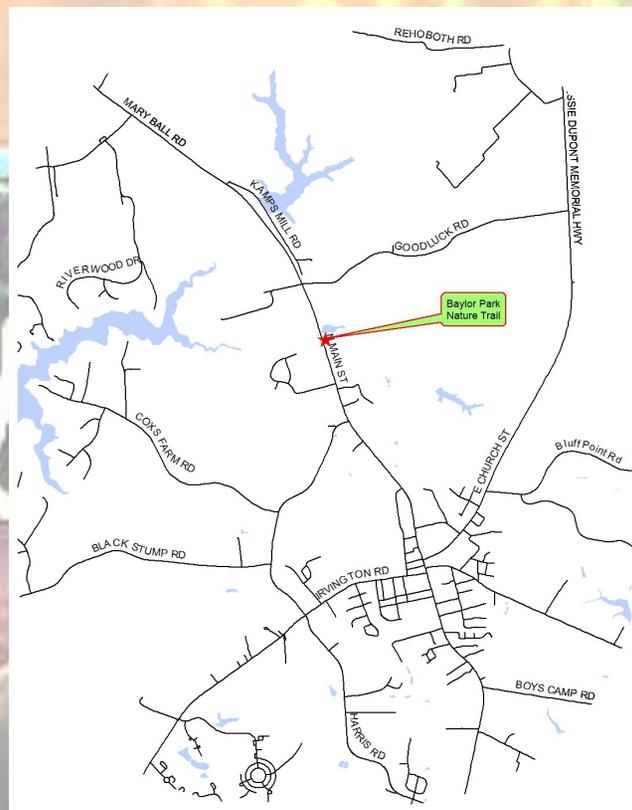


RULES & REGULATIONS

- Nature trail and parking area open to the public from sunrise to sunset.
- No hunting or trapping.
- Use of fire is prohibited (Including but not limited to smoking tobacco products, fireworks, and campfires).
- No Alcohol/Drugs allowed.
- No firearms or weapons of any kind allowed.
- No loud, obnoxious, or obscene behavior.
- No fishing, wading, swimming, boating, or ice skating within Norris Pond or streams.
- Children under the age of 12 years old shall be under the direct supervision of an adult.
- Pets must remain leashed and in owner's control at all times.
- No overnight camping.
- Do not touch, befriend, feed, or help any wild animal you encounter.
- Do not remove, destroy, or harm any plant or animal.
- All motorized vehicles of any kind or size are strictly forbidden beyond parking lot.
- Bicycles are allowed and shall yield to pedestrians at all times.
- Horseback riding is not allowed.
- Picnics are permitted in designated picnic areas.
- Do not litter. Dispose of trash in appropriate receptacles.
- Do not trespass outside the boundaries of the nature trail.
- Use of parking area is for nature trail visitors only. No loitering.
- Do not remove, destroy, or tamper with trail structures (Including but not limited to signs, benches, picnic tables, decks, boardwalks, trash receptacles, gates, barriers, and fences).

The Town of Kilmarnock, and its staff, shall not be held liable for any person or person's property. Persons using the nature trail and parking area are responsible for their own safety and do so at their own risk. Terrain involves steep slopes and areas of rough, uneven ground. Appropriate clothing and footwear is recommended.

Persons found violating any of the above rules/regulations will be removed from the property and prosecuted.



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BAYLOR PARK NATURE TRAIL

KILMARNOCK, VIRGINIA

HISTORY

Baylor Park Nature Trail is located on a tract of land that was donated to the Town of Kilmarnock in honor of Dr. Richard N. Baylor for his devotion to the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic.

Norris Pond, once a very popular destination for many who enjoyed ice skating, was also a critical source of ice for those who lived in the area up until the early 1900's. Prior to having electricity, a common practice of storing ice for use in warmer months, was to store it in the ground.



Blocks of ice were cut from the pond using long slender saws, then stored in an earth pit until needed. Often sawdust was used to insulate the layers of ice and sidewalls. Evidence of an early "ice pit" can still be viewed close to the trail entrance.

LOOK - LISTEN - LEARN

The nature trail follows along the southern bank of the pond and its vast non-tidal wetlands. This environmentally sensitive union of land and water offers many opportunities to witness the many important functions of our natural environment. An abundance of wildlife thrives in this ecosystem.

Many waterfowl species can be seen visiting the pond year around, while White-tail deer travel the forest and take cover in the upland new growth timber. Springtime offers the sounds of yelping hens and echoing gobblers. Summer brings in blooming mountain laurel illuminating the slopes.

Informative wayside plaques along the trail will help identify species of plants and animals, as well as describing their ecological functions.

