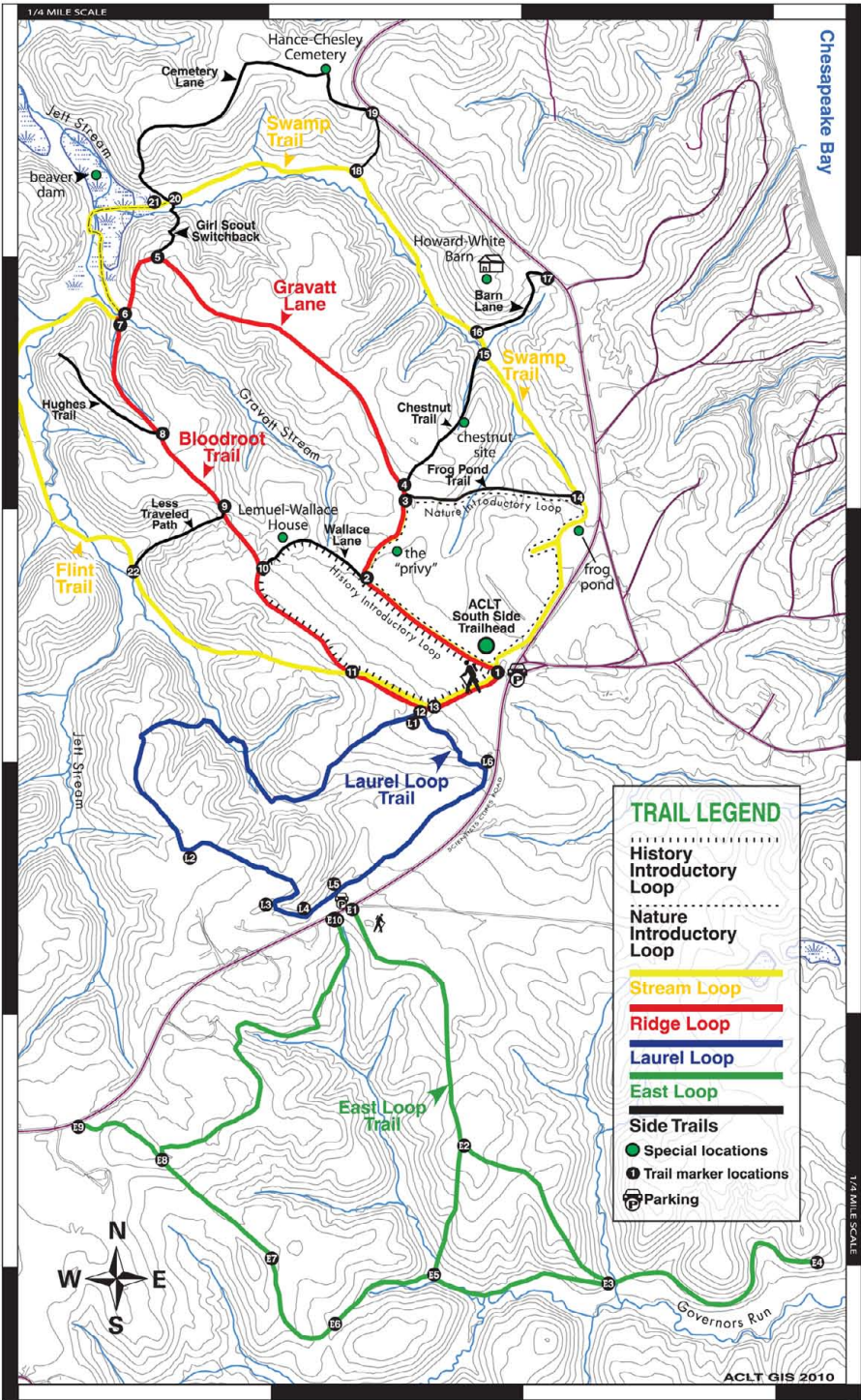


ACLT - SOUTH SIDE TRAIL MAP



TRAIL LEGEND

- History Introductory Loop
- - - - - Nature Introductory Loop
- Stream Loop
- Ridge Loop
- Laurel Loop
- East Loop
- Special locations
- ① Trail marker locations
- P Parking

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

HISTORY INTRODUCTORY LOOP
 MARKERS: 1-2-10-11-12-13-1
 Distance: 0.65 miles (< 1 hour)
 Difficulty: easy
 This short introductory loop passes the **Lemuel Wallace house**, an African-American-owned farm active from 1909 until the mid-1930s.

NATURE INTRODUCTORY LOOP
 MARKERS: 1-2-3-14-1
 Distance: 0.7 miles (< 1 hour)
 Difficulty: easy
 This short introductory loop passes through an intensive ACLT **invasive plant control area** in which bittersweet vines and a stand of bamboo were removed, exposing a **frog pond** and **bald cypress trees**. Future site of native plant garden.

STREAM LOOP (Swamp & Flint Trails)
 Total Distance: 1.87 miles (< 3 hours)
 Difficulty: easy to moderate, frequently wet
Note: The section of Stream Loop between markers 6 and 21 is closed due to flooding caused by the mischievous activities of our resident beavers. Use the Girl Scout Switchback and Gravatt Lane (markers 20-5-6, 0.17 miles) as a temporary route until a new elevated boardwalk can be completed.

SWAMP TRAIL
 MARKERS: 1-14-15-16-18-20-21-6
 Distance: 1.0 miles
 Difficulty: easy to moderate, frequently wet
 The Swamp Trail winds past the **frog pond**, along an old road through a handsome hardwood forest and onto a boardwalk through wetland areas to the site of an active **beaver dam**.

FLINT TRAIL
 MARKERS: 1-13-12-11-22-7
 Distance: 0.87 miles
 Difficulty: easy to moderate
 The Flint Trail crosses the former tobacco field near the trailhead, meanders through the **Jett Stream valley**, and hugs a ridge overlooking the valley until it comes to a bridge over Gravatt Stream.

RIDGE LOOP (Bloodroot Trail and Gravatt Lane)
 Total Distance: 1.35 miles (< 2 hours)
 Difficulty: moderate, with some steep hills

GRAVATT LANE
 MARKERS: 1-2-3-4-5-6
 Distance: 0.72 miles
 Difficulty: moderate, one steep hill with steps
 Gravatt Lane follows a wooded ridge to the bridge that crosses Gravatt Stream.

BLOODROOT TRAIL
 MARKERS: 7-8-9-10-11-12-13-1
 Distance: 0.63 miles
 Difficulty: easy to moderate, one steep hill
 The Bloodroot Trail is a good place to look for native **spring wildflowers**, including bloodroot and spring beauty.

THE LAUREL LOOP
 MARKERS: L1 through L6
 Distance: 1.07 miles (1 – 1 ½ hours)
 Difficulty: moderate, some hills
 This trail begins across the field, bisects a pine grove, and meanders through woods rich in mountain laurel before looping back to the trailhead, or cross Scientists Cliffs Road (with caution) and continue hiking on the East Loop Trail.

THE EAST LOOP
 MARKERS: E1 through E10
 Distance: 2.01 miles (2 hours)
 Difficulty: easy to moderate
 This trail is located on the opposite side of Scientists Cliffs Road. Parking for 1-2 cars is available just opposite the entrance to the trail. This area, part of the Governors Run watershed, contains a mature oak-hickory forest and holly grove. **Off-road bicycling is permitted on this trail.**

SIDE TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS
WALLACE LANE
 MARKERS: 2-10
 Distance: 0.13 miles
 Difficulty: moderate, slight incline
 The **Lemuel Wallace house**, an African-American-owned farm active from 1909 until the mid-1930s and a corn crib from the same time period are located here.

LESS TRAVELED PATH
 MARKERS: 9-22
 Distance: 0.1 miles
 Difficulty: moderate, hill
 This is a connector between the Ridge Loop and the Stream Loop.

HUGHES TRAIL
 MARKER: 8
 Distance: 0.12 miles
 Difficulty: easy
 This ridge top trail is named in memory of past ACLT President Aileen Hughes and ends at a bench.

FROG POND TRAIL
 MARKERS: 3-14
 Distance: 0.2 miles
 Difficulty: easy
 Part of the Nature Introductory Loop, connects Ridge Loop and Stream Loop.

CHESTNUT TRAIL
 MARKERS: 4-15
 Distance: 0.17 miles
 Difficulty: easy
 This trail passes the site of the land trust's **namesake American chestnut tree** that blew down in 2006. When the land trust was founded in 1986, this gentle giant was the Maryland Champion (largest known living specimen American chestnut tree in Maryland).

BARN LANE
 MARKERS: 16-17
 Distance: 0.08 miles
 Difficulty: moderate
 The **Howard-White barn**, a circa 1890 tobacco barn restored by ACLT volunteers, is situated just off Scientists Cliffs Road.

GIRL SCOUT SWITCHBACK
 MARKERS: 5-20
 Distance: 0.1 miles
 Difficulty: challenging
 This is a temporary connection between Stream Loop and Ridge Loop, bypassing flooded sections of Stream Loop.

CEMETERY LANE
 MARKERS: 18-19-20
 Distance: 0.38 miles
 Difficulty: moderate, with some hills
 The **Hance-Chesley Cemetery** was restored by the Calvert Garden Club and ACLT. Headstones date back to 1812. After leaf fall, this trail also affords nice views of the **beaver dam** from the location of the memorial bench.