

WELCOME TO POCAHONTAS STATE PARK.

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

TRAIL SAFETY

- Know your limits and abilities. Some trails in the park are strenuous and long.
- Wear proper footwear for hiking. Trails are often rocky and can be steep in sections.
- Check weather forecast and be prepared. Afternoon thunderstorms are common in the summer.
- Pack plenty of water and snacks for your intended distance.
- If possible leave an itinerary with someone. Not all cellular carriers have reliable service in the park.
- More detailed trail information is available from the park office or by asking a park ranger.

BE BEAR AWARE - Although bear sightings are rare, this area is home to black bears. As a reminder, please review the following tips about hiking safety.

If you encounter a bear while hiking:

- Enjoy the experience from a distance, don't panic.
- Hiking at dawn or dusk may increase your chances of meeting a bear, so always be aware of your surroundings.
- Use extra caution in places where hearing or visibility is limited, such as brushy areas, near streams, where trails round a bend and on windy days.
- Reduce your chances of surprising a bear on the trail by making noise such as talking or singing.
- Make sure children are close to you or within your sight at all times.
- Don't run. Do get loud, get big and back away.
- Please report all bear sightings to a park ranger or the park office.

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

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.

Users are also encouraged to check the park's web page, www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/pocahontas, for special alerts that may affect their visit.

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.

FENDLEY STATION TRAIL ◆ - This 13.3-mile trail runs along the perimeter of the park north of Beach Road. The hike may be shortened by taking one of many intersecting fire roads or other trails along the way.

OLD MILL TRAIL ■ - This 4.8-mile trail provides rolling terrain along the western side of the park. It links the main park office and the Nature Center and C.C.C. Museum. Users enjoy viewing beaver lake and streams along the way.

POWHATAN TRAIL ■ - This 2.55-mile trail provides a link from the campground to the day use area, pool, boat rentals, C.C.C. Museum and Nature Center. The trail is convenient for those wanting to leave the car parked during an overnight stay.

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.

BIG POPLAR TRAIL ● - This 0.7-mile trail is named for a huge tulip poplar. The trail overlooks the stream that feeds Swift Creek Lake.

FOREST EXPLORATION TRAIL ■ - This 2.25-mile multi-loop trail runs through the park north of Swift Creek Lake. Multiple loops traverse near the backwaters of Swift Creek Lake offering good views of the surrounding

ecosystem. Interpretative signs provide facts about the habitat.

BEAVER LAKE TRAIL ■ - The most popular trail in the park is named after the lake it surrounds. The rolling terrain on this 2.45-mile trail provides a great workout and fine views of Beaver Lake.

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.

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.

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.

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.

PARK CONTACTS

Emergency: 911
Park Office: 804-796-4255
Park Manager: 804-489-0700
Assistant Park Manager: 804-241-1847
Chief Ranger: 804-840-1506
Chief Ranger: 804-840-8962

Virginia State Parks

Pocahontas State Park (North)

TRAIL GUIDE

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Pocahontas State Park - Trails North

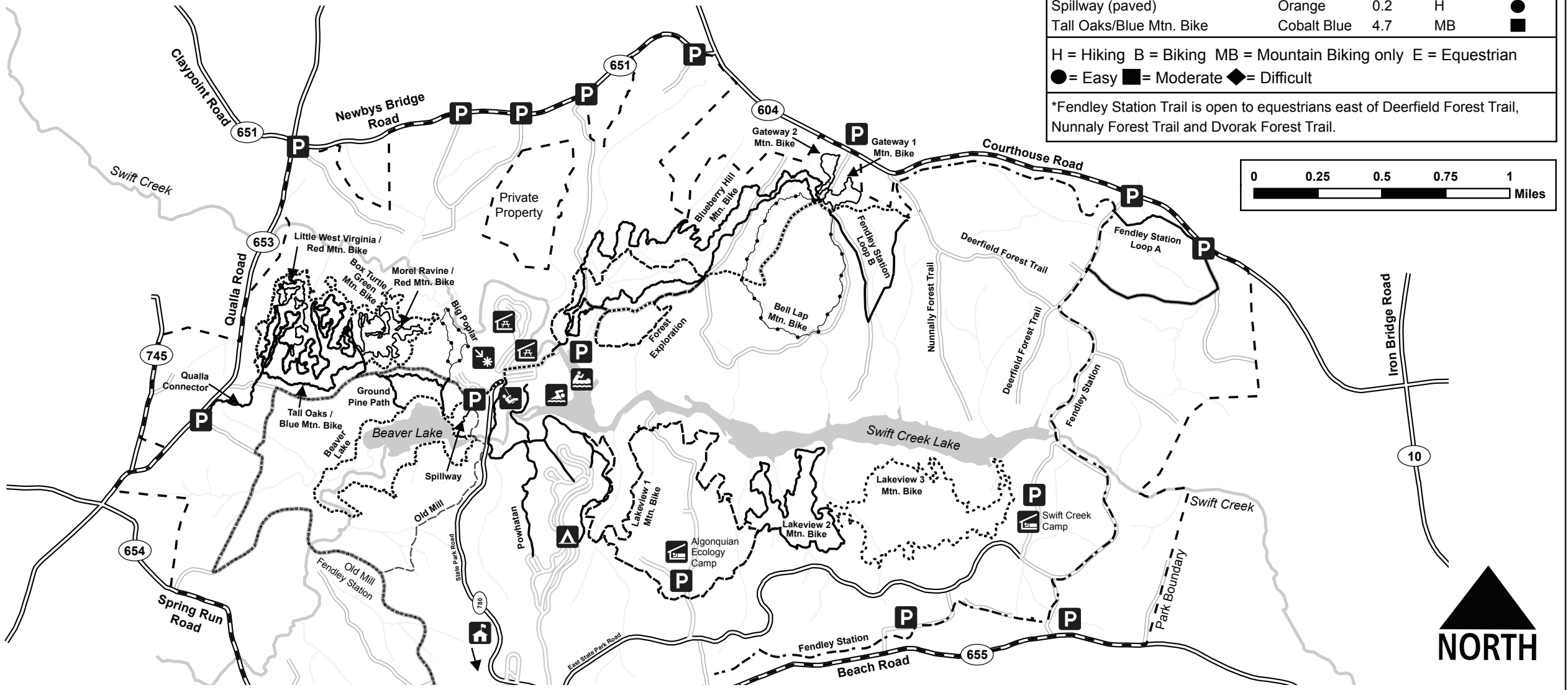
-  Contact Station / Park Office
-  Heritage / Nature Center
-  Swimming Complex
-  Playground
-  Camping Area
-  Parking
-  Rustic cabins
-  Picnic Shelters
-  Boat Rental

Trail	Blaze	Mileage	Usage	Difficulty
Beaver Lake	Cobalt Blue	2.5	H	■
Bell Lap Mtn. Bike	Green	1.6	MB	●
Big Poplar	Yellow	0.7	H	●
Blueberry Hill Mtn. Bike	Green	4.3	MB	●
Box Turtle / Green Mtn. Bike	Dark Green	3.3	MB	●
Fendley Station*	Burgundy	8.3	H, B	◆
Fendley Station*	Burgundy	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	■

Trail	Blaze	Mileage	Usage	Difficulty
Gateway 1 Mtn. Bike	Green	0.6	MB	●
Gateway 2 Mtn. Bike	Green	0.5	MB	●
Ground Pine Path	Lime Green	0.6	H	●
Lakeview 1 Mtn. Bike	Cobalt Blue	3.7	MB	■
Lakeview 2 Mtn. Bike	Cobalt Blue	2.4	MB	■
Lakeview 3 Mtn. Bike	Cobalt Blue	3.5	MB	■
Little West Virginia / Red Mtn. Bike	Red	1.5	MB	◆
Morel Ravine / Red Mtn. Bike	Red	2.1	MB	◆
Old Mill	Dark Green	4.8	H, B	■
Powhatan	Red	2.5	H, B	■
Qualla Connector	Pink	0.3	H, B	●
Spillway (paved)	Orange	0.2	H	●
Tall Oaks/Blue Mtn. Bike	Cobalt Blue	4.7	MB	■

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

*Fendley Station Trail is open to equestrians east of Deerfield Forest Trail, Nunnally Forest Trail and Dvorak Forest Trail.



Pocahontas State Park (South)

Chesterfield, Virginia

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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. Honor parking information is found at the park entrance.

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 may not be left unattended at any time.

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.

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 - Where available, swimming areas are generally open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, weather permitting. Swim or wade only in designated swimming areas and at designated times. Children in swimming areas must wear sealed plastic pants over diapers. Disposable swim pants are recommended and available for purchase at the parks. Swimming or wading in unguarded areas may be hazardous because of swift currents, sudden drop-offs or unseen obstructions.

FISHING - Where fishing is permitted, valid Virginia fishing licenses are required. Specific licenses are required for saltwater and trout-water fishing. Please call the park in advance for specifics.

GUESTS - Your guests are our guests. For everyone's safety and security, please register all visitors with the park office. Visitors will not be admitted to camping and cabin areas unless so identified. Visitors are permitted only between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

QUIET HOURS - Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The use of generators is prohibited at all times.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT POLICY

Camping:	Check-in 4 p.m.	Check-out 3 p.m.
Cabins:	Check-in 4 p.m.	Check-out 10 a.m.

In many cases, *campers* may be accommodated prior to the official check-in. Please remember that only those 18 or older may register. The registrant is responsible for all occupants of the campsite or cabin. Feel free to arrive early and enjoy park amenities prior to check-in.

If you decide to leave the park before the end of your overnight stay, you may be entitled to a refund based on how much of your stay has already been used and any fees due. Once you check in for your cabin or camping stay, that night is considered used. If you are camping, we take what you paid, subtract the fees for the nights used and then subtract one additional night. The balance is due as a refund. This means if you have only a two-night stay, you will not receive a refund if you leave one night early. If you are in a cabin or lodge, the policy is different. First, we always keep at least the first two nights' fees. Second, we keep \$30 per night for a cabin (\$60 per night for a lodge) for each night you didn't stay and subtract that from the fee for any unused nights beyond the two-night minimum. If you started out with a week stay, you received a discount when you made the reservation. If you end up not staying the entire week, your fee will be recalculated at the higher, nightly fee rate. This means that if you have a week stay and leave one night early, no refund will be made.

CAMPING - Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds and only after following the proper check-in procedure described in the *Reservation and Fees Guide* available at the park office.

Campsite occupancy is for a maximum of six people or the number of people in a single household. Two camping units are allowed per campsite; only one axled camper is allowed per site. All camping units, equipment and vehicles must be placed within the perimeter of the designated campsite without infringing on adjoining campsites or vegetation. Where high impact areas are designated, all camping units, equipment and vehicles must be within the defined borders of the high impact area. **Park in designated areas only.**

PARKING - Only two motor vehicles, as well as the camping unit, are permitted on a campsite without incurring additional fees. Cabin guests are allowed two vehicles for a one or two-bedroom cabin, three vehicles for a three-bedroom cabin and six vehicles for a six-bedroom cabin per day without an additional parking fee charge. Those with additional vehicles must pay the established parking fee for each day the vehicle is in the park. The number of vehicles allowed to park at the cabin varies according to site design and other factors. All vehicles must be parked in designated areas, either at the cabin or in the designated overflow parking area. Primitive and hike-in sites may have park specific parking restrictions.

The maximum camping stay per park is 14 days in any 30-day period.

PARK ACCESSIBILITY - We strive to make each park as barrier-free as possible. Universally accessible facilities are available throughout Virginia State Parks.

EMERGENCY - Emergency phone numbers are posted at contact stations, electronic information stations and other places in the park. For more information, visit www.virginiastateparks.gov, the electronic information station 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.

The center is in Richmond at 9960 Mayland Drive and accepts payments made in person from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

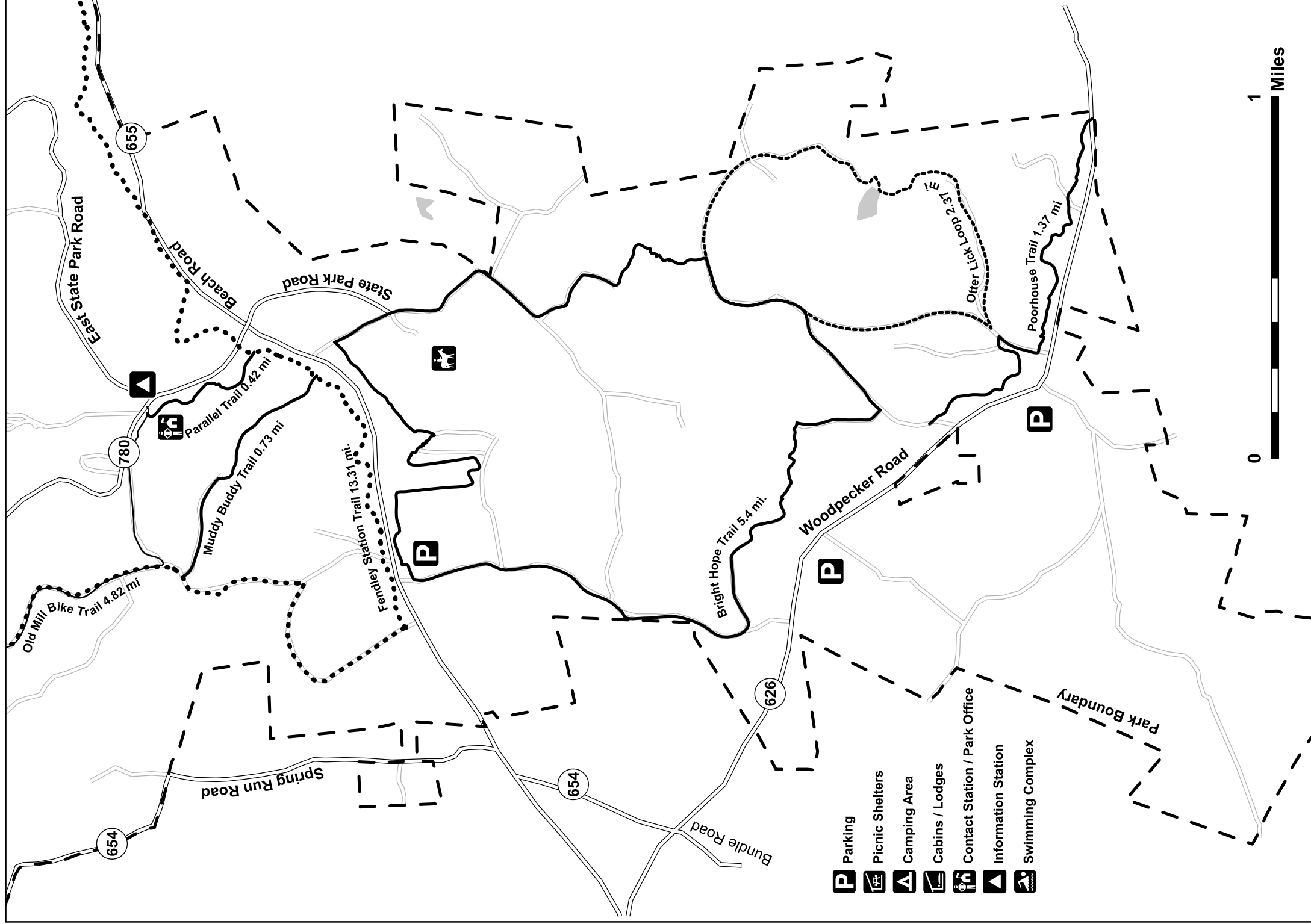
ELECTRONIC INFORMATION STATION - The information station offers access to GPS-based trail information, interactive virtual tours, details on park amenities, printable guides and maps, program descriptions, schedules and more.

This information is general and may not apply to all parks. For park specific information, please visit our website at www.virginiastateparks.gov or call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-933-PARK (7275).

TELL US ABOUT YOUR VISIT:

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YOUR-COMMENTS-COUNT.SHTML](http://WWW.DCR.VIRGINIA.GOV/STATE-PARKS/OTHER/YOUR-COMMENTS-COUNT.SHTML)





- Parking
- Picnic Shelters
- Camping Area
- Cabins / Lodges
- Contact Station / Park Office
- Information Station
- Swimming Complex

Trail	Blaze	Mileage	Usage	Difficulty
Old Mill Bike	Dark Green	4.82	H, B	■
Parallel	Purple	0.42	H, B	●
Muddy Buddy	Tan	0.73	H, B	●
Fendly Station	Burgundy	13.31	H, B	◆
Bright Hope	Yellow	5.4	H, B, HB	■
Otter Lick Loop	Blue	2.37	H, B, HB	■
Poorhouse Run	Gray	1.37	H, B, HB	●

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