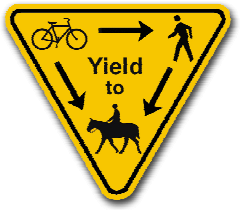
Friendly Trail Reminders

Share the Trail



You've likely seen this 'Yield To' image while accessing the trail system at one of our five public access lots. Please remember that hikers, runners, and bikers should always yield to horses. Bikers should yield to hikers and runners. All trail users yield to our equestrian users. Horses are large flight animals, and when frightened may cause injury to themselves, rider, or others around them.

Also, when approaching another trail user from behind, it is good practice to let others know you are coming with a friendly greeting to make them aware of your location.

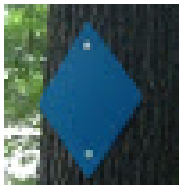
Non-Equestrian Trails

While the vast majority of trails at Fair Hill NRMA are available for hikers, runners, bikers, and horses, a few trails are unsuitable for equestrians. Reasons for marking a trail as non-suitable for horses include bridges, footing, blind corners, narrowness of trail, and environmental impact.

Pets on Trails

Pets are welcome at our park, but **MUST BE LEASHED.** While your dog may have great manners and love people and other dogs, not everyone feels comfortable around an animal off leash. Also, please remember to clean up after your pet!

Protect Our Trails



Trails are extremely vulnerable to damage when muddy or wet. Riding the Blue Diamond trail will lessen the impact and damage to vulnerable single-track trails in wet weather.

Blazed Trail Descriptions

Orange Trail 5.8 miles - difficult

This circuit trail begins in Parking Lot #1 (Rt. 273 lot) and meanders through mature forest and hayfields skirting the Big Elk Creek at the midpoint. Although the trail offers primarily rolling hills, a few steep climbs are found throughout. Hiking the trail takes approximately two hours.

Green Trail 5.5 miles - moderate

The Green Trail is comprised of a combination of double-track and single-track trail. The majority of the trail consists of old farm roads and passes by the historic covered bridge. Hiking the Green Trail will require approximately two hours.

Blue Trail 3.8 miles - moderate

Beginning in Parking Lot #3 (North Appleton Road lot), the Blue Trail is a mix of woodland and open fields finishing through a tunnel under Appleton Road. The Blue Trail skirts Christina Creek, which feeds into the Delaware Bay watershed, in the Little Egypt area and will take approximately an hour and a half to walk.

Yellow Trail 3.2 miles - moderate

Trail users enjoy scenic views at the Scott's Mill Bridge crossing on Big Elk Creek after a fairly rapid downhill descent. Continue north along the creek to enjoy the serene beauty. It will take approximately an hour and a half to walk the Yellow Trail.

Red Trail 2.5 miles - easy to moderate

Ideal for novice mountain bikers, this former logging road offers a less technical ride through mature woodland and open hayfield, often skirting and crossing Grammies Run Creek. This is the least strenuous circuit and will take hikers approximately one hour to complete.

Blue Diamond Trail 6.8 miles—Moderate

This 6.8 mile double-track gravel trail is ideal for use when trail conditions are wet or muddy. Trail users can enjoy views of historic ruins, horse pastures, and the Big Elk Creek, while traversing through hay fields and woodlands.

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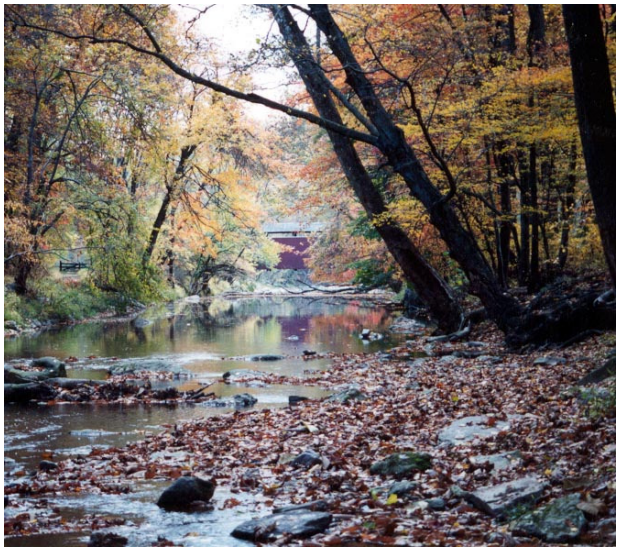
Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area



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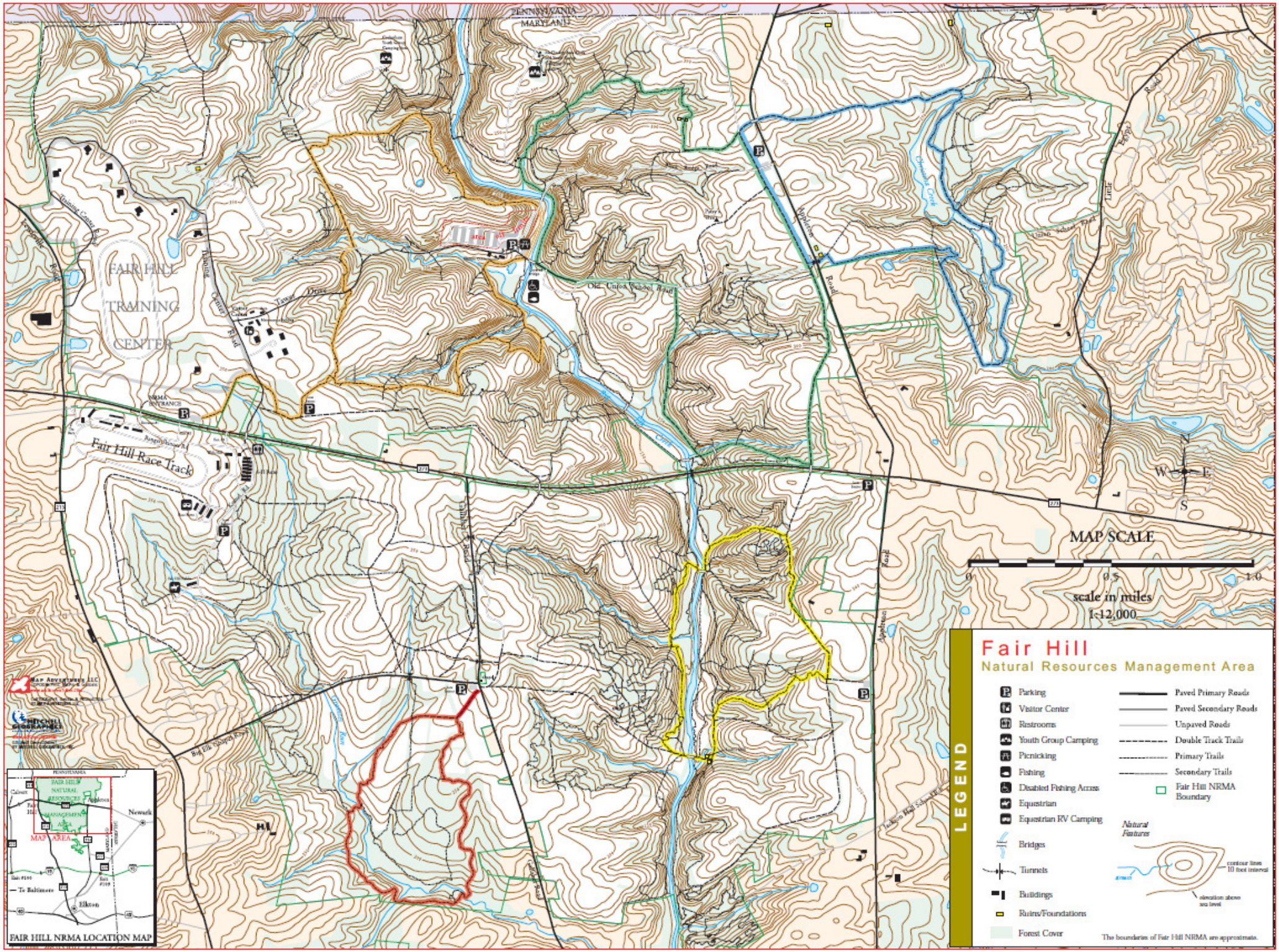

Fair Hill
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LEGEND
Parking
Visitor Center
Restrooms
Youth Group Camping
Picnicking
Fishing
Disabled Fishing Access
Equestrian
Equestrian RV Camping
Bridges
Tunnels
Buildings
Ruins/Foundations
Forest Cover
Paved Primary Roads
Paved Secondary Roads
Unpaved Roads
Double Track Trails
Primary Trails
Secondary Trails
Fair Hill NRMA Boundary
Natural Features
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elevation above sea level
The boundaries of Fair Hill NRMA are approximate.
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scale in miles
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FAIR HILL TRAINING CENTER
Fair Hill Race Track
Old Union School Road
Appleton Road
Little Egypt Road
Union School Road
Chinquins Creek
Big Elk Sheepwash Road
Jackson Hall School Road
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FAIR HILL NRMA LOCATION MAP
MAP AREA
Newark
Elkton
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