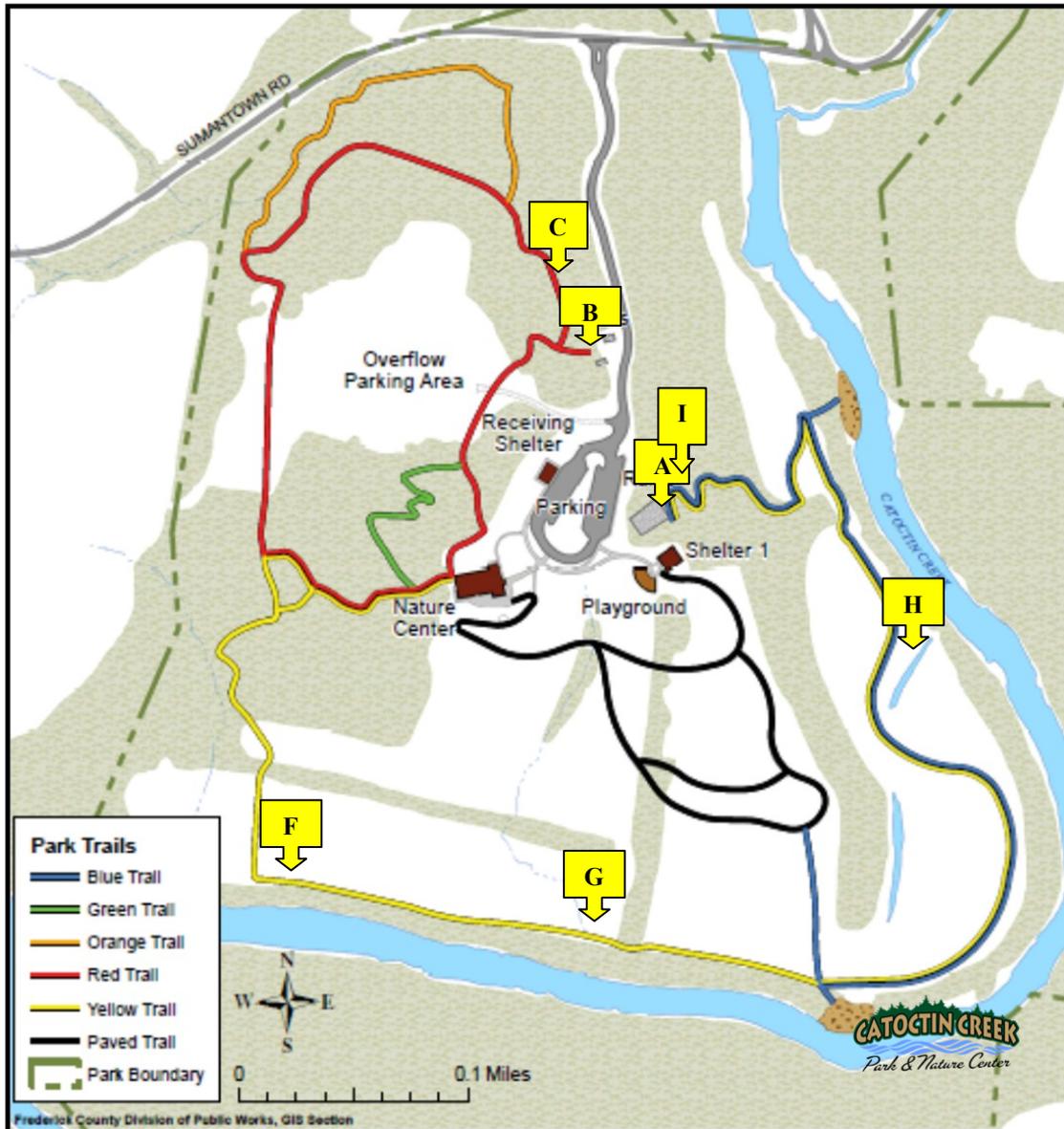


Geocaching at Catoctin Creek Park



What is Geocaching?

Geocaching is an activity in which people search out hidden items called (geocache boxes) or places using a hand held Global Positioning System (GPS). These set locations are entered into the GPS. The GPS unit will display a digital compass & map to aid the user in finding the hidden geocache boxes. Geocaching has become very popular all over the world and on all seven continents. Read on to begin your "GEOCACHING" experience here at Catoctin Creek Park!



Geocache Coordinates: Latitude/Longitude

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|---|--|
| A) Barn Ruins / 39.392216.... -77.563286 | G) Deer / 39.391251.... -77.560763 |
| B) Ruins D and E / 39.393408.... -77.563794 | H) Spicebush / 39.39269.... -77.562852 |
| C) White Pine / 39.39436.... -77.565146 | I) Carpetweed / 39.392454.... -77.563088 |
| F) Geese / 39.389546.... -77.564585 | |

GPS Rentals

1 GPS unit: \$5 each
10 GPS units: \$30 (group rate)



Families, scout and school groups are welcome to rent hand held GPS units here at the park. We require a drivers license to check out one of our GPS units. One adult is required to stay with the children while they are using the GPS units to search for Geocache boxes. We have set up 7 Geocache boxes located along our natural trails. Once the students locate the Geocache box they can work together to identify the animal being described on the green card.

Directions

1. Turn on the unit by pressing and holding the bottom most button on the right side of the device (it has a light bulb on it).
2. Move to the main menu by pressing the bottommost button on the left side of the device. You may need to push it twice to get past a popup menu that will appear.
3. Use the joystick on the front to scroll down to the "FIND" icon. Push the joystick in to click on the icon.
4. Scroll over to the "WAYPOINTS" icon and click on it. A list of all of the Geocache locations in the park should appear.
5. Select and click the location you would like to visit using the chart on the next page. This will bring up a description of the location.
6. There will be a small menu at the bottom. Select "GO TO" and click.
7. Follow the distance and compass on the screen to reach your destination. The GPS will beep when you are close.
8. Once you have found the location, or if you wish to switch to another location, push the "back button", which is located on the top right side of the GPS. It is a box with an "X" in it.
9. If you wish to select a different location, repeat steps 3-7.
10. Have fun!

Animal Clue Geocache Stations

We have hidden 7 Geocache stations along the trails at Catoctin Creek Park. Each Geocache box includes a green clue card which lists several identifying features of an animal found here at the park. Visitors are encouraged to read these clues on the green cards and then list the name of the animal they think is being described next to the corresponding letter. The answers to all 7 geocache clue cards are included in the green answer box below.

- A. _____
I. _____
H. _____
G. _____
F. _____
B. _____
C. _____

Maryland Herp Atlas Program

We are participating in the **Maryland Herp Atlas Program**, a 5 year population survey of reptiles and amphibians throughout the Maryland region. If you see a (frog, toad, salamander, snake, or turtle) while you are out on the trails please write down the type of animal you observed and the GPS coordinates where you observed them as seen below. Photos are encouraged.
We observed a salamander near the creek.
(N39°38.954'.... W077°56.458')

Box Letter/ GPS Name	Card #	Animal
A/ Barn Ruins	9	Praying Mantis
I/ Carpetweed	1	American Toad
H/ Spice bush	8	Monarch Butterfly
G/ Deer	3	Eastern Milk Snake
F/ Geese	5	White-tailed Deer
B/Ruins D and E	11	Wood Duck
C/ White Pine	10	Spotted Salamander



Nature Center Hours

April - October
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: Noon-6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Sunday: Noon-6:00 pm

November - March
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: Noon-5:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday: Noon-5:00 pm

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