Anacostia Trails Heritage Area may be located just a few miles from downtown Washington D.C., but a surprising feature is the variety of outdoor urban adventures. Protected watersheds and community parks merge with trails and open spaces to create activities for every level of outdoor enthusiast - and a chance to find your "Maryland Milestone."

The Anacostia Tributary Trails System links up to Washington D.C’s Anacostia River Trail at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Encompassing over 60 miles of trails, the system is family-friendly with level routes and beautiful scenery. Ideal starting points are Bladensburg Waterfront Park or Lake Artemesia, a great fishing, birding, and community space. Two other great trails are the Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail in Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, and College Park; and the Washington, Baltimore, & Annapolis Trolley Trail between Glenn Dale and the Patuxent River in Bowie.

Bladensburg Waterfront Park has bike rentals, kayak and canoe rentals, as well as boat launches and weekly pontoon boat rides. Be sure to pick up a Anacostia Water Trail Map before exploring by water. On the Patuxent River, Laurels Riverfront Park is a relaxing trail landscape along the river, while in Bowie the Governor Bridge Natural Area includes a canoe launch on to the lower Patuxent River. Also along the Patuxent, the National Wildlife Visitor Center at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge provides outdoor tram tours, bird viewing, hiking, fishing, and public programs.

Prince George’s County has a variety of great playgrounds, parks, and community sites. For example, Dinosaur Interpretive Site near Laurel allows fossil digging; Ellen Linson Pool/Wells Ice Rink in College Park is a place to swim or skate; and Berwyn Heights’ Indian Creek Playground has an American Indian theme. To find out more, contact the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Many communities have their own parks too. The City of Greenbelt operates Buddy Attick Park with a lake, playground, and walking trails, Hyattsville’s Magruder Park has playing fields, playgrounds, and connections to the Tributary Trails. The City of Bowie has Allen Pond Park, while the City of Laurel has Granville Gude Park.

Finally, to sleep under the stars find the closest tent camping in the D.C. area at Greenbelt National Park. Camping, hiking, and regular interpretive programs are offered. Cherry Hill RV Park in College Park is a popular option for recreational vehicles and campers.

Come and explore the urban outdoors!

HERITAGE ROUTES

The following Heritage Routes are tours which connect multiple sites and themes. They can be accessed by foot, bike, or vehicle. Brochures for select routes are available at the Maryland Milestones Visitors Center or find all of them at www.marylandmilestones.org.

- Linking the Nation: Transportation & Communication
- From Hot Air Balloons to Steps on the Moon
- Main Streets & Miracle Miles
- Farms & Fields: Agriculture Heritage
- Urban Outdoor Adventures
- Painting the Town: Arts & Humanities
- Festivals & Farmers Markets
- Battle of Bladensburg Walking Tour

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Bladensburg Waterfront Park
(Trailhead for Anacostia River Trail)
4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD
Operating Hours: Daily, Sunrise - Sunset
301-779-0371 / www.pgparks.com

Lake Artemesia & Tributary Trails System
Berwyn Road & 55th Avenue, Berwyn Heights, MD
Operating Hours: Daily, Sunrise - Sunset
301-627-7755 / www.pgparks.com
(additional trailheads: Adelphi Mill, Magruder Park)

Greenbelt Park (National Park Service)
6565 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD
Operating Hours: Daily, Sunrise - Sunset
301-344-3944 / www.nps.gov/gree
(Campground ranger station - Daily, 8a-3:45p)

Governor Bridge Natural Area
7600 Governor Bridge Road, Bowie, MD
Operating Hours: Daily, 8a - Sunset
301-627-6074 / www.pgparks.com

Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge
(National Wildlife Visitors Center)
10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD
Operating Hours: Mon-Wed, 9-4:30; Fri-Sun, 9-4:30
301-497-5760 / www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent

Dinosaur Park Interpretive Site
13100 Mid-Atlantic Boulevard, Laurel, MD
Operating Hours: Daily, Sunrise-Sunset
301-627-1286 / www.pgparks.com
(Public Open Time: 1st and 3rd Sat., 12-4p)

W&B&A Trailhead
(Prince George's County Parks and Recreation)
10100 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706
Operating Hours: Daily, Sunrise - Sunset
301-699-2255/www.pgparks.com

Maryland Milestones Heritage Center
(Located near Rhode Island Avenue Trolley Trail)
4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, MD
301-887-0777 / info@marylandmilestones.org
Operating Hours: Tue-Sat, 10-5; Sun 12-5

Other Referenced Stopping Points:
Many of the other points referenced in this Heritage Route are community parks. We encourage you to visit respectfully. For more details on locations or parking, please contact Maryland Milestones.

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