

North Side Trails - Detailed Descriptions

PF2BAY Trail

Markers: P1 > P20 (Prince Frederick Trailhead to Bay Overlook)

Distance (each way): 6.1 miles

Difficulty: Moderate to challenging, some steep inclines

The PF2BAY Trail connects the Prince Frederick Town Center to the Chesapeake Bay Overlook, crossing a variety of terrain from ridge tops to stream valleys. The overlook view is best in fall and winter.

3 One-Way Hike Options on PF2BAY

(Leave a 2nd car at the North Side Trailhead)

1. Markers: P1 > P20 > PC1; Distance: 7.7 miles
2. Markers: P1 > P14 > PC5 > PC2 > PC1; Distance: 6.6 miles
3. Markers: P1 > P14 > PC7 > PC1; Distance: 4.5 miles

Horse Swamp to Bay Overlook

Markers: PC1 > P20

Distance (each way): 1.63 miles

Difficulty: Moderate to challenging

Offers a shorter hike to see the beautiful Chesapeake Bay and Parkers Creek.

Parkers Creek Loop

Distance (full loop): 3.8 miles

Difficulty: Moderate, some inclines

Turkey Trail:

Markers: PC1 > PC2

Distance (each way): 0.63 miles

Difficulty: Easy, gentle incline

Turkey Spur:

Markers: PC2 > PC3

Distance (each way): 0.31 miles

Difficulty: Moderate, 1 steep hill

Beautiful views of Parkers Creek all the way to the Bay.

Parkers Creek Trail:

Markers: PC2 > PC5

Distance (each way): 1.39 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Wanders in and out of the wood line with stunning views of Parkers Creek.

Parkers Creek Road Trail:

Markers: PC5 > PC7

Distance (each way): 1.15 miles

Difficulty: Moderate

Griffin Meadow Trail

Markers: PC1 > H3 > PC1

Distance (full loop): 0.95 miles

Difficulty: Easy

The trail traverses the border between the forest and the North Side meadows with views of Double Oak Farm, bluebird boxes, and the Food Forest.

North—South Trail

Markers: PC6 > 5

Distance (each way): 2.4 miles

Difficulty: Challenging

Enjoy the challenge of steep hills, a raft across Parkers Creek, and 6 stream crossings.

Holly Hill Trail

Markers: H1 > H3

Distance (each way): 1.96 miles

Difficulty: Moderate, some inclines

From the west, the trail connects to the PF2Bay Trail and crosses Double Oak Road, leading along and through farm fields. The recently-stabilized, historic Holly Hill Barn is open to the public and contains interpretive signs describing its history and construction. The trail continues through the woods and ends at the Griffin Meadow Trail.

Double Oak Road Trail

Markers: PC7 > PC4

Distance (each way): 1.0 mile

Difficulty: Easy with 1 steep incline

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South Side Trails - Detailed Descriptions

Frog Pond Trail

Markers: 1 > 14 > 3

Distance (each way): 0.52 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Winds past the frog pond through hardwood forest.

Ridge Loop

Markers: 1 through 13 > 1

Distance (full loop): 1.41 miles

Difficulty: Moderate with one steep hill

Known for its native spring wildflowers, including blood-root and spring beauty.

Flint Trail

Markers: 11 > 22 > 7

Distance (each way): 0.87 miles

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Follows a small stream to a beaver pond. Named for Dr. Oliver Flint, a founding member of ACLT's Board of Directors, who also built this trail.

Laurel Loop

Markers: L1 through L6 > L1

Distance (full loop): 1.07 miles

Difficulty: Moderate, some hills

Traverses woods rich in mountain laurel, which blooms in early summer.

Karen's Trail

Markers: L2 > E9

Distance (each way): 0.6 miles

Difficulty: Moderate, some steep hills

Named for long-time ACLT Executive Director Karen Edgcombe.

East Loop

Markers: E1 through E10 > E1

Distance (full loop): 2.01 miles

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

The trail is located on the opposite side of Scientists Cliffs Road. Some parking available by marker L5. **Off-road bicycling permitted on this trail.**

Secondary Trails

A—Wallace Lane

Markers: 2 > 10

Easy, 0.13 miles

The site of an African American-owned farm active from 1909 to the 1930s. The trail passes the Lemuel Wallace farmhouse and a corn crib.

B—Chestnut Trail

Marker: 4

Easy, 0.1 miles

The location of ACLT's namesake American chestnut tree, whose main stem blew down in 2006. When ACLT was founded in 1986, this tree was the largest surviving American chestnut in Maryland.

C—Cemetery Lane

Marker: 19

Easy, 0.16 miles

The Hance-Chesley Cemetery was restored by the Calvert Garden Club and ACLT volunteers. It has headstones dating back to 1812.

F—Spur to North—South Trail

Easy, 0.1 miles

A shortcut to the raft with fewer hills. Park in the Wildlife Management Area lot near the end of Parkers Creek Rd. The trail starts beyond the gate at the end of the road. To reach the raft, turn left where the spur meets the North-South Trail and continue for 0.5 miles.

D—Hughes Trail

Marker: 8

Easy, 0.12 miles

This ridge-top trail is named in memory of past ACLT President Aileen Hughes and ends at a bench.

E—Less Traveled Path

Markers: 9 > 22

Moderate incline, 0.2 miles
Connects Ridge Loop and Flint Trail.