

**ACLT Trails
North of
Parkers Creek**

**North of Creek
Heritage Signs Listed by Trail Name
Black tags on map: Topics as indicated
Green tags: Black History as main topic**

Holly Hill and Griffin Meadow Trails

- N1. Holly Hill History, 19th & 20th Centuries
 - Farming, family with Quaker heritage
- N2. Indigenous People, Before European Settlement
 - Visits and land use by Native Peoples
- N3. Holly Hill Log Barn History, 19th Century
 - Farming, vernacular architecture
- N4. Holly Hill Barn Preservation, 21st Century
 - Historic preservation
- N5. Sampson Waring & Warrington, Colonial Period
 - Puritan settler, 17th century politics
- N6. Land Patents on These Trails, Colonial Period
 - 17th century politics, land grants

Double Oak Road Trail

- N7. Benefit Societies by Blacks, 19th & 20th Centuries
 - Black history, social welfare

Parkers Creek Road Trail

- N8. Joseph & Arabella Wallace, 19th & 20th Centuries
 - Black history, Civil War soldier

Turkey Trail

- N9. John W. & Sarah Scales; 19th & 20th Centuries
 - Black history, community activities, politics

Double Oak Road Trail

- N10. Daniel Wallace, Lost All During Depression
 - Black history, farmer

Parkers Creek Road Trail (at the creek)

- N11. Old Mill Bridge & Mills, 18th-20th Centuries
 - Historic roads, reports of 18th century mills

Horse Swamp Trail

- N12. William Parker, Colonist at Parkers Creek*
 - Puritans, earliest documentation of enslaved in area
- N13. Paleoindians, Pre-colonial Period
 - Before the Chesapeake had formed

* Black History as secondary topic

**Parkers Creek Heritage Trail
Highlights of the Area's History**



The Parkers Creek Heritage Trail presents highlights of the history of the Parkers Creek area on 22 signs located on the American Chestnut Land Trust's 26 miles of public hiking trails with companion webpages here: www.pcheritagetrail.org.

The signs and webpages offer insights into five historical periods:

- Before European contact (11,000 BC-1600 AD)
- European settlement (1650-1780s)
- Rural intensification and slavery (1730-1865)
- Small scale agricultural economy (1865-1940)
- Reduction in agriculture and recreational development (1940-present)

Black history is an important theme. Eight interpretive signs are devoted primarily to Black history, while several additional signs include Black history as a secondary focus.

The Heritage Trail website offers extensive treatment of these topics. Browse all pages:

www.pcheritagetrail.org/pcht

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GET TO KNOW ACLT (Est. 1986) www.actweb.org. ACLT is a member-supported, non-profit nature conservancy working to protect the natural lands, waterways, cultural landmarks, and wildlife habitats of the Parkers Creek and Governors Run watersheds and to encourage conservation and preservation throughout Southern Maryland.



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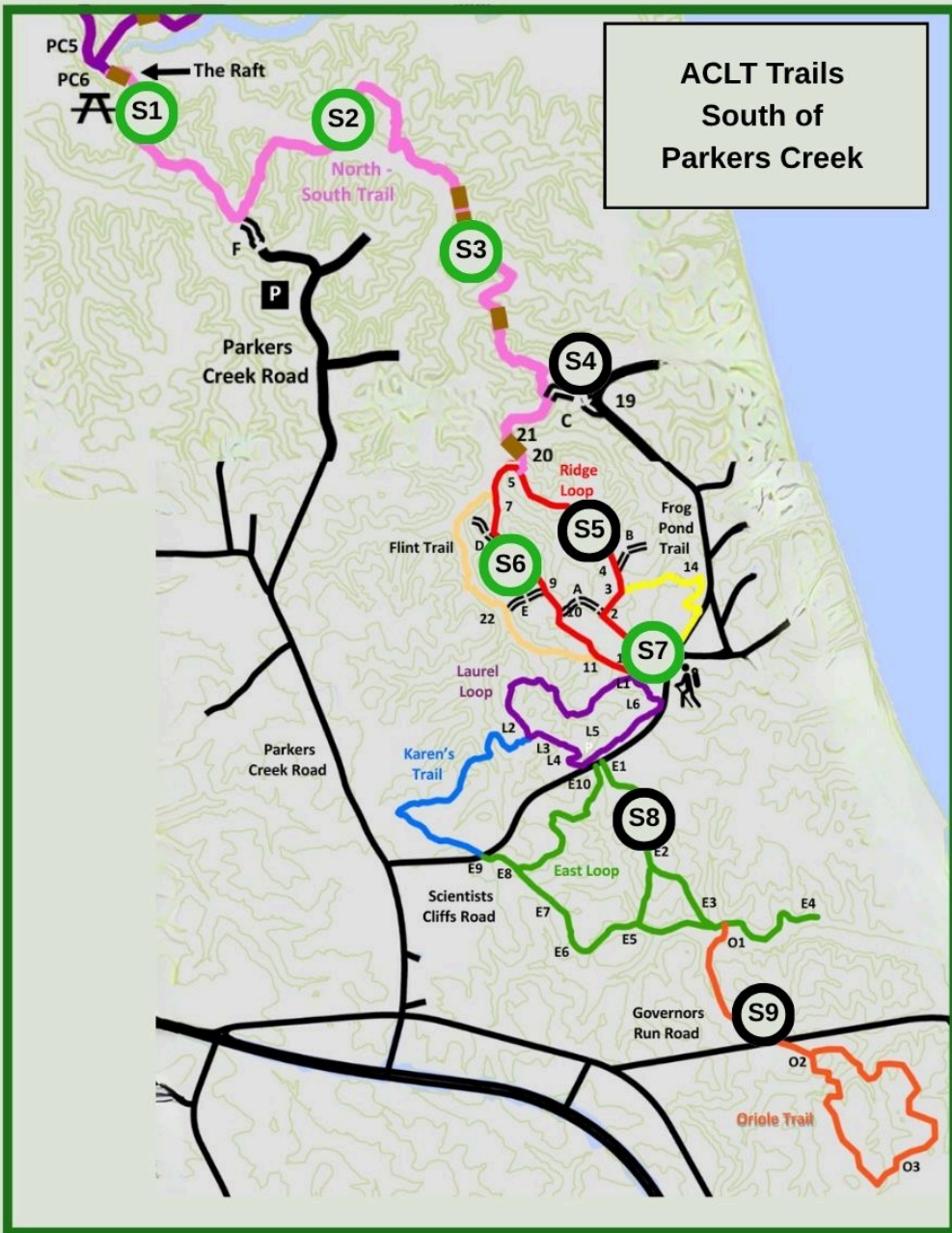
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No personal info required.

For more info about ACLT's 26-mile trail system, view the full trail map [online here](#).



**ACLT Trails
South of
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- North-South Trail**
 S1. Sawmills and Railroad Ties, 20th Century*
 • Timber harvesting, leasing land
 S2. William & Suddie Commodore, 19th & 20th Centuries
 • Black history, farming
 S3. James & Ella Parker, 19th & 20th Centuries
 • Black history, farming

- Cemetery Lane**
 S4. Hance-Chesley Cemetery, 19th Century*
 • Family burials, mention of enslavement

- Ridge Loop Trail (Northern Segment)**
 S5. Gary's Chance, Colonial Period
 • Quaker family and connections

- Wallace Lane Trail**
 S6. Lemuel and Annie Wallace, 19th & 20th Centuries
 • Black history, extended farm family

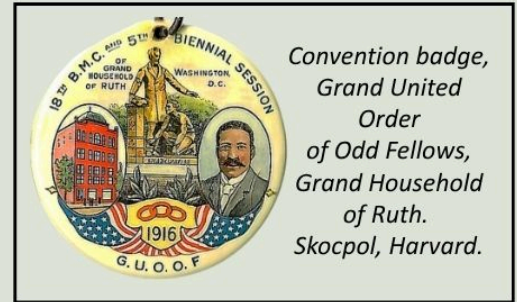
- Ridge Loop Trail (Southern Segment)**
 S7. Woodrow Wallace Tobacco, 20th Century
 • Black history, farming

- East Loop Trail**
 S8. Dr. George and Hannah Dorsey, 19th Century*
 • Physician, farmer, mention of enslavement

- Oriole Trail**
 S9. Governors Run Wharf, 19th & 20th Centuries
 • Steamboats and wharf

* **Black History as secondary topic**

**Black History
Featured on the
Parkers Creek Heritage Trail**



*Convention badge,
Grand United
Order
of Odd Fellows,
Grand Household
of Ruth.
Skocpol, Harvard.*

Although the Parkers Creek Heritage Trail explores multiple aspects of local history, it emphasizes African American contributions to the area. Research is based on documentary sources like the census, land and church records, and newspaper accounts. For a few webpages, segments from oral history interviews illuminate the Black experience.



Oral history interview, April 2024. Kirsti Uunila and Darlene Harrod interview sisters Phyllis Dawkins and Delois Johnson.



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Guide Page to Black History Resources
<https://www.pcheritagetrail.org/black-history>