

# A GUIDE TO MARYLAND HORSE TRAILS



## EXPERIENCE MARYLAND FROM HORSEBACK

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### Trail Riding Tips

Veteran trail riders have compiled these TIPS to help prepare both you and your horse for a safe and enjoyable ride. Whether you are riding your own horse, or one provided by a guide, awareness of safe and courteous trail practices are essential.

### Planning Your Ride

- Tell someone where you plan to ride and how long you expect to be riding.
- Check the weather the day before a ride and plan accordingly. Most parks have a "no riding" policy if the trails are too wet.
- Check the park's website prior to your visit for rules and regulations.
- Check tack to be sure buckles, fasteners, girths and leather are all in good working condition.
- Plan a few rides with one or two experienced riders if you or your horse have never been on the trail, before you ride with a larger group. Your horse may encounter pedestrians, bikes, ATVs, dirt bikes or dogs on the trail.
- Go with someone who is familiar with the trails.
- Know the level of difficulty of the trails you will be riding. A young, old or inexperienced horse needs shorter, less challenging trails. Think about how much exercise your horse is used to and their physical condition.
- Learn about trail conditions. What is the trail surface? Is the terrain hilly? Are there stream or road crossings? Will you be riding in woods and/or open fields?
- Establish clear expectations with the other riders. How long do they want to ride? What is their speed and style of riding?
- Tie a red ribbon on your horse's tail if your horse has ever kicked out at another horse, as a warning to other riders.
- Know how easily you can get on and off your horse without mounting assistance such as a log or a mounting block. If there is any question of safety while mounting, have someone hold your horse.
- Determine who will lead the ride. If riders have a variety of trail experience levels, put an experienced horse and rider at the beginning and the end of the ride.

### What to Wear on the Ride

- Wear long pants to protect your legs.
- Wear riding boots with a heel for safety purposes.
- Wear an equestrian helmet.
- Riding gloves may protect hands on longer rides.
- In colder weather, wear layers for warmth.

### What to Take with You

- Fill your trailer manger and/or hay bag.
- Bring or have at least 5 gallons of water and a water bucket for your horse.
- In warmer weather, bring a 2nd bucket, sponge and fly spray.

Use a **saddlebag** in front or behind your saddle to carry a few essential items that will handle most minor circumstances while out on the trail.

- Trail map
- Emergency number for the park you are visiting
- Compass
- Keep your cell phone and keys on YOU and not the horse in case you would be separated for any reason
- Bottled water
- Light snack
- Small first aid kit
- Hand clippers
- Small folding saw
- Pocket knife
- Baling twine
- Hoof pick
- Insect repellent - horse and human
- Raincoat or poncho
- Flashlight
- Leather punch

A halter and lead rope are handy to have with you. You will need them to tie off your horse if you plan to stop for a rest and have lunch or a snack. It is not safe to tie your horse with your bridle reins.



### Equipment for your Horse

- Light-weight trail saddles are designed for comfort of both horse and rider over long hours.
- Wide cushioned stirrups can be more comfortable than metal stirrups.
- Breast collar helps keeps your saddle in place.
- Bridle, bitless bridle or hackamore. If you ride with a bit, be sure to carry a halter and leadrope with you.
- Saddlebag
- Fly mask
- While some horses can travel barefoot, most horses require hoof protection for hard or rocky trails. For horses that are not shod, snobby protective hoof boots can be used. For cold or snowy climates, borium studs can be added to steel shoes.

### During the Ride

- Always start out walking horses so both you and your horse can warm up.
- Keep the length of one horse between you and the horse in front of you.
- Check the tightness of your girth after about five minutes of riding. Call out if you need to stop and tighten your girth. Check again later during the ride.
- Stay behind the ride leader.
- If you need to pass another horse, ask permission from the rider in front of you and pass to the left.
- If you are leading, give a hand signal (put your hand in the air) to let others know that you are slowing down. Other riders should also use the hand signals to alert riders behind them.
- At road crossings, wait until all horses can cross together. In Maryland, as in most states, there is no traffic rule requiring motorists to stop for horses. Use caution crossing any road. Larger groups should have someone stop traffic from horseback to allow riders to cross.
- At stream crossings, allow your horse to drink, then move forward so others can get to water. Wait until all horses have had a chance to drink before resuming the ride.
- If you encounter a low branch, hole on the trail, or poisonous vines, call out to others to warn them. Each rider should quickly pass the message to the riders behind them.
- If you need to dismount during the ride, look for a log to use as a mounting block, or move the horse close to a hill and mount from the hill. Just a few inches can make a difference between a comfortable or awkward mounting.

- If you have any concerns about safety while you are dismounting, ask for someone to hold your horse.
- Keep all horses together. If you are the last horse, don't hold back so that you can catch up at a canter. Many horses will spook at the sound of a horse running up behind them.
- If the pace is too fast for your comfort, call out to the leader to slow down. The pace of the ride should always be geared to the least experienced horse or rider.
- Ride leaders should check on riders periodically to be sure they are comfortable at current pace. The next to the last rider should periodically check on the last rider.
- Walk the last 1/2 mile of the ride so that horses can cool down.

### After the Ride

- When you remove your bridle, keep the reins around your horse's neck until the halter has been put on so that you have some means of control.
- Once the halter is on, tie your horse and remove the saddle and pad.
- If you feel your horse needs to be cooled down, walk out slowly until heart rate returns to normal.
- Have cool water available for your horse in a water bucket.
- In hot weather, sponge down your horse with cool water and wipe mud from legs and under belly.
- Clean hooves if shoes are on horse, or remove horse boots.
- Check your horse for ticks, cuts or scratches.
- Have hay available for your horse after the ride if you plan to stay and have lunch with your ride partners.
- Clean up the area around your trailer before leaving the park.



## The best views are from horseback!



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### Trail Stewardship

- Avoid riding when trails are wet.
- Pack in, pack out - take everything with you that you brought.
- Cross water at designated crossings only.
- Stay on marked trails. If you encounter an obstacle that must be passed around, do so carefully and report the obstacle to park officials after the ride.
- Avoid muddy trails if you can choose another route. Walk through any mud.
- Clip back small branches and limbs from the trail if permitted and if you can do so safely.
- Keep your muck in your trailer or dispose of it in a designated area. Clean up scattered hay.

### Trail Courtesy on Multi-Use Trails

Many trails are shared with hikers and bikers. Ensure that meetings on the trail are a positive experience for everyone.

- Trail Yield Rules: Bikers and hikers yield to horses. Bikers yield to hikers.
- Thank bikers and hikers for yielding the trail.
- Ride on the right.
- Walk past other trail users in single file.
- If someone appears suddenly on the trail, politely ask them to call out so the horse realizes it is a human.
- Trail rules may vary concerning manure removal. Honor the rules where you are riding. If you are riding a trail primarily used by hikers and bikers, kicking manure to the side of the trail demonstrates good trail stewardship.
- Do not trot or canter unless you can see a clear trail ahead.



### MD Trail Riding Organizations

**Chesapeake Plantation Walking Horse Club** - 410-215-4979 - jacquiecowan@comcast.net  
**Mt. Airy Saddle Pals** - Find us on Facebook  
**My Lady's Manor Driving Club** - mlmdc.org  
**Old People's Riding Club** - oldpeoplesridingclub.com  
**Southern Maryland Trail Riders** - Find us on Facebook  
**Trail Riders of Today (TROT)** - trot-md.org

Schedule a work day with your local parks agency, or sign up to join a "friends" group.

### Camping with Horses

Maryland State Parks, State Forests, County & National Parks that permit camping with horses:

**Assateague Island National Seashore** - primitive  
**Catoctin Mountain National Park** - primitive non-motorized  
**Cedarville State Forest** - primitive  
**Fair Hill NRMA** - water/electric sites  
**Garrett State Forest** - primitive  
**Green Ridge State Forest** - primitive  
**Little Bennett Regional Park** - primitive  
**Patapsco Valley State Park** - must be a League of Maryland Horseman member to camp. Campground adjacent to McKeldin Area of State Park - electric sites, full bathroom with shower, clubhouse and arena available.  
**Potomac State Forest** - primitive - 1 group site available.  
**Savage River State Forest** - primitive  
**Tuckahoe State Park** - must be a member of the Tuckahoe Equestrian Club to camp - electric sites. Located within State Park.

### Private Camping and Bed & Barn Facilities

**Fairwinds Farm & Stables** - 410-658-8187 - North East fairwindsstables.com - 10 minutes from Fair Hill NRMA.

**Grove Point Stables** - 252-305-3421 - Earleville grovepointstables.com - primitive camping, generators welcome.

**Holly Ridge Equestrian Center** - 410-835-2596 - Willards hollyridgefarm.com - within 25 minutes of Assateague Island and Ocean City.

**Ironstar Outpost East** - 443-676-3811 - Sykesville ironstaroutpost.com - within 3 miles of Patapsco Valley State Park and Morgan Run NEA.

**League of Maryland Horsemen** - Woodstock leagueofmarylandhorsemen.com/ - adjacent to Patapsco Valley State Park. Must be member to camp.

**Rusted Star Ranch** - 443-880-2002 - Berlin rustedstarranch.org/boarding - within 20-30 minutes of Assateague Island, Pocomoke SF, Idylewild WMA and Wicomico Forest Trails.

**Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Horse Club** - Queen Anne 516-901-4979 - tuckahoequestriancenter.com/tec.stacyfrank1@yahoo.com - Must be member to camp.

**Valley Meadow Farms Trails Getaway** - Hancock 301-678-6584 - valleymeadowfarms.com - 40 miles of private trails - Farmhouse Bed & Barn Stay or Self-Contained RV. Endorsed by Best of America by Horseback.

**Windsong Arabians** - 301-831-5083 - Mt. Airy windsongarabians.com - within 20 minutes of Little Bennett Regional Park. 2-night stay minimum.

### Overnight Stabling

**Fairwinds Farm & Stables** - 410-658-8187 - North East fairwindsstables.com

**Holly Ridge Equestrian Center** - 410-835-2596 - Willards hollyridgefarm.com

**Rusted Star Ranch** - 443-880-2002 - Berlin rustedstarranch.org/boarding

**Valley Meadow Farms** - 301-678-6584 - Hancock valleymeadowfarms.com - deluxe bunkroom - 40 miles of private trails - Endorsed by Best of America by Horseback.

**Windsong Arabians** - 301-831-5083 - Mt. Airy windsongarabians.com



### Licensed Trail Riding Stables/ Guided Trail Rides

#### Western Maryland

##### Allegany County

**Spring Gap Farm** - 301-876-0596 - Cumberland springgapfarm.com

##### Garrett County

**Broken Spoke Stable** - 301-616-4681 - Oakland brokenspokestable.net

**Circle R Ranch** - 301-387-6890 - Oakland deepcreeklakestable.com

**Western Trails** - 301-387-6155 - Oakland westerntrails.net

##### Washington County

**Serendipity Horse Meadows** - 301-514-5671 - Fairplay facebook.com/serendipityhorsemeadows

#### Central & Southern Maryland

##### Baltimore County

**Schaefer's Trail Riding Center** - 410-227-4733 - Woodstock

**The Mule Shack** - 443-421-1116 - Kingsville themuleshack.com

##### Carroll County

**Misty Manor Riding Stables** - 443-277-4693 - Marriottsville mistymanor.com

**River Valley Ranch** - Manchester - rivervalleyranch.com Register online to schedule trail ride.

##### Montgomery County

**Hunt View Riding Academy** - 240-477-9491 - Germantown huntviewhorsefarm.com

**Out of the Box Stables** - 240-447-2283 Gaithersburg - outoftheboxstables.com

**River Bottom Ranch** - 240-672-5504 Damascus - For experienced riders. facebook.com/p/River-Bottom-Farm-100064655593296/

##### Prince George's County

**Piscataway Trails LLC** - 301-297-9808 - Clinton facebook.com/piscatawayHorseFarmInc or call 240-304-6101.

**Foxfire Farm MD LLC** - Brandywine - foxfirefarmmd.com Register online to schedule a trail ride

##### Charles County

**Southern Grace Farm** - 240-298-3518 - Bel Airton southerngracefarm.com

#### Eastern Shore Maryland

##### Cecil County

**Fairwinds Farm & Stables** - 410-658-8187 - North East fairwindsstables.com - Register online to schedule trail ride.

**Grove Point Stables** - 252-305-3421 - Earleville grovepointstables.com

**Rolling Hills Ranch** - 410-378-3817 - Port Deposit rhranch.wpengine.com

##### Dorchester County

**Windy Way Horses** - 443-205-3429 - Hurlock windywayhorses.com

##### Wicomico County

**Holly Ridge Equestrian Center** - 410-835-2596 - Willards hollyridgefarm.com

**Hoof Prints Trail Riding Center** - 410-835-8814 Parsonsburg - hoofprintstrailriding.com - October through May.

# MARYLAND HORSE TRAILS



**LEGEND**

- Equestrian Trail Location
- Protected Lands \*

**CWMA** - City Watershed Management Area  
**DNR** - Department Natural Resources  
**EPIC** - Equestrian Partners in Conservation  
**MHA** - Managed Hunt Area  
**NEA** - Natural Environmental Area  
**NRMA** - Natural Resources Management Area  
**WMA** - Wildlife Management Area  
**WSSC** - Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

## Western Maryland

- Allegany County**
- Great Allegheny Passage** - Allegany Trail Alliance  
5 miles - grass surface - between Frostburg & Mason Dixon Line.
  - Green Ridge State Forest** - Maryland DNR  
301-478-3124 - 20 miles - improved natural surface  
49,000 acres - Equestrian Camping: Primitive
- Frederick County**
- Catoctin Mountain Park** - National Park Service  
301-663-9388 - 74 miles - natural surface - 5,890 acres  
Equestrian Camping: Primitive (Non-motorized Backcountry)
  - Gambrill State Park** - Maryland DNR  
301-271-7574 - 16 miles - natural surface - 1,137 acres  
Day-Use Fee - For experienced trail riders only
  - Monocacy NRMA** - Maryland DNR  
301-924-2127 - 5.6 miles - natural surface - 1,800 acres
- Garrett County**
- Garrett State Forest** - Maryland DNR  
301-334-2038 - 11 miles - improved natural surface  
7,000 acres - Equestrian Camping: Primitive
  - Herrington Manor State Park** - Maryland DNR  
301-334-9180 - 10 miles - natural surface - 365 acres  
Day-Use Fee
  - Potomac State Forest** - Maryland DNR  
301-334-2038 - 10 miles - improved natural surface  
11,535 acres - Equestrian Camping: Primitive
  - Savage River State Forest** - Maryland DNR  
301-895-5759 - 30 miles - improved natural surface  
55,000+ acres
- Washington County**
- Antietam National Battlefield** - National Park Service  
301-432-7648 - 7 miles - paved surface - 2,740 acres  
Day-Use Fee
  - Indian Springs WMA** - Maryland DNR  
301-842-2702 - miles vary - natural surface - 6,400 acres  
closed April 15 through August 1
  - Woodmont NRMA** - Maryland DNR  
301-842-2155 - 10 miles - natural surface - 3,425 acres  
April 1 through September 30 only

## Baltimore County (Continued)

- Prettyboy Reservoir** - City of Baltimore  
410-396-1537 - miles vary - natural surface - 7,380 acres
  - Torrey C. Brown Rail Trail** - Maryland DNR  
410-592-2897 - 19.7 miles - improved natural surface
- Calvert County**
- Calvert Cliffs State Park** - Maryland DNR  
443-975-4360 - 3 miles - gravel service roads only  
1,000 acres - Day-Use Fee
  - King's Landing Park** - Calvert County Parks  
410-535-2661 - 1.5+ miles - natural surface - 256 acres
- Carroll County**
- Gillis Falls** - Carroll County Parks  
410-386-2103 - 4 miles - natural surface - 1,117 acres
  - Liberty Reservoir** - City of Baltimore  
410-396-1537 - miles vary - natural surface - 9,200 acres
  - Morgan Run NEA** - Maryland DNR  
410-461-5004 - 25 miles - natural surface - 2,000 acres
  - Patapsco Valley State Park - McKeldin Area**  
Maryland DNR - 410-461-5005 - 120 miles - natural surface  
16,043 acres - Day-Use Fee
  - Piney Run Park** - Carroll County Parks  
410-795-5165 - 4 miles - natural surface - 550 acres  
Permit required.
  - Union Mills Reservoir** - Carroll County Parks  
410-386-2103 - 12 miles - natural surface - 1,044 acres

**NOTE:** The total combined trail miles available for Loch Raven, Prettyboy and Liberty Reservoirs is approximately 200

## Charles County

- Doncaster Demo State Forest** - Maryland DNR  
301-934-2543 - 13+ miles - natural surface - 1,823 acres
  - Friendship Farm Park** - Charles County Parks  
301-932-3470 - 6 miles - natural surface - 382 acres  
April through November
  - Maxwell Hall Park Equestrian Area**  
Charles County Parks - 301-932-1083 - 14 miles - natural surface - 691 acres - Must have annual membership
  - Myrtle Grove WMA** - Maryland DNR  
301-743-5161 - 2.6 miles - natural surface - 5,190 acres
  - Oak Ridge Park** - Charles County Parks  
301-932-1083 - 5.7 miles - natural surface - 173 acres
- Harford County**
- Gunpowder Falls State Park - Sweet Air Area**  
Maryland DNR - 410-592-2897 - 18 miles - natural surface  
1,250 acres
  - Palmer State Park** - Maryland DNR  
410-557-7994 - 6.5 miles - natural surface - 555 acres  
small parking area - For experienced trail riders only
  - Susquehanna State Park** - Maryland DNR  
410-557-7994 - 15 miles - natural surface - 2,639 acres  
For experienced trail riders only

## Howard County

- Patuxent River State Park - (Annapolis Rock Rd.)**  
Maryland DNR - 301-924-2127 - 6+ marked miles plus  
additional miles of unmarked trails - natural surface  
6,700 acres
- Rockburn Branch Park** - Howard County Parks  
410-313-4700 - 8 miles - natural surface - 415 acres  
Links to Patapsco Valley State Park (Avalon Area)
- Schooley Mill Park** - Howard County Parks  
410-313-4700 - 5 miles - natural surface - 192 acres
- West Friendship Park** - Howard County Parks  
410-313-4700 - 6 miles - natural surface - 350 acres
- Western Regional Park** - Howard County Parks  
410-313-4700 - 2 miles - natural surface - 190 acres

## Montgomery County

- Agricultural History Farm Park Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 4.55 miles  
natural surface - 455 acres - connects with Upper Rock  
Creek Trails
- Black Hill Regional Park** - Montgomery County Parks  
301-495-2595 - 16 miles - natural surface - 1,300 acres
- Blockhouse Point Conservation Park Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 6.86 miles  
natural surface - 630 acres - connects to C&O Canal Trail.
- Bucklodge Conservation Park Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 2+ miles  
natural surface - 215 acres
- Breezy Loop Trail** - Equine Partners EPIC  
240-463-7069 - 9 miles - natural surface
- Dry Seneca Trail** - Equine Partners EPIC  
240-463-7069 - 9 miles - natural surface
- Hoyles Mill Conservation Park Trail**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 6.2 miles  
natural surface - 997 acres
- Lake Frank and Meadowside Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 3.85 miles  
natural surface
- Little Bennett Regional Park**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 20.9 miles  
natural surface - 3,700 acres
- Lois Y. Green Conservation Park Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 4 miles  
natural surface - 250 acres
- Magruder Branch Stream Valley Park Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 3.3 miles  
natural surface - 405 acres - connects with Seneca Creek  
Greenway Trail.
- McKee Beshers WMA** - Maryland DNR  
410-356-9272 - 10 miles - natural surface - 1,971 acres
- Muddy Branch Greenway Trail**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 9.1 miles  
natural surface - connects to Blockhouse Point.

## Montgomery County (Continued)

- North Branch and Kengia Trail**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 5.57 miles  
natural surface - 1,408 acres
- Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 8 miles  
natural surface - 1,320 acres - Links to Wheaton Regional  
Park and Rachel Carson Trails.
- Oak Ridge Conservation Park Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 1.8 miles  
natural surface - 179.3 acres
- Patuxent River State Park - (Route 97)**  
Maryland DNR - 301-924-2127 - 3.4+ marked miles plus  
additional miles of unmarked trails - natural surface  
6,700 acres
- Powerline Trail** - Montgomery County Parks  
301-495-2595 - 6 miles - natural surface
- Rachel Carson Conservation Park Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 6 miles  
natural surface - 650 acres - connects with Northwest  
Branch Stream trails.
- Seneca Creek Greenway Trail**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 7.8 miles  
natural surface - connects with Magruder Branch Stream  
trails.
- Seneca Creek State Park** - Maryland DNR  
301-924-2127 - 50+ miles - natural surface - 6,300 acres  
includes Seneca Ridge & Schaeffer Farm Trails  
Day-Use fee April-October on weekends & holidays.
- Tridelphia Trail** - WSSC  
301-206-7485 - 4 miles - natural surface - 800 acres  
WSSC Permit required
- Underground Railroad Experience Trail**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 2 miles  
natural surface
- Upper Rock Creek Trail** - Montgomery County Parks  
301-495-2595 - 3.1 miles - natural surface - 4,100 acres  
connects with Agricultural History Farm Park Trails
- Upper Paint Branch Stream Valley Park Trails**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 5 miles  
natural surface - 1,200 acres
- Wheaton Regional Park** - Montgomery County Parks  
301-495-2595 - 6 miles - natural surface - 538 acres  
connects with Northwest Branch Stream trails.
- Woodstock Equestrian Park**  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595 - 16 miles  
natural surface - 872 acres
- Rocky Gorge - Terry Ledley Trail** - WSSC  
301-206-7485 - 18 miles - natural surface  
Permit required. This trail travels through Montgomery  
and Prince George's counties.

## Prince George's County

- Anacostia Tributary Trail System**  
Prince George's County Parks - 301-699-2255  
40 miles - paved surface
- Baltimore Washington Annapolis Trail**  
Prince George's County Parks - 301-699-2255  
6 miles - paved surface  
(Prince George's section)
- Cedarville State Forest** - Maryland DNR  
301-888-1410 - 19 miles - natural surface  
3,707 acres - Day-Use Fee - Equestrian Camping:  
Primitive
- Cosca Regional Park**  
Prince George's County Parks - 301-868-1397  
10 miles - natural surface - 690 acres
- Henson Creek Trail**  
Prince George's County Parks - 301-699-2255  
6 miles - paved surface
- Jug Bay Natural Area**  
Prince George's County Parks - 301-627-6074  
15 miles - natural surface - 2,000 acres
- Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary** - Maryland DNR  
443-510-9920 - 3 miles - gravel service roads only  
and Critical Area Driving Tour route - 1,670 acres
- Rosaryville State Park** - Maryland DNR  
301-888-1410 - 9+ miles - natural surface  
1,227 acres - Day-Use Fee
- Fairland Recreational Park**  
This park travels through Montgomery and Prince  
George's counties.  
Montgomery County Parks - 301-495-2595  
3.2 miles - natural surface - 322 acres  
Prince George's County Parks - 301-953-0222  
2.5 miles - natural surface

## St. Mary's County

- Greenwell State Park** - Maryland DNR  
301-872-5688 - 5 miles - natural surface  
596 acres - Day-Use Fee
- St. Mary's River State Park** - Maryland DNR  
301-872-5688 - 71 miles - natural surface  
2,200 acres - Day-Use Fee
- Three Notch Trail**  
St. Mary's County Parks - 301-475-4200 x 1800  
8 miles - asphalt surface

## Eastern Shore Maryland

- Caroline County**
- Idylwild WMA** - Maryland DNR  
410-376-3236 - 47 miles - natural surface  
3,800 acres - free non-hunting permit required
  - Tuckahoe State Park** - Maryland DNR  
410-820-1668 - 20 miles - natural surface  
4,000 acres
- Cecil County**
- Bethel MHA** - Maryland DNR  
410-356-9272 - 2.4 miles - natural surface  
400 acres - free non-hunting permit required
  - Bohemia River State Park** - Maryland DNR  
667-500-2417 - 6 miles - natural surface  
465 acres - Day-Use Fee
  - C&D Canal** - US Army Corp of Engineers  
410-885-5580 - 30 miles - improved natural  
surface - 7,500 acres - trailer parking in Delaware.
  - Courthouse Point MHA** - Maryland DNR  
410-356-9272 - 2.3 miles - natural surface  
315 acres - free non-hunting permit required
  - Earleville WMA** - Maryland DNR  
410-356-9272 - 2.8 miles - natural surface  
190 acres
  - Elk Forest MHA** - Maryland DNR  
410-398-1246 - 80 miles - natural surface  
242 acres - free non-hunting permit required
  - Elk Neck State Forest** - Maryland DNR  
410-356-9272 - 6 miles - dirt/gravel roads  
3,836 acres
  - Fair Hill NRMA** - Maryland DNR  
410-398-1246 - 80 miles - natural surface  
5,656 acres - Day-Use Fee - Equestrian Camping:  
Primitive and Water/Electric Sites, Rest Rooms  
and Showers. Reservations Required.
  - Grove Farm WMA** - Maryland DNR  
410-356-9272 - 5.7 miles - natural surface  
988 acres
  - Old Bohemia WMA** - Maryland DNR  
410-356-9272 - 5.3 miles - natural surface  
1,044 acres
  - Welch Point MHA** - Maryland DNR  
410-356-9272 - 1 mile - natural surface - 77 acres  
free non-hunting permit required

**Privately Owned Trails**

- Valley Meadow Farms Trails Getaway**  
301-678-6584 - Washington County - 40 miles - natural surface  
Day-Use Fee and Reservations Required, Equestrian Camping,  
Farmhouse Bed & Barn Stay, Self-Contained RV & Horse Hotel.

## Recreational Carriage Driving Trails

- Carroll County**
- Morgan Run NEA** - Maryland DNR  
410-461-5004 - 25 miles - natural surface - 2,000 acres
- Cecil County**
- Fair Hill NRMA** - Maryland DNR  
410-398-1246 - 22 miles - natural and gravel surface - Day-Use  
Fee - Equestrian Camping: Primitive and Water/Electric Sites,  
Rest Rooms and Showers - Reservations Required
- Charles County**
- Friendship Farm Park** - Charles County Parks  
301-932-3470 - 2.5 miles - mowed trails along the field edges  
April through November
- Howard County**
- Schooley Mill Park** - Howard County Parks  
410-313-4700 - 2.4 miles - natural surface
- Montgomery County**
- Woodstock Equestrian Park** - Montgomery County Parks  
301-495-2595 - 5+ miles - natural surface - located on west side  
of Route 28.
- Washington County**
- Antietam National Battlefield** - National Park Service  
301-432-7648 - 7 miles - paved surface - Day-Use Fee  
Recreational horse-drawn carriage use on park roads is  
permitted, providing all traffic and parking regulations are  
followed.
- In Case of Emergency - Call 911**
- To report non-emergencies:  
 DNR Land - call DNR Police at 410-260-8880  
 WSSC Land - call WSSC Police at 301-206-8888  
 Montgomery Co. Park Land - call Park Police at  
 301-949-8010

