

# WATKINS REGIONAL PARK NATURE TRAIL SYSTEM

“Take A Hike” during your visit to Watkins Regional Park. Visitors can choose from 9 easy-to-follow colorblazed trails. Choose a trail suited to your energy level and time frame. The Nature Center has information on wildlife sightings and blooming wildflowers. Please note that all trail mileage and times are round-trip from the Trailhead Kiosk behind the Nature Center.

**PLAYGROUND PATH**  
1/8 mile 5 minutes

This short path begins in front of the raptor cages behind the Nature Center and leads to the playground. It accomodates strollers.

**WOODLAND TRAIL**  
1/4 mile 8 minutes

A flat, easy hike right behind the Nature Center. Pick up a self-guided brochure that describes 10 points of interest along the trail.

**FARM TRAIL**  
2/3 miles 20 minutes

An easy walk along the connector trail between the Nature Center and Old Maryland Farm. This trail crosses the main park road and the miniature train tracks. The trail is blazed in white, but shown in gray on the map.

**UPLAND TRAIL**  
2/3 mile 20 minutes

Accessed by a bridge off the Wetland Trail, this trail begins with a short climb up to the ridge and offers scenic views of the stream below.

**WETLAND TRAIL**  
1 1/3 miles 45 minutes

A blend of forested, wetland, and upland habitats, this trail features a hike across several boardwalks, a short climb up the ridge, and a view of our 120+ year old tulip poplars. Great opportunity to see deer tracks and hear barred owls.

**PERRYWOOD TRAIL**  
1 2/3 mile 60 minutes

To get from the Nature Center to the new Community Center, hike the Perimeter Trail towards the campground. Turn right at the trail junction and follow for about 1/4 mile to the parking lot at the Community Center.

**BEAVER POND TRAIL**  
1 2/3 miles 60 minutes

This one-way trail is accessed off the Upland Trail and ends at the beaver pond. Search for wood ducks, kingfishers, pileated woodpeckers, great blue herons, and beavers around the pond.

**OVERLOOK TRAIL**  
2 1/3 miles 90 minutes

Accessed off the Beaver Pond Trail, this trail runs along the top of the ridge. It features large beech trees and thickets of mountain laurel. It also offers great panoramic views of the Western Branch.

**SPICEBUSH TRAIL**  
3 miles 90 minutes

This trail is for the ambitious hiker. A walk through the woodlands, wetlands, and meadows of Watkins Regional Park. Incorporates sections of the Woodland and Wetland Trails.

## WATKINS PARK GENERAL INFORMATION

Please keep **pets** on a leash and clean up after them.

**Bikes**, skateboards, and roller-blades are not allowed on trails.

Use of unauthorized **motor vehicles** on trails is prohibited.

**Wildlife**, **plants**, or park property may not be damaged or removed.

No alcoholic **beverages** are permitted.

Please **recycle**. Deposit trash in appropriately marked containers.

During business hours, **emergency assistance** can be received at the Nature Center, Maintenance Yard, Administration Building, and the Old Maryland Farm. During nonbusiness hours, call Park Police for emergency assistance.

Pay **telephones** are available at the Snack Bar and the Administration Building.

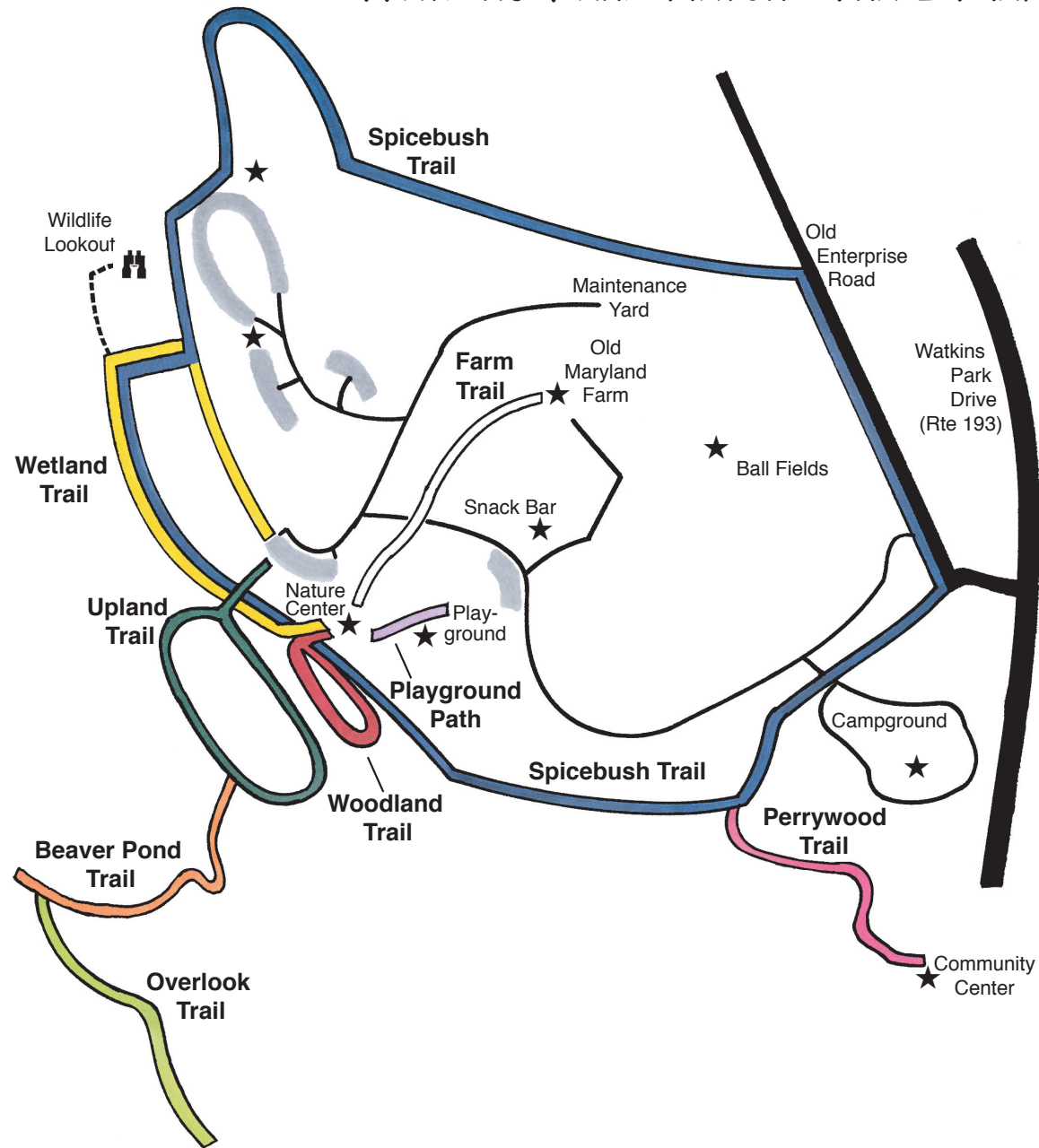
**Important Phone Numbers:**

Park Police	301-459-3232
Nature Center	301-218-6702
Old Maryland Farm	301-218-6770
Admin. Building	301-218-6700
Maintenance Yard	301-218-6800



# A GUIDE TO THE WATKINS REGIONAL PARK NATURE TRAIL SYSTEM

# WATKINS PARK NATURE TRAIL MAP



## LEGEND:

-  Parking Lots
-  Park Roads
-  Restrooms
-  Playground Path
-  Woodland Trail
-  Farm Trail
-  Upland Trail
-  Wetland Trail
-  Perrywood Trail
-  Beaver Pond Trail
-  Overlook Trail
-  Spicebush Trail

## Symbols Seen on the Trails:



Nature Center



Old Maryland Farm



Wildlife Lookout

## NATURE CENTER AND TRAIL INFORMATION

While at the Nature Center you can borrow baby backpacks and Trail Discovery Backpacks (filled with trail activities) at no charge or ask a naturalist to help you identify a bird or plant you saw on the trail.

Two trails from the Playground are accessible to strollers and wheelchairs: visit the livestock at Old Maryland Farm or the Nature Center's birds, frog pond, and butterfly garden.

Join a park naturalist on a Saturday morning Discovery Hike or a Friday Night Hike. Search our secret hiding places for bats, flying squirrels, and owls. Listen for the drumming of the large pileated woodpecker and the slap of the beaver's tail on the water. Come prepared to hike with a jacket, long pants, and hiking shoes. We provide the binoculars...and the fun!

For information on trail access for people with disabilities, please call 301-218-6702 or TTY 301-699-2544.

*The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Please contact the facility two weeks in advance of the program start date to request an accommodation (i.e. sign language interpreter, support staff, etc.).*

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