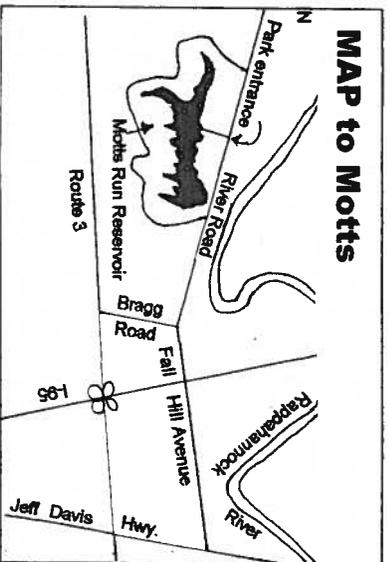


## MAP to Motts



## 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 or bikes 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 – Sept. 30 6am-7pm  
 Oct. 1 – Oct. 31 7am-7pm  
 Nov. 1 – March 31 CLOSED

Weather and Water Conditions Permitting

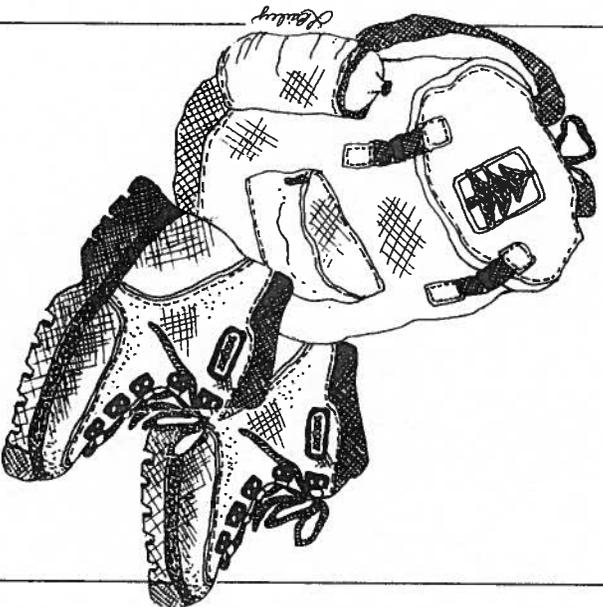
## Nature Center

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

### 2013

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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

Virginia pine	Loblolly pine
Eastern redcedar	Sweetgum
Tulip poplar	Black gum
Alder	E. Cottonwood
American beech	Mockernut Hickory
Northern Red Oak	Southern Red Oak
Chestnut Oak	Post Oak
Scarlet Oak	Willow Oak
White Oak	Sycamore
Black gum	American Holly
Wild black cherry	E. redbud
Am. hornbeam	White ash
Flowering dogwood	Red maple
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 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-Osprey 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 Borger-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

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



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

-John Muir

# 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. 1.5 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.

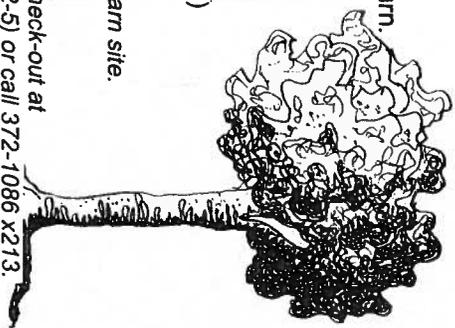
## HIDDEN CREEK TRAIL

**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

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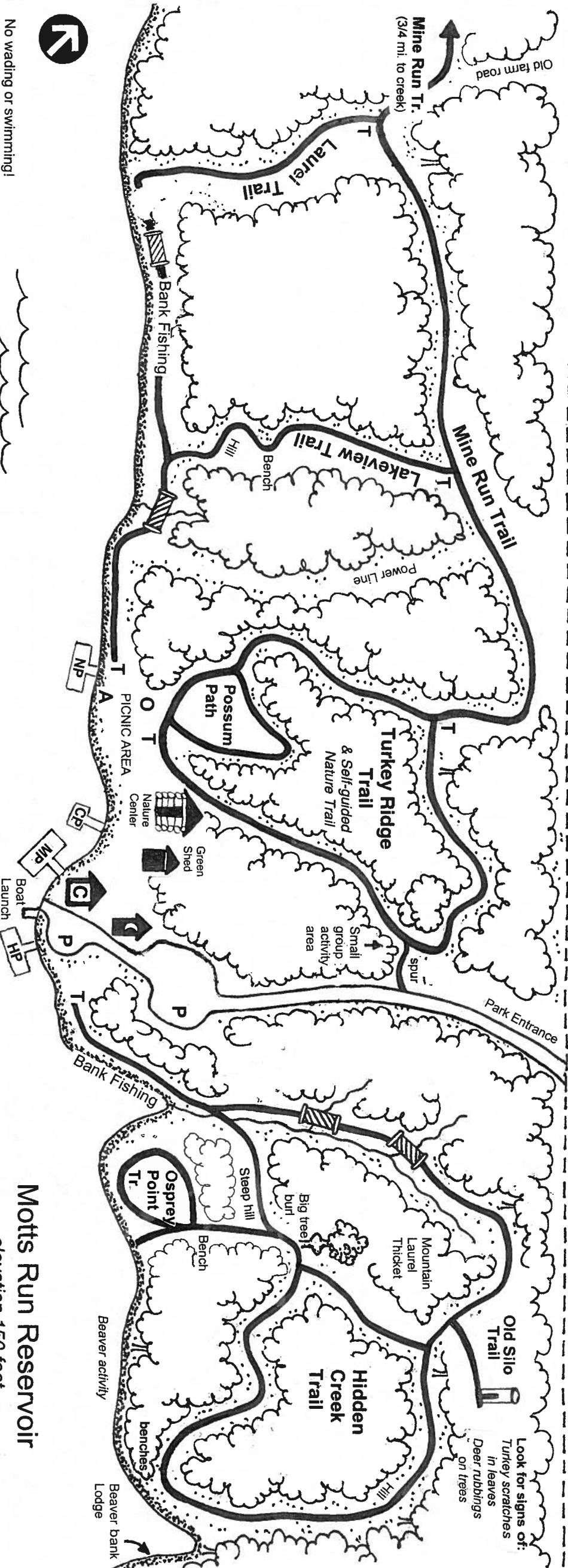


# KEY

- 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**



No wading or swimming!

RIVER ROAD - NORTH BOUNDARY OF PARK

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Motts Run Reservoir

- elevation 150 feet -

Look for signs of:  
Turkey scratches in leaves  
Deer rubbings on trees