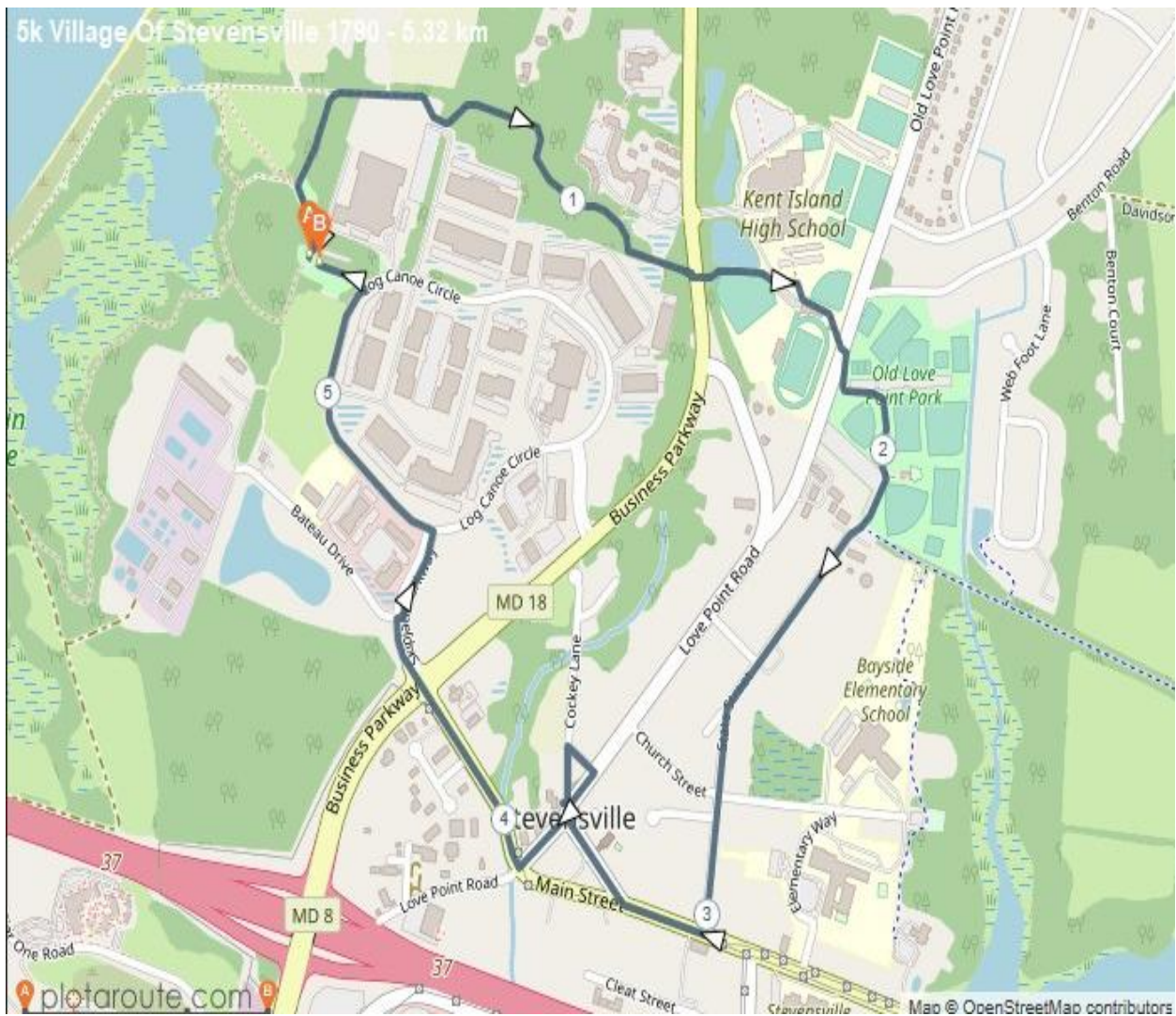


5k Terrapin Nature Park Trail Stevensville 1790 - 4.45 km





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5K- Terrapin Nature Park TRAIL
STEVENSVILLE, MARYLAND WALK
YRE 1790/2021

Trail begins at Terrapin Nature Park 191 Log Canoe Circle, Stevensville, MD. Restrooms at trailhead and points along bike trail. Trail is mostly on natural surface paths, including a short stretch on soft sand. **Trail rating 1B**

1. From the parking area, walk down to the “Explore the Chesapeake” and “Terrapin Nature Park” signs. Turn right. (You will pass this location once again on the walk).

2. At the first fork, bear LEFT on the gravel path toward the beach, do not continue on paved Cross Island Trail. Note the “Little Library”.

3. Continue down the trail toward North Blind and the Beach. When you reach the blind, you may wish to go inside and view the pond.

4. Continue along the trail between the ponds. Straight ahead is your first view of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

5. When you reach the North Beach boardwalk, feel free to walk on the beach. From the beach on a clear day you can see the Sandy Point Light across the Bay. Note the trail bed composed of broken oyster shells.

6. Continue on trail, crossing a wooden bridge. At the “Y” take the RIGHT fork toward South Meadow Loop, paralleling the beach.

7. Continue on the path. Soon you will be walking next to Rt 50. A wooden fence is on your right. As you come to a white gate the trail turns left. Go LEFT on the trail. Most evenings you can see deer in the fields here. Continue straight when the woods start on right. **Do not turn right** into the sewage treatment plant.

8. At the next path (Red post B6), turn **sharp right** into the woods. (3k). A wooden bench will be on your right, about 50 ft in from the trail.

9. At the Maintenance Area sign, stay on trail. At the T, turn RIGHT on crushed shell path. At the split rail fence, turn LEFT to “Trail Head”.

10. Turn LEFT on the blacktop and LEFT again at the “Terrapin Nature Park” sign.

We hope this walk was enjoyable.

Linda Meyer POC

ANNAPOLIS AMBLERS
STEVENSVILLE, MARYLAND WALK
YRE 1790/2021
5K Village of Stevensville

Trail begins at Terrapin Nature Park 191 Log Canoe Circle, Stevensville, MD. Restrooms at trailhead and points along bike trail. To complete this loop, proceed to the trailhead of the **Cross Island Trail**, at the inside end of the parking lot, turn RIGHT on the blacktop path, and follow the instructions from Number 11 to the end. The distance is 5.4k and is blacktop paths, sidewalks, and some road shoulders. **Trail Rating 1A**

11. Continue on the trail as you did when you began. At first fork go RIGHT on paved Cross Island Trail.

12. Walk on the trail until you reach Rt 8.

13. Carefully cross the highway and continue on the trail past the Kent Island High School on your left and the football field/running track on your right.

14. When you reach the Stop sign, cross Love Point Rd. and turn RIGHT, continuing through Old Love Point Park on paved path between athletic fields. (seasonal Port a Pots)

15. As you exit park, go STRAIGHT ahead between split rail fence sections on to State St. **Do not turn left on CIT.**

16. Continue on State St, passing Lowery RD and Ira Bright Ln, crossing Church St and passing Joyce Ln, to the "T" at Main St/Rt 18

17. Turn RIGHT and walk on the sidewalk. You will pass Historic Christ Church Arts & Cultural Center. This beautiful Gothic structure dating to 1880, has a steep slate roof, a stone foundation and is distinctly different from other church buildings in the region. The church is listed on the National Register. (7.9K) At "Y" bear RIGHT onto E. Main St.

18. Continue to the next intersection. Turn RIGHT on Love Point Rd. Continue to the Historic U.S. Post Office (small yellow building on right). The precise construction date of this building is not known, but it appears on an 1877 map and served as the

Stevensville Post office for the first half of the 20th Century.

19. Turn LEFT, cross Love Point RD, turn right and quickly LEFT onto gravel path through the small Stevensville Park. At end, turn LEFT onto Cocky Lane. Continue past the Train Depot and the Cray House (Ships Carpenter) on your right.

20. Continue straight to Love Point Rd. and turn RIGHT. On the left is Peace of Cake, an excellent bakery. Go past Market Ct. and Stevensville Antiques.

21. At stop sign, turn RIGHT onto Main St./Rt 18. Continue on the right side of the road. (Shore Stop on your left, Start Point and restrooms here). The Love Point Deli, on your right is a great place to get a sub.

22. Carefully cross Rt. 8 at the light and go straight into the Business Park. Cross to the left side of the road. At the stop sign at the Log Canoe Circle turn LEFT, and continue to walk on the left shoulder of the road. Turn LEFT into Terrapin Nature Area to the parking lot.

The Stevensville Train Depot was built in 1902, when the Queen Anne's County Railroad Co. extended its western terminus 13 miles the northwest, from Queenstown to Love Point. A connection was then made with steamboats for transport across the Chesapeake Bay. Passengers, seafood, and produce were the main cargo from Kent Island to Baltimore. The Cray House, a National Register site is located on a tract of land once called Stevens' Adventure, granted to Francis Stevens (hence the town name, Stevensville) in 1694. The meat house in back is a rare example of what was once a common feature in the region. Linda Meyer POC