Pocahontas State Park - Trails and Facilities

NORTH

0 1 Miles

Claypoint Rd
Qualla Rd
Newbys Bridge Rd
Courthouse Rd
Christian FT
Lea FT
Smith FT
Private Property
Hawkins FT
Taylor FT
Loop FT
Deerfield FT
Fendley Station (H/B)
Fendley Station Loop A
Dean FT
Swift Creek
Forest Exploration
CENTRAL AREA
Morgan MTB System
(see map on back)
Swift Creek MTB System
(see map on back)
Fendley Station Loop B
Nunnally FT
Co-op
Troopers Tribute Loop
Swift Creek Lake
Swift Creek FT
wet crossing no bridge
Belcherwood Rd
West End FT
Crostic FT
Ground Pine
Picnic Area
Qualla Connector
Horner FT
Beaver Lake
Beaver Lake
Fendley Station
Old Mill
State Park Rd
Powhatan
Weyanock
Appamatuck
Paspahegh
Chickahominy
Powhatan Banquet Hall
Lakeview MTB System
(see map on back)
Third Branch
Second Branch
Swift Creek Banquet Hall
Swift Creek Camp
Swift Creek
Bottoms FT
Spring Run Rd
Third Branch Creek
Spring FT
Algonquian Ecology Camp
Dvorak FT
Fendley Station (H/B/E)
Power-line FT
Boundary FT
CCC Field / Memorial Garden
East State Park Rd
Reed FT
Beach Rd
Muddy Buddy
Parallel
Moseley FT
Wilkinson FT
Norwood FT
Gill FT
Dance FT
Bright Hope
Clark FT
Bundle Rd
Woodpecker Rd
First Branch Creek
Otter Lick Loop
Roper FT
Lush FT
Cole FT
Williams FT
Belcher FT
Poorhouse Run
Bailey FT
Thomas FT
Second Branch Creek

Central Area

Oak Hill Picnic Area
Big Poplar
Forest Exploration
Co-op
Visitor Center
Ground Pine Path
CCC Museum
Spillway
Old Mill
Beaver Lake
Beaver Lake
Swift Creek Lake
Powhatan
State Park Rd
To park office and park entrance

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PLEASE FOLLOW TRAIL ETIQUETTE ON MULTI-USE TRAILS IN THE PARK.
HIKERS YIELD TO HORSES.
BIKERS YIELD TO HORSES AND HIKERS.

Trail	Blaze	Mileage	Usage	Difficulty
Beaver Lake	Cobalt Blue	2.5	H	■
Big Poplar	Yellow	0.7	H	■
Bright Hope	Yellow	5.3	H/B/E	■
Co-op	Pink	2.8	H	■
Fendley Station*	Burgundy	6.8	H/B	◆
Fendley Station*	Burgundy	6.5	H/B/E	◆
Fendley Station Loop A	Burgundy	1.2	H/B/E	■
Fendley Station Loop B	Burgundy	0.9	H/B	●
Forest Exploration	Lemon Yellow	2.3	H	■
Ground Pine Path	Lime Green	0.6	H	●
Muddy Buddy	Tan	0.7	H/B	●
Old Mill	Dark Green	4.8	H/B	■
Otter Lick Loop	Blue	2.4	H/B/E	■
Parallel	Purple	0.4	H/B	●
Poorhouse Run	Gray	1.4	H/B/E	●
Powhatan	Red	2.4	H/B	■
Qualla Connector	Pink	0.3	H/B	●
Spillway (paved)	Orange	0.2	H	●
Trooper Tribute Loop	Silver	0.8	H	■

H = Hiking B = Biking E = Equestrian
● = Easy ■ = Moderate ◆ = Difficult

*The sections of Fendley Station Trail which are open to equestrian users are indicated with small horse symbols (🐎).

Legend

- Amphitheater
- Boat Ramp
- Boat Rentals
- Campground
- Concessions
- Contact Station
- Dumping Station
- Gifts / Shopping
- Horse Ring
- Parking
- Park Office
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Point of Interest
- Restrooms
- Rustic Cabins
- Shower / Bathhouse
- Swim Complex
- Yurts
- Main Roads
- Park Roads (open to vehicles)
- Park Roads (closed to vehicles)
- Lakes
- Major Streams
- Park Boundary

MULTI-USE 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.

Pocahontas Mountain Biking Trails

These maps depict mountain bike only trails. Bikes are allowed on some multi-use trails and fire roads which are indicated on the whole park map on the reverse side.

MORGAN MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS - The original system built in the mid to late 1990s is northwest of the Nature Center. Known for the rocky, root-filled tread and the tight twists and turns, many riders find this system great for technical riding. A total of 9.4 miles of trail commonly referred to as rake and ride is a favorite of locals.

SWIFT CREEK TRAILS - On the north side of the park and just off Courthouse Road, the system is easily accessed from multiple points in and around the park. Currently 7 miles of machine-built flow trail, this system is accessible to hand trikes and is perfect for beginners and pros alike. Opened in 2015, these trails have engendered to kids and adults a love for mountain biking. Regardless of skill level, these trails are a must.

LAKEVIEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS - The system is on the south side of Swift Creek Lake. Parking to access these trails is off the main park road near the C.C.C. Field and the picnic shelters. These 9.5 miles of trails are a combination of rake and ride as well as hand-built sections. With long lines and rolling terrain, users who want a rough tread and moderately tight turns find that this system fits the bill. True to its name, the trail affords excellent views of the lake.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL INFORMATION - DIFFICULTY SCALE

EASY – Gentle climbs and descents, with obstacles such as rocks, gravel, bridges, and potholes. Must have ridden a bike before using these trails.

MORE DIFFICULT - Challenging ride with steep slopes and/or obstacles, possibly on a narrow trail or with elevated skills features and poor traction. Requires off road riding experience.

MOST DIFFICULT - These trails and skills features have a mixture of long, steep descents, loose trail surfaces and numerous natural and manmade obstacles. These can include jumps, ramps, elevated features, berms, drops, rocks and other terrain variations.

Trail	Blaze	Mileage	Difficulty
Morgan Trails			
Box Turtle	Green	3.3	
Little West Virginia	Red	1.5	
Morel Ravine	Red	2.1	
Tall Oaks	Blue	4.7	
Swift Creek Trails			
Bell Berry Connector	Green	0.5	
Bell Lap	Green	1.7	
Blue Jay Way	Blue	0.6	
Blueberry Hill	Green	4.2	
Corkscrew	Blue	1.4	
Freightline	Blue	0.2	
Gateway 1	Green	0.5	
Gateway 2	Green	0.5	
Lost Spring	Blue	1.5	
Millstone	Black	4.2	
Moonshine Run	Black	1.4	
Sunsetter	Blue	2.1	
Zero	Black	2.4	
Lakeview Trails			
Lakeview One	Cobalt Blue	3.7	
Lakeview Too	Cobalt Blue	2.4	
Lakeview Three	Cobalt Blue	3.8	

WELCOME TO POCAHONTAS 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 private areas (inside your cabin or camping unit) or 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.

FIRE - Help prevent wildfires. Fires must be confined to grills, camp stoves or designated fire rings. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished when left. Firewood is generally available for purchase at the park. Campers and guests may collect only down and dead firewood. We enforce all seasonal and emergency bans on open fires.

POLLUTION - Help reduce pollution. Dump stations, laundry sinks and slop sinks, where available, are for the proper disposal of wastewater. Please, no boat, RV or car washing.

SWIMMING - The aquatic recreation center is available for a fee during scheduled hours between the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day. The weather and other issues beyond our control may reduce the availability of the facility. Swimming anywhere else in the park at any time is prohibited.

FISHING - A Virginia freshwater fishing license is required.

PARKING - All vehicles must be parked in designated areas. Lock valuables in your trunk and keep your vehicle locked when unattended.

GROUP EVENTS - A Special Use Permit is required for all group events that involve amplified sound, catering, equipment rentals and vendor deliveries.

PARK ACCESSIBILITY - We strive to make each park as barrier-free as possible. Universally accessible facilities are available throughout Virginia State Parks. Please check the park's website for details.

EMERGENCY - Call 911. Emergency phone numbers for non-life-threatening emergencies and after-hours assistance are posted at contact stations and other places in the park.

For more information, visit www.virginiastateparks.gov or contact the park office.

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.

The Customer Service Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on all state holidays.

MULTI-USE TRAILS - With more than 54 miles of multi-use trails, Pocahontas offers a variety of options ranging from fire roads to double-track trails designed to provide a tour of the park by foot. Below are a few of the more popular multi-use trails. See the map for all multi-use options.

HIKING TRAILS - Pocahontas has 6.25 miles of dedicated hiking trails. These trails range from slightly under 5 feet wide to 30-inch wide single-track. Below are the more popular hiking-only trails. See map for a full listing.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS - Most equestrian trails are south of Beach Road. The area is easily accessed from the Bright Hope parking area located directly across from the park entrance. Horseback riding is allowed on 14.1 miles of multi-use trail and 18.9 miles of forest roads. The most popular trails for equestrian users include Bright Hope, Otter Lick and Poorhouse. North of Beach Road, about 4 miles of Fendley Station Trail is available for equestrian users, but note that this is not a loop and requires some backtracking.

SINGLE-TRACK MOUNTAIN BIKING - Pocahontas State Park has about 26 miles of single-track directional mountain bike trails. The trails make up these three major trail systems.

Mountain bike users should check the status of single-track trails at www.fopsp.org/current-info before visiting. Other users are encouraged to be aware of the status of single-track trails and take into consideration the conditions before using wet trails.

RIDE SMART - Slow down before you speed up. Crashes can happen on your first lap. Ride each trail multiple times to learn the features and check out your bike until you are confident to push your limits. Know your limits.

PARK CONTACTS

Emergency: 911
Park Office: 804-796-4255
Ranger on call: 804-621-5097

Virginia State Parks

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