

# Northern Central Rail (NCR) Rail Trail – North

Y 1454

Baltimore County, Maryland

5k, 10k, 15k, 20k, 25k, and 30k Walk Event

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# YRE Description

The Northern Central Railroad (NCR) Trail, officially known as the [Torrey C. Brown Trail](#), covers nearly 20 miles in Maryland, stretching from Ashland Road in Hunt Valley to the Mason-Dixon Line. The trail is generally 10 feet wide with a stone dust surface; it features clear and accurate mile markers along the whole length. The most popular activities on the trail are hiking, running, bicycle riding and horseback riding. The trail also provides access for fishing and tubing along the Gunpowder River.

The NCR continues another 20 miles into Pennsylvania as the [York County Heritage Trail](#), ending in the city of York, PA. This section is also an American Volkssport Association (AVA) Year-Round Event (YRE) and is sanctioned by the York White Rose Wanderers. The surface changes somewhat in Pennsylvania. The rails are still in place and the trail occasionally crosses from one side of the tracks to the other. The trail in PA features a cool tunnel and historic Hanover Junction.

The NCR North (Y1454) event offers several distance options, from Whitehall, MD, through Freeland, MD. Toilet options are limited. Shade is generally abundant. Carrying water is recommended. The trail is on natural surfaces. Rated 1B. Shade is generally abundant. Carrying water is recommended. The trail is on natural surfaces. Rated 1B.

## AVA Special Programs

Rails – to – Trails

Par For The Course

## Registering for the walk

When you register for the walk event you can download the PDF file with walk information. The PDF includes directions to the walk start and walk instructions. The fee for the download is \$2. You will be credited for this fee if you complete the walk event and pay the participant fee within 60 days.

## After you have completed the walk event

Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date the event was walked or biked, the distance walked or biked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank when they submit the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note however that the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF expires in 60 days.

# Driving Directions to trail start points

As noted above, the NCR Trail is popular among many types of users for various activities. Because of its popularity, parking lots often fill quickly, especially on weekends and holidays.

Per the ncrtrails.com web site, here are the major parking lots along the northern Maryland portion of trail, although there are many more small lots. GPS Coordinates are provided for use with vehicle navigation systems. Suggested start points are shown below, with NCR mile marker distances:

- Mile 10.8 **White Hall**: Take I-83 to Exit 27, go toward Hereford (east) 0.4 miles on MD-137/Mt Carmel Rd. Turn left on York Road and go 2.4 miles north. Turn right (east) on Weisburg Road for 1.4 miles. Turn right, staying on Weisburg Road for another 0.4 miles. The parking lot is on the right at Weisburg and White Hall Roads. Spot-a-pot.

- Mile 12.9 **Parkton** (GPS 39.64097, -76.65935): Take York Road to Parkton (Exit 31 off I-83). Turn left (west) onto Frederick Road, and park at 18858 Frederick Road.

- Mile 15.5 **Bentley Springs** (GPS 39.67493, -76.67062): Take York Road north of Parkton (Exit 33 off I-83). Turn left (northwest) onto Kaufman Road. Follow Kaufman Road for less than 1 mile, and turn left (west) onto Bentley Road and proceed to parking lot. Spot-a-pot.

- Mile 18.6 **Freeland** (GPS 39.70580, -76.68299): Take York Road north almost to the Pennsylvania line (Exit 36 off I-83). Then turn left (west) onto Freeland Road. Follow for 2 miles to parking lot. Water and restroom facilities.

**Be aware of No Parking areas.**

**Baltimore Walking Club (BWC) Northern Central Rail (NCR) Trail North  
(YRE 1454)  
5K/10K/15K/20K/25K/30K Trails Rated 1B**

This 30k event has been divided into three segments: Parkton (5K/10K), Bentley Springs (5K/10K), and Freeland (5K/10K). You can choose to walk any of the segments, or all 3. Restrooms along the trail are limited. NCR South, YRE 0183, continues on the rail trail to the southern terminus at Ashland.

Rules of the Trail: Walkers and bicyclists yield to horses. Bicyclists yield to horses and walkers. -----

**Directions for the Parkton 5k walk:** From the parking lot, **TURN LEFT** (South) on the trail. After crossing the 4<sup>th</sup> bridge (over Little Falls), turn around and return to the start/finish point.

**Directions for the Parkton 10k walk:** From the parking lot, **TURN LEFT** (South) and walk approximately ½ k after crossing Hunter's Mill Road. At the white post with the black number 26, turn around and walk north past the start/finish point to Station 2 on the Paracross Fitness Circuit. Turn around at Station 2 and return to the start/finish point.

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**Directions for the Bentley Springs 5k walk:** From the parking lot, **TURN LEFT** (south) and walk past the second crossroad (Walker Road) to a white railroad post with a black number 30. Turn around at the post and return to the start/finish point.

**Directions for the Bentley Springs 10k walk:** From the parking lot, **TURN LEFT** (south) and walk to a Paracourse Fitness Circuit. At Station 2, turn around and walk north, past the start point, and cross Bee Tree Road. Continue to the first bridge, and then turn around and return to the start/finish point.

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**Directions for the Freeland 5k walk:** From the parking lot, **TURN LEFT** and walk north past the sheltered display at the Mason-Dixon Line into Pennsylvania to the first road crossing. At the road, turn around and return to the start/finish point.

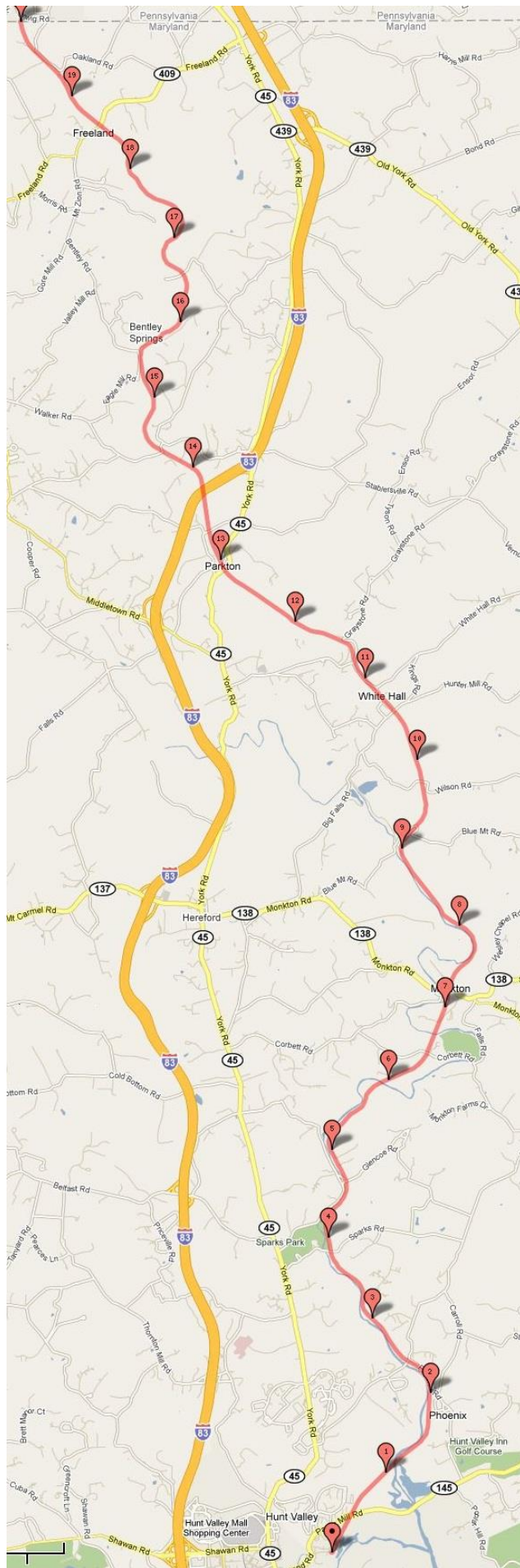
**Directions for the Freeland 10k walk:** From the parking lot, **TURN LEFT** and walk north past the sheltered display at the Mason-Dixon Line into Pennsylvania to the first road crossing. At the road, turn around and return past the start/finish. Walk past mile marker 17 to a bridge over Bee Tree Run. Turn around and return to the start/finish point.

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In case of Emergency, call 911

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

Event Assistance, call Jim at 443 504 5552



# Internet Resources

State of Maryland: <https://maryland.gov>

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/central/tcb.aspx>

York White Rose Wanderers:

<https://sites.google.com/site/yorkwhiterosewanderers/home>

Baltimore Walking Club: <https://www.baltimorewalkingclub.com>