

ABOUT MOTTS RUN RESERVOIR

This 860-acre park was opened in 1974, three years after the completion of the reservoir, and since that time it has seen many changes. In 2000, a water treatment facility was completed near the dam to serve the City of Fredericksburg and parts of Spotsylvania County. In 2004, our lovely log cabin nature center was finished. 2020 marks the completion of the mountain biking trails encircling the reservoir, courtesy of FredTrails. Motts Run continues to provide recreational opportunities for fishermen and boaters, as well as habitat for waterfowl and a host of other wildlife. Over 12 miles of hiking and biking trails encourage exploration of the surrounding forest.

TREES ALONG THE TRAIL

See how many you can identify!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Pine | <input type="checkbox"/> Loblolly Pine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Red Cedar | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweetgum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tulip Poplar | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Gum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alder | <input type="checkbox"/> E. Cottonwood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Beech | <input type="checkbox"/> Mockernut Hickory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Red Oak | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Red Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut Oak | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Oak | <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Oak | <input type="checkbox"/> Sycamore |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Holly | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Black Cherry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Maple | <input type="checkbox"/> E. Redbud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Am. Hornbeam | <input type="checkbox"/> White Ash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flowering Dogwood | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

BIRDING CHECKLIST

Check off birds identified by sight or sound.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal | <input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Bellied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove | <input type="checkbox"/> Downy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby Throated Hummingbird | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron | <input type="checkbox"/> Pileated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Vulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey | <input type="checkbox"/> N. Mockingbird |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

WILDLIFE

Wetland vegetation rimming the 6.5 mile shoreline provides a breeding ground for spring peepers and American Toads, dragonflies and mayflies, which in turn become food for bluegill and bass. Great blue herons, kingfishers, and osprey prey on the aquatic life while beavers make use of the sweetgum, oak, and pine growing along the banks for their numerous stick and mud bank lodges. Further upland, the hardwood forest of oak, hickory, and beech provides food and shelter for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, raccoon, and the great-horned owl. Flowering mountain laurel and dogwood brighten the spring woodland while black gum and red maple set the autumn woods on fire.



HIKING & BIKING HINTS

- Hike or bike with a buddy, especially if it is your first time.
- Carry water in hot weather.
- Bring a map with you on the trail.
- Let someone know where you will be hiking or biking and for how long.
- Stay on the trail.
- Take note of colored blazes along the trail.
- Observe closing time of sunset.
- **Caution:** Yellow-jackets nest underground and can be very aggressive from July to frost. Carry medication if allergic and stay on trails.

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RULES & REGULATIONS

Following the rules and applying common sense will help ensure a safe and pleasant visit for all and preserve this park for future generations.

- Keep the park clean by placing waste in the proper receptacles
- Mountain Biking allowed only on designated trails
- Park only in designated areas
- Fires allowed in park grills only
- Fishing license required to fish
- No wading or swimming
- No motorized vehicles allowed off road
- No disturbance or removal of plant or animal life
- All dogs must be on a leash
- Camping and hunting prohibited
- Alcohol prohibited
- No metal detectors
- Hammock straps should be at least 1 in wide and trees used should be at least 1 ft in diameter

PARK PHONE: 540-786-8989

In the event of an emergency, park staff can call 911. First Aid Kit available at boat concession.

CONCESSION

Fishing and jon boat/canoe rentals available for fee (brochure on rates and lake map available).

HOURS OF OPERATION

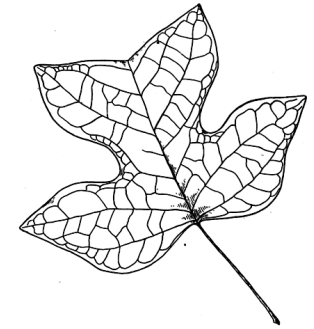
April 1—Oct. 31 **7am-7pm**
Closed every Tuesday and Wednesday
Nov. 1—March 31 **Closed**

NATURE CENTER

Open Sat/Sun, 12-5pm, April 1—Oct. 31
Interested in Volunteering? 372-1086 x213

For more information, contact the City of Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation, & Events
408 Canal St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401
(540) 372-1086 / www.FredParksRec.com

Motts Run Reservoir



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Hiking Trails

Hiking terrain includes gently rolling hills and at least one moderately steep hill per trail. Follow painted blazes (rectangles □) on trees. Spurs/shortcuts have white blazes. Double blaze indicates turn.

MINE RUN TRAIL

RED BLAZE—2.6 miles roundtrip
Linear trail terminates at Mine Run.
Hiking time approx. 1 hour.

LAKEVIEW TRAIL

GREEN BLAZE—0.5 miles
Lovely lake views through pines on ridge. Bridge over wetland area.
Hiking time approx. 15 min.

TURKEY RIDGE TRAIL

YELLOW BLAZE—0.8 mile loop
Recommended hiking clockwise
Hiking time approx. 20 min.
Possum Path: 0.2 miles (white blaze)

LAUREL TRAIL

PURPLE BLAZE—0.4 miles
Mountain Laurel in bloom early May.
Hiking time approx. 10 min.

HIDDEN CREEK TRAIL

BLUE BLAZE—1.5 mile loop
Much beaver activity. Lovely views
Hiking time approx. 45 min.
Osprey Point Trail: 0.2 miles (white blaze)
Lovely lake views & two benches.
Old Silo Trail: 0.2 miles
Group benches at old farm silo and barn site.

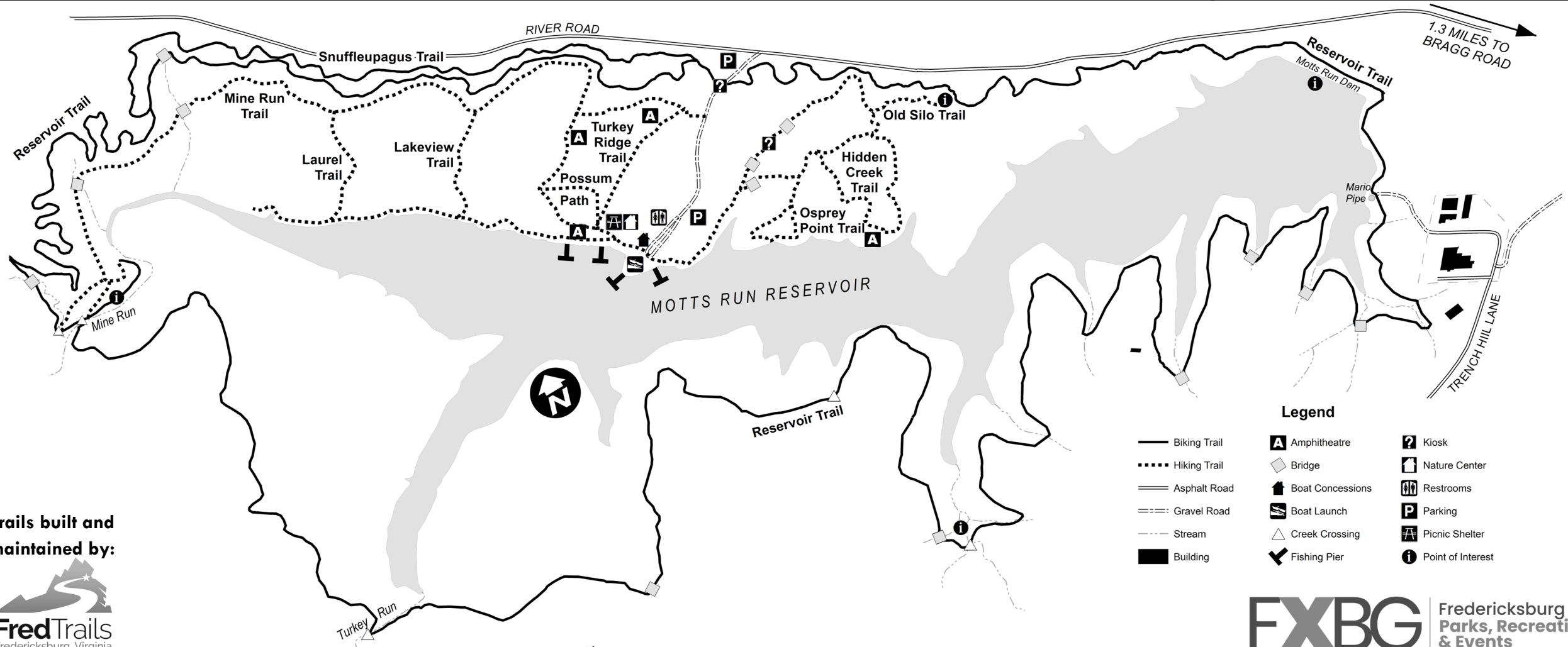
Biking Trails

SNUFFLEUPAGUS TRAIL

YELLOW SIGNS—2.0 mile loop
Loop connects to the Reservoir Trail

RESERVOIR TRAIL

WHITE SIGNS—7.7 mile loop (including 1 mile of Snuffleupagus Trail)
Loops around entire reservoir. Features multiple creek crossings and bridges.



Trails built and maintained by:

