail and benches
9/03	Andrew Orr - Lakeside Amphitheatre and firepit
11/03	Zach Bailey - Orienteering Course
7/04	Matt Pugh - Turkey Ridge Amphitheatre
5/05	Shawn Straub - Bat Houses
2/06	Jack Richmond - Hidden Creek Amphitheatre
8/07	Shain Berger - Stairway & Benches-Alum Sp. Pk.
9/07	James Ragonesi - Bluebird Houses-Dixon Park
10/07	Dominick Gattuso - Stairway&Benches-Alum Sp.
1/08	Jonathan Bledsoe - Orienteering Course - Old Mill
7/08	Tristan Jones - Bank Fishing Tr. Benches/Ramps
12/08	Carl Bailey - Informational Kiosks
12/09	Jacob Templin - Trail benches & blazes
11/10	Cameron Caldwell - Bluebird/butterfly habitat
9/12	Andrew McKinney - Trail & Benches - Alum Sp Pk.
7/13	Andrew Karras - Picnic Tables
3/14	Evan Barnes - Trail to Lake
5/14	Connor Benhase - Nature Play Space
5/14	Philip Wiltmuth - Nature Play Space
12/14	Anthony Valvo - Wood Duck Boxes & Benches
12/14	Kyle Kabza - Turkey Ridge Trail Amphitheatre
3/15	Alexander Burnley - Apiary (Bee Hives)

**Trailkeeper Program:** Help maintain your own section of trail. Call 372-1086, ext. 213 for info.



# HIKING TRAILS GUIDE

Hiking terrain includes gently rolling hills and at least one moderately steep hill per trail. Follow painted blaze marks (rectangles □) on trees. Spurs/shortcuts have white blazes. Double blaze indicates turn.

## MINE RUN TRAIL

RED - 2.6 miles roundtrip  
Linear trail terminates at Mine Run.  
Hiking time approx. 1 hour.

## LAKEVIEW TRAIL

GREEN - .5 miles  
Lovely lake views through pines on Ridge. Bridge over wetland area.  
Hiking time approx. 15 min.

## TURKEY RIDGE TRAIL

YELLOW - .8 mile loop  
Recommended hiking clockwise.  
Hiking time approx. 20 min.

**POSSUM PATH:** .2 miles (white)  
**NEW!! TURKEY RIDGE NATURE TRAIL**  
Self-guided. Brochure at Nature Center.

## LAUREL TRAIL

PURPLE - .4 miles roundtrip to lake  
Mt. Laurel in bloom early May.  
Hiking time approx. 10 min.

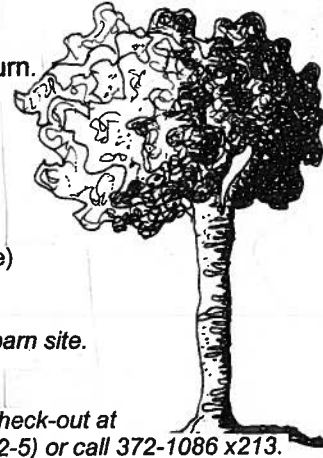
## HIDDEN CREEK TRAIL

BLUE - 1.5 mi. loop  
Much beaver activity. Lovely views.  
Hiking time approx. 45 min.

**OSPREY PT. TRAIL:** .2 miles (white)  
Lovely lake views & two benches.  
**OLD SILO TRAIL:** .2 miles  
Group benches at old farm silo and barn site.

## ORIENTEERING COURSE

Maps and compasses available for check-out at Motts Run Nature Center (Sat/Sun 12-5) or call 372-1086 x213.



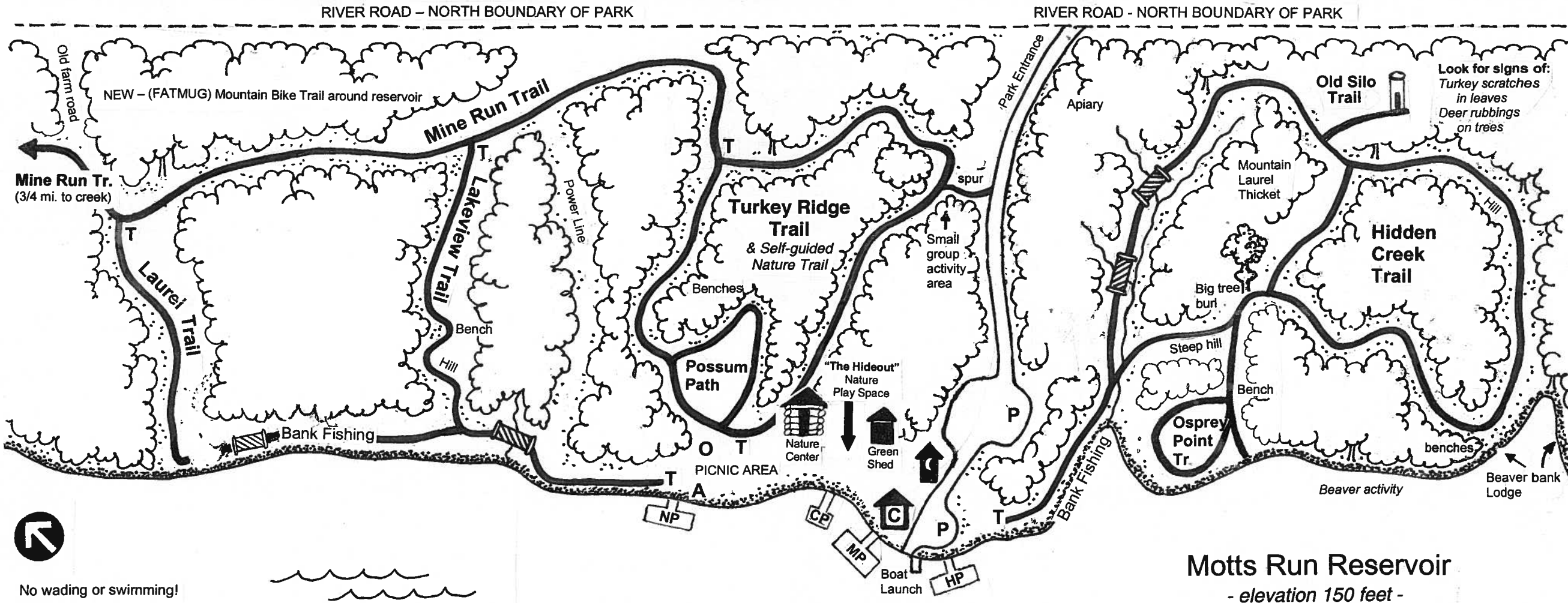
# KEY

- P..... Parking
- A..... Amphitheatre
- T..... Trailhead
- C..... Concessions
- MP..... Main Fishing Pier
- NP..... Nature/Fishing Pier
- CP..... Children's Fishing Pier
- HP..... Handicap Fishing Pier
- O..... Orienteering Course

- Trail
- ▨ Footbridge
- ↑ Port-a-johns
- ⊙ Due North

# HIKING HINTS

Hike with companion  
Carry water in hot weather  
**CAUTION:** Yellow-jackets nest underground and can be very aggressive from July to frost. Carry medication if allergic and stay on trails.  
**Observe closing time of SUNSET**



Motts Run Reservoir  
- elevation 150 feet -