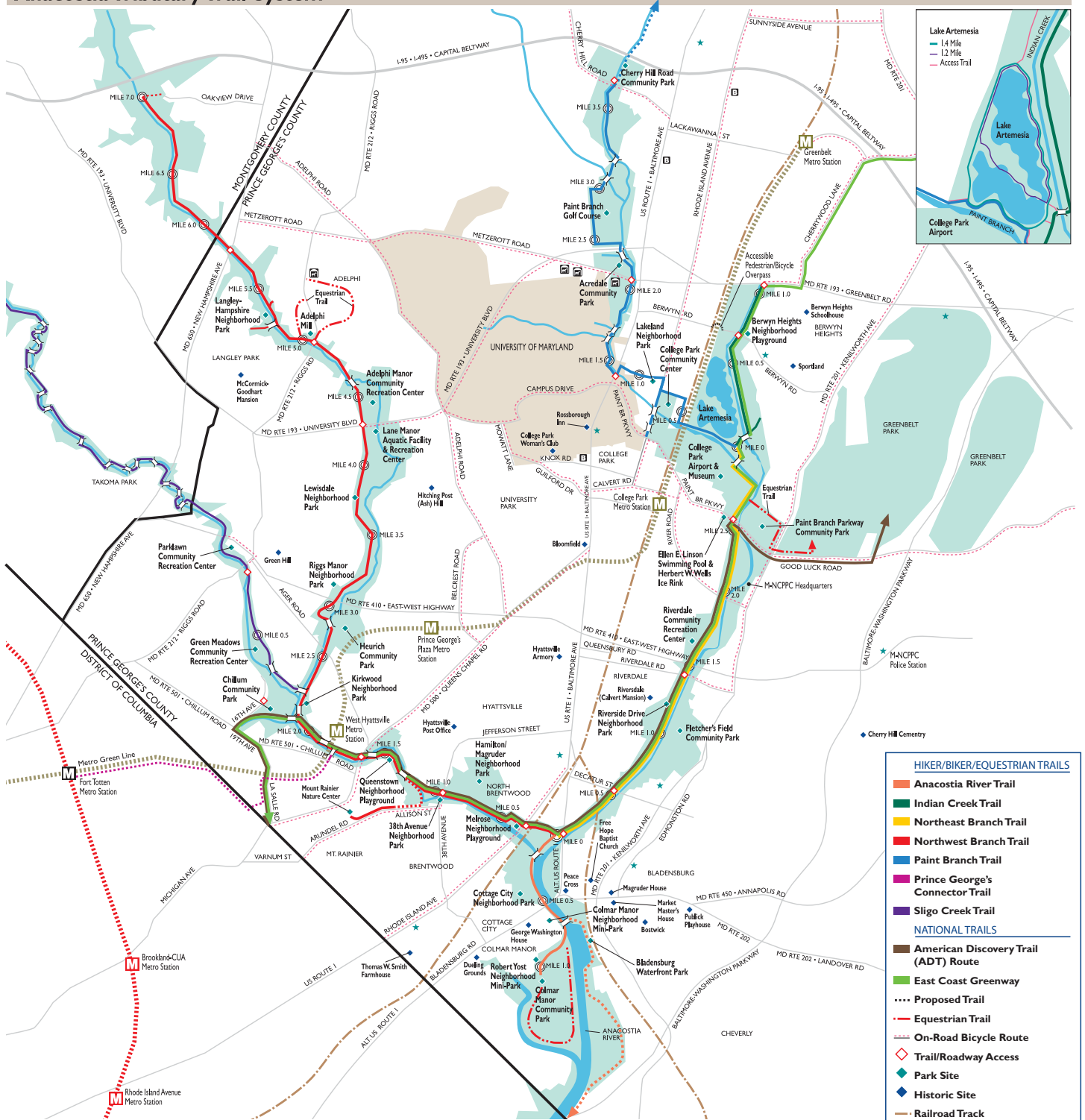


Anacostia Tributary Trail System



TIPS FOR TRAIL SAFETY

Smart Trail Use

■ **Share the Trail.** The trail is accessed by a variety of users at the same time. Please be courteous to ALL users. Remember, pedestrians have the right-of-way. All users should always stay to the right on the trail. Bicyclists should pull off the trail when stopping, give a voice, bell, or horn warning when passing other users, and should not exceed a speed of 12 miles per hour. Cyclists should exercise common sense, travel at speeds appropriate to the conditions of the trail, and wear helmets. Horses should use grass shoulder where possible.

- **No Motorized Vehicles** except motorized wheelchairs are allowed on the trail.
- **Pets should be kept on a leash.** Please clean up after your pets.
- **Carry Identification** with your name, phone number, and medical information. Record your bicycle serial number.
- **Carry Coins** for a phone call or take a portable phone. Know where phone booths, stores, and open businesses are located near the trail you are using.

- **Write or leave word of the direction of your travels.** Tell friends and family of your favorite routes.
- **Travel with a partner;** it's safer and more fun. Avoid unfamiliar areas alone.
- **Always stay alert.** The more aware you are, the less vulnerable you are. Avoid areas of poor visibility and do not wear headphones; you need your eyes and ears to be aware of your surroundings. Remember, all parks are closed at dark.

- **Wear reflective material,** not jewelry. Carry a whistle or other noisemaker.
- **Use your intuition** about a person or area. React on your intuitions and avoid if you're unsure. Don't confront matters that may jeopardize your safety. Ignore verbal harassment. Use discretion in acknowledging strangers. Look directly at others and be observant, but keep your distance and keep moving.
- **When on roadways, remember to ride with traffic,** walk and run against traffic.
- **Park Police Emergency (301) 459-3232**

