

MARL RAVINE — ◆ 6.1 miles, dark green blaze. This is a single-track trail for advanced riders. Helmets are required. The trail twists and turns as it follows steep ravines cut into ancient shell deposits from the Tertiary Period when this area was underneath a shallow sea. Riders should be mindful of overhanging obstacles, be alert for other bikers, and be prepared to walk their bike in some areas.

York River's mountain-bike only trails were created and are maintained by the Eastern Virginia Mountain Bike Association. Visit EVMA.org for more information.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

MEH TE KOS BRIDLE TRAIL — ■ 3.9 miles, orange blaze. One of two designated equestrian trails this path takes riders along shaded, grassy areas and through fields of wild plants and flowers, connecting to many multi-use trails.

MEH TE KOS CHALLENGE TRAIL — ◆ 1.2 miles, orange blaze. One of two designated equestrian trails which branches from the Bridle Trail and loops through the forest along fairly difficult terrain before looping back to the trailhead.

TRAIL INFORMATION

DIFFICULTY SCALE

EASY ● - From .5 to 1 mile; grades are short, typically fewer than 100 feet and less than 10 percent of the trail length; easily accomplished by all users, including the elderly and those with physical or mental disabilities, with little risk of injury or fatigue.

MODERATE ■ - From 1 to 5 miles; steepness and grade lengths vary; at least 60 percent of the length is fairly flat; healthy people can accomplish the trail with little risk of injury or fatigue.

DIFFICULT ◆ - Trail length is greater than 5 miles; more than 70 percent of the trail is on a grade; experienced hikers only or groups of three to five people recommended; there is a risk of overexertion or injury to those not conditioned.



For everyone's safety, follow trail etiquette on multi-use trails in the park.

This trail guide is designed to provide an overview of the park and not meant for detailed wayfinding. We encourage you to download the free Avenza map for greater detail. Download while you have internet access and the map can be accessed offline.

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VIRGINIA STATE PARKS

York River State Park

(Hiking and Multi-use)

TRAIL GUIDE

VIRGINIA STATE PARKS ARE A TONIC FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT.

Museums, visitor centers and nearby historic sites make state parks cultural treasures.

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WELCOME TO YORK RIVER STATE PARK.

To make your visit safe and more pleasant, we ask that you observe the following:

Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Park in designated areas only. Please note there is a parking fee charged year-round at all Virginia State Parks. Self-pay parking information is available at the contact station.

PRESERVE - Help preserve your park. Please don't cut or mar any plants or trees. Collecting animal or plant life is allowed only for scientific purposes by permit from the Richmond headquarters. Don't feed any wild animals.

ALCOHOL - State law permits alcohol use only in areas designated on permits issued by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

PETS - Pets are permitted in enclosed areas or on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please clean up after your pet. Pets must be attended at all times.

DRONES AND OTHER AIRCRAFT - Drones, other unmanned aerial vehicles, including remote control aircraft, and aircraft in general may not be flown in state parks pursuant to 4VAC5-30-400.

LITTER - Please help us keep the park clean by placing litter and recyclables in the proper receptacles and recycle centers or carrying out your trash. The releasing of balloons is not allowed. Decorative balloons must be deflated and disposed of as trash.

CAMPING - No camping is allowed.

FISHING - No license is required for those fishing from the Croaker fishing pier. A freshwater license is required for Woodstock Pond. A saltwater fishing license is required everywhere else.

PARKING - Park only in designated areas.

EMERGENCY - Emergency phone numbers are posted at contact stations, kiosks, trail heads and other places in the park. For medical or fire emergencies dial 9-1-1. For other assistance dial 800-933-7275; for law enforcement or facility emergencies press 1; to reach the on-duty ranger press 2.

INFORMATION - For more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 800-933-PARK or visit www.virginiastateparks.gov.

MULTI-USE TRAILS

BACKBONE TRAIL — ■ 2 miles, gold blaze. A multi-use trail that connects the visitor center area to our longer hiking and mountain bike trails, ending at the southern park boundary. The trail is open to hiking and biking, however equestrian use is limited to the areas south of Black Bear Run Trail.

DOGWOOD LANE TRAIL — ● .8 miles, magenta blaze. A multi-use trail around the southern area of the park offering secluded views of beautiful hardwood forest.

HOGNOSE TRAIL — ■ 2.4 miles. This loop trail allows both hikers and bikers and features a river overlook and access to various points along the Mattaponi trail. The trail winds through hardwood and softwood trees, mountain laurel, and provides users unique views of park marshes, swamps, and drainages.

MAJESTIC OAK TRAIL — ■ .9 miles, white blaze. A multi-use trail that passes through forested and marshy areas before ending at a footbridge that connects to Powhatan Forks Trail. Near the end of the trail visitors will pass by the remains of an oak tree, estimated to have been between 200 and 400 years old before its eventual collapse due to storm damage. Past the tree the trail becomes no longer suitable for equestrian use due to the steep bank.

PAMUNKEY TRAIL — ■ .9 miles, yellow blaze. A multi-use trail that ends at an elevated observation platform that overlooks the York River. Bikers and equestrians should use caution as portions of the trail are steep and sandy. There are approximately 15 steps to reach the top of the platform.

POWHATAN FORKS TRAIL — ■ 1.7 miles, beige blaze. This multi-use trail passes mainly through wooded areas and has two forks. The east fork takes users towards the river, ending at an overlook which has views of Werowocomoco across the river. The north fork connects back to the Majestic Oak Trail with a footbridge over a marsh. Due to the footbridge, equestrian users cannot access Majestic Oak Trail by this trail.

RIVERVIEW TRAIL — ■ 1.5 miles, intense blue blaze. A multi-use trail that passes through a wooded area, ending in a sandy beach. Not far from the river the trail is blocked by a fence with a pass-through for hikers only, bicycle and horseback riders must proceed on foot from this point. The remote location makes it well-suited for observing wildlife.

SPUR TRAIL — ● .4 miles, brown blaze. A multi-use connecting trail for Powhatan Forks, Majestic Oak and Pamunkey trails. Near its southern end was once the plantation seat of John Blair, a signer of the Constitution.

WHITETAIL TRAIL — ■ .7 miles, red blaze. A multi-use trail that passes through a shaded forest with ample opportunities for wildlife sightings.

WOODSTOCK POND TRAIL — ● .8 miles, dark grey blaze. A wide dirt and fine gravel hiking and biking trail that takes users by the visitor center, then over a dam and around Woodstock Pond, before returning to Backbone Trail. On this trail, users go near sites where the Woods House (1930) and the Henderson House (pre-1817) once stood.

HIKING TRAILS

BEAVER TRAIL — ● .5 miles, silver blaze. A hiking only trail in the Taskinas Point area that crosses a small woodland stream, a perfect trail for younger hikers.

MATTAPONI TRAIL — ● .8 miles, cobalt blue blaze. One of the most popular hiking trails in the park this trail gives visitors access to Fossil Beach, an area along the river where marine fossils can be found. This trail passes through wooded cliffs and marshes, giving excellent views of the river. The eastern side of the trail is open to bikers.

TASKINAS CREEK TRAIL — ■ 1.8 miles, tomato red blaze. This trail passes through a variety of habitats ranging from field to forest and provides many opportunities to see ospreys and great blue herons. Overlook platforms along the way offer a view into Taskinas Creek and the surrounding marsh.

BIKE TRAILS

BLACK BEAR RUN — ● .38 miles, forest green blaze. This trail connects the Laurel Glen and Marl Ravine trails, crossing the Backbone and Me Te Kos Bridle trails.

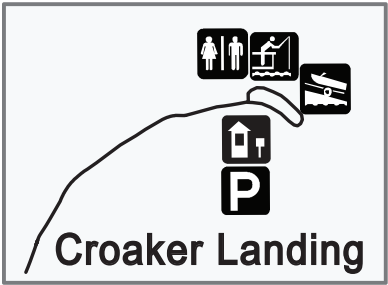
BOBCAT RUN — ■ 3.12 miles, teal blaze. This trail begins with double-track before becoming a single-track loop, featuring a variety of terrain and elevation changes within a hardwood forest. Use caution by the steep ravines

JOHN BLAIR TRAIL — ■ 9.8 miles, purple blaze. Named for a Colonial era owner of this property, this double track intersects multiple trails, allowing for shorter rides or exploring overlooks. Riders will enjoy views of areas not accessible by other trails.

LAUREL GLEN — ● 1.26 miles, lime green blaze. This trail passes through a mature deciduous hardwood forest dominated by mountain laurel. Riders should use caution as the trail is narrow and runs beside steep ravines. The Chesapeake Challenge Loop is perfect for riders seeking an additional challenge but is easily bypassed.

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| Trails | Blaze | Mileage | Usage | Difficulty | ATW Accessible |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------|-------|------------|----------------|
| Backbone Trail | Gold | 2.0 | H,B,E | ■ | Yes |
| Beaver Trail | Silver | 0.5 | H | ● | No |
| Black Bear Run | Forest Green | 0.4 | MB | ● | No |
| Bobcat Run | Teal | 3.1 | MB | ■ | No |
| Dogwood Lane | Magenta | 0.8 | H,B,E | ● | No |
| Hognose Trail | Lavender | 2.4 | H,B | ■ | No |
| John Blair Trail | Purple | 9.8 | MB | ■ | No |
| Laurel Glen Chesapeake Challenge | Lime Green | 0.3 | MB | ● | No |
| Laurel Glen Inner Solace | Lime Green | 0.2 | MB | ● | No |
| Laurel Glen Outer Limits | Lime Green | 0.6 | MB | ● | No |
| Laurel Glen Quick Escape | Lime Green | 0.2 | MB | ● | No |
| Majestic Oak Trail | White | 0.9 | H,B,E | ■ | Partial |
| Marl Ravine Trail | Dark Green | 6.1 | MB | ◆ | No |
| Mattaponi Trail | Cobalt Blue | 0.8 | H | ● | No |
| Meh Te Kos Bridle Trail | Orange | 3.9 | E | ■ | No |
| Meh Te Kos Challenge Trail | Orange | 1.2 | E | ◆ | No |
| Pamunkey Trail | Yellow | 0.9 | H,B,E | ■ | Partial |
| Powhatan Forks Trail | Beige | 0.6 | H,B,E | ■ | Partial |
| Powhatan Forks East Fork | Beige | 0.5 | H,B,E | ■ | No |
| Powhatan Forks North Fork | Beige | 0.6 | H,B,E | ■ | No |
| Riverview Trail | Intense Blue | 1.5 | H,B,E | ■ | Partial |
| Spur Trail | Brown | 0.4 | H,B,E | ● | Yes |
| Taskinas Creek Trail | Red | 1.8 | H | ■ | No |
| Whitetail Trail | Tomato Red | 0.7 | H,B,E | ■ | Yes |
| Woodstock Pond Trail | Dark Gray | 0.8 | H,B | ● | Yes |

H = Hiking

B = Biking

E = Equestrian

MB = Mountain Biking

● = Easy

■ = Moderate

◆ = Difficult

ATW = All terrain wheelchair

