



Over the course of the Prince Frederick to the Bay Overlook (PF2BAY) Trail, visitors will notice significant changes in elevation. Dry sandy ridges quickly give way to moist, cool valleys.

Soon after you depart the Prince Frederick Trailhead, you will come to the first of five footbridges, constructed by Boy Scout Troops 430 and 903 and Venture Crew 903. At PF2BAY trail marker 3, you will emerge onto Tobacco Ridge Road where you will turn left and follow the road north until you locate trail marker 4 next to the barn on the right.



After crossing the next two footbridges, you will arrive at trail marker 6 located near another barn and a road we call "No Name" Road. Cross the road here and locate PF2BAY trail marker 7.

At trail marker 10 you arrive at the power line. Follow the power line road north. You may notice different species of birds here in the shrub/scrub habitat than you have seen or heard in the forest interior you have traveled thus far. When you come to the next set of transmission towers, locate trail marker 11 on your right.

Follow the dirt road past the gate. In the springtime, watch for tadpoles and frogs in the water that collects in the vernal pools formed by the ruts in the road. Make a sharp turn to the right (south) at trail marker 13 and you will soon be crossing the fifth footbridge.

At PF2BAY trail marker 14, you will be joining the ACLT Parkers Creek Loop Trail. To stay on the most



direct trail to the Bay Overlook, turn left (north) towards ACLT's North Side Trailhead at the barn (above) where additional hiker parking and a portable restroom are provided.

From the ACLT barn, cross the field and follow the Horse Swamp Trail to the Bay Overlook Trail. This section of trail is 3.2 miles, round trip. At the overlook, especially in the winter months, you will be able to view the mouth of Parkers Creek as it meanders through tidal marshes and over a sandy beach to the Bay.

PF2BAY ⇒ Bay Overlook ⇒ Prince Frederick Trailhead — Round Trip (longest hike)
Total Distance: 12.2 miles
Average hiking time: 6.5 hours
Difficulty: moderate to challenging

Three Shorter Hikes:
(leave a second car at the ACLT North Side Trailhead, 676 Double Oak Road, Prince Frederick, Maryland.)

PF2BAY ⇒ Bay Overlook ⇒ ACLT North Side Trailhead
Total Distance: 7.7 miles
Average hiking time: 4 to 4.5 hours
Difficulty: moderate to challenging

PF2BAY ⇒ Parkers Creek Loop Trail (south) ⇒ ACLT North Side Trailhead
Total Distance: 6.6 miles
Average hiking time: 3.5 to 4 hours.
Difficulty: moderate

PF2BAY ⇒ ACLT North Side Trailhead
Total Distance: 4.5 miles
Average hiking time: 2.5 hours
Difficulty: moderate

