

Palmer State Park

Y3154

Street. Maryland

5k, 9K and 10k Walk Event

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YRE Description

Palmer State Park (PSP) is a 550-acre tract within the Deer Creek watershed. Deer Creek flows thru PSP for approximately two miles.

The trail is natural surface. Elevations within PSP range from 120 feet to 400 feet above mean sea level. Slopes within PSP vary from level to quite steep (zero to 45 degrees). Nature enthusiasts can enjoy the native flora and fauna as they hike throughout a forest composed of tulip poplar, beech, hickory, and red, white, and black oak, and more.

Rated 2C because of the rugged terrain, the trail is **NOT** recommended for wheelchairs and strollers.

AVA Special Programs

There are no AVA Special Programs for this event.

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

Please remember to log back into the OSB's "Finish Table" after completing the walk event. Completion information includes the date the event was walked or cycled, the distance walked or cycled, and applicable special programs.

Driving Directions to the trail start

Address: 3209 Forge Hill Rd, Street, MD 21154

Contact: 410 557 7994 or email Rocks.statepark@maryland.gov. Park Ranger phone is 443 684 0288.

Palmer State Park is located in central Harford County, Maryland, south of Trappe Road and east of US Route 1. Forge Hill Road bisects the Park.

From I 95N, Exit 80 (Belcamp), North on MD Rte. 543 (Creswell Rd). Turn Right onto Rte. 136 (Calvary Rd) and head north. Continue straight through the intersection at Rtes. 136 and 22 (becomes Priestford Rd). In four miles, turn left on Trappe Rd. At the next stop sign turn left onto Forge Hill Rd. Entrance to the Palmer State Park parking lot is on the left in about a 1/4 mile.

From I 95S, Exit 85 (Aberdeen), take MD Rte. 22 West about 4 miles to Churchville. Turn right onto MD Rte. 136 North, Priestford Rd. In four miles, turn left onto Trappe Rd. At the next stop sign turn left onto Forge Hill Rd. Entrance to the Palmer State Park parking lot is on the left in about a 1/4 mile.

Restrooms are not available at the park. WAWA (3530 Conowingo Rd) and Royal Farms (3603 Conowingo Rd) are located nearby.

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(YRE Y3154)
5k or 10k
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5K DIRECTIONS—

1. From the parking lot, walk to the information board. As you face the board, begin your walk on the trail through the riparian buffered field to your **RIGHT**. Known as the Hornbeam Trail, it is marked with a white blaze and named for a unique-looking tree in the birch family that grows throughout the park. In the spring you can catch the showy orchid in bloom.
2. Follow the white blazed trail until you come to the intersection of the Iron Works Trail (yellow blaze). This trail was named after a once bustling town known for mining quartz.
3. Turn **RIGHT** and continue along the Iron Works Trail. The forest becomes denser with some moderate hills. You will come to the intersection of the Flint Mill Trail (red blaze). The Husband Flint Mill once turned the quarried quartz into beautiful ceramics.

4. Turn **RIGHT**. The Flint Mill Trail will lead you down along Deer Creek (which flows downstream until it empties into the Susquehanna River). When you come to the creek, bear left to continue on the trail (note: no visible red blazes as you look to the left until further along the trail). You will pass ruins of the mill and can look into one of the furnaces. There are some nice viewing spots and rock outcroppings as you hike upward through the woods. Continue until this trail intersects once again with the Iron Works Trail (yellow blaze).
5. Keep to the **RIGHT** to return to the Iron Works Trail. You will then come to the intersection of the Hornbeam Trail (white blaze).
6. Turn **RIGHT** and follow trail to return to the parking lot.

10K DIRECTIONS—

To get credit for a 10K turn around and complete the walk in reverse. This can give you a different perspective as you walk the trails in the opposite direction.

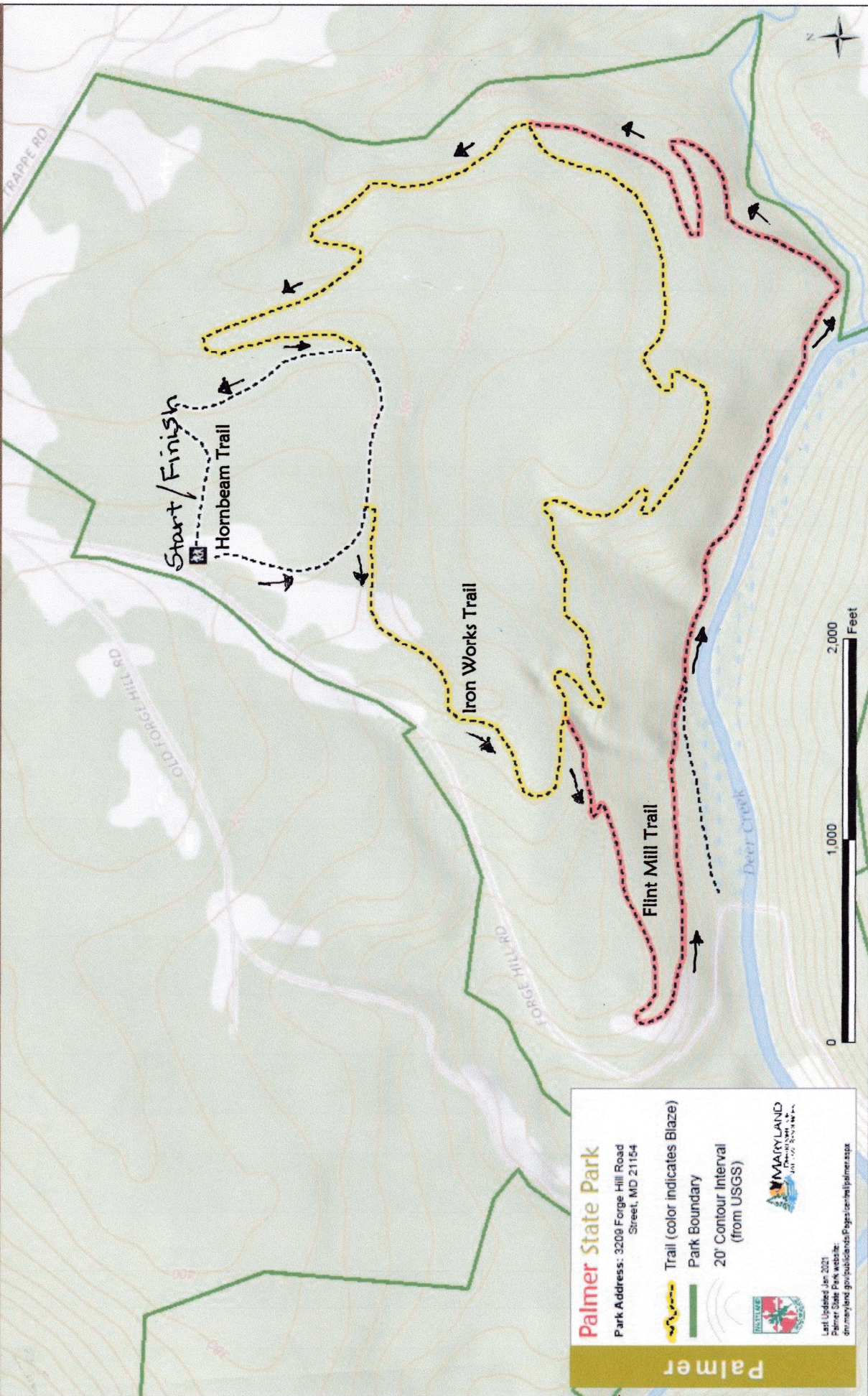
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Event Assistance, call Sue at 717 968 6611

Palmer State Park - Trail Map & Information



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4K
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Rated 2C - Rocks and Roots

DIRECTIONS—

1. From the parking lot, walk to the information board. As you face the board, begin your walk on the trail to the **RIGHT** through the riparian buffered field. Known as the Hornbeam Trail, it is marked with a white blaze and named for a unique-looking tree in the birch family that grows throughout the park. The trunk and branches of this tree have ridges that look like muscles. Throughout the year you can catch many different plants in bloom. In the spring look for the showy orchid, one of 57 species that call Maryland home.

2. Follow the white blazed trail until you come to the intersection of the the Iron Works Trail (yellow blaze)(.35K). This trail was named after a once bustling town known for mining quartz used in the making of ceramics. You will pass by old quarry sites and ruins.

3. Turn **RIGHT** and continue along the Iron Works Trail. The forest becomes denser with some moderate hills. When you come to the intersection of the Flint Mill Trail (1K), keep **LEFT** to continue on the Iron Works Trail. On this trail you pass by a tributary of Deer Creek.

4. Once you come to the next intersection with the Flint Mill Trail, keep **LEFT** as you continue on the Iron Works Trail (yellow blaze)(2.8K). This will take you to the intersection of the Hornbeam Trail (white blaze)(3.7K).

5. Keep **LEFT** and follow the Hornbeam Trail. At the intersection of the Hornbeam and Iron Works Trails, keep **RIGHT** to return to the parking lot (4.4K).

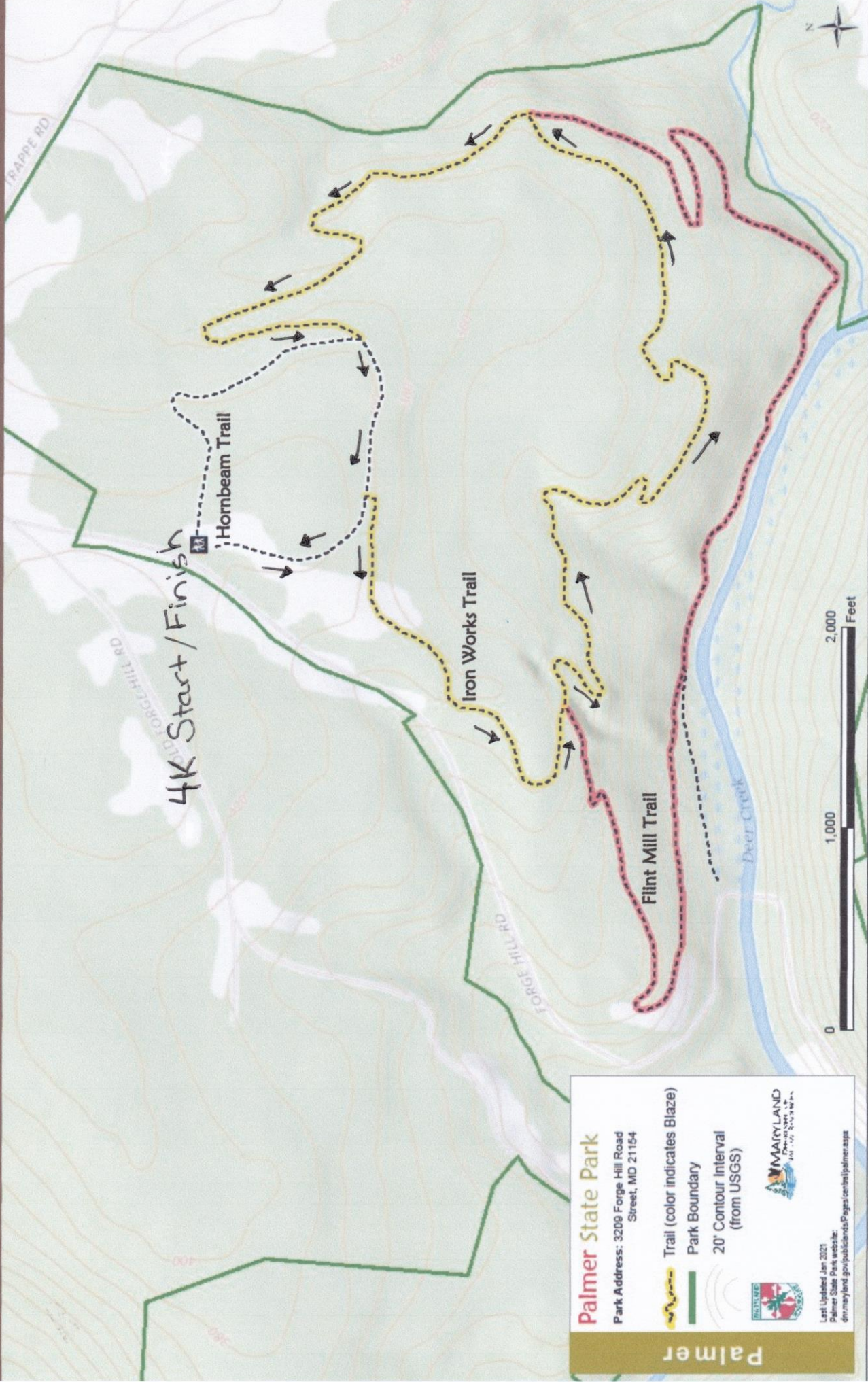
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 Park Address: 32009 Forge Hill Road
 Street, MD 21164

Trail (color indicates blaze)
 Park Boundary
 20' Contour Interval (from USGS)

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 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Last Updated Jan 2021
 Palmer State Park website:
dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/palmer.aspx

Internet Resources

1. Palmer State Park: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/central/palmer.aspx>
2. Club Information: [Baltimore Walking Club](#)