

Black Hill Regional Park Y3727

Black Hill Regional Park
Clarksburg, MD

10k, 5k, and Alt 5k Walks

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YRE Description

Black Hill Regional Park has more than 2,000 acres of land for outdoor recreation and family gatherings. Come enjoy spectacular views of Little Seneca Lake from the many picnic shelters, volleyball courts, playgrounds, and trails. Or rent a canoe, kayak, or rowboat from Black Hill Boats and explore the natural beauty of the lake by following the Black Hill Water Trail.

There is one (1) 10 km walk trail and two (2) 5 km trails.

- The 10k trail starts from the Black Hill Discovery Center. Restrooms are available in a separate building that is about 150m from the Discovery Center and uphill from the Boat Rental building.
- The 5k trail starts from the Black Hill Discovery Center. Restrooms are available in a separate building that is about 150m from the Discovery Center and uphill from the Boat Rental building.
- An alternate 5k trail starts from the parking lot across the road from the Black Hill Regional Park Public Boat Ramp. There is a Porta-John near the Boat Ramp.

Registering for the Walk

- Participant Fee: The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch club charges a \$4 per person participation fee for all participants aged 13 and older. This fee helps cover event costs.
- Ensuring Your IVV Credit: To ensure you receive IVV event and distance credit for your walk, please do NOT check the “No Credit” box during registration if you are 13 years or older. This step is important for tracking your progress in Volkssporting!

Accessing Walk Information (OSB PDF Download)

For your convenience, you can download a comprehensive PDF file containing detailed walk information, maps and instructions for your chosen route.

- There is a small, upfront \$2 download fee for this PDF.
- Reimbursement for the PDF: We'll credit this \$2 download fee back to you when you complete your walk using the OSB “Finish Table” and pay the \$4 participant fee. Think of it as a prepayment that gets returned when you finish!

After You Have Completed the Walk

After completing your walk, please return to the OSB and log your finish at the “Finish Table” within 60 days of the event registration. Be sure to include the walk date, distance, and any AVA Special Programs that apply to this event (see the AVA Special Programs section in this document).

If walking for IVV credit, your event and distance credits will be recorded automatically.

Driving Directions to the Walk Start

Park hours: Open from sunrise to sunset year-round. Specific facilities within the park, like the Nature Programs and Visitor Center (Discovery Center), have their own hours.

Address: 20926 Lake Ridge Dr, Boyds, MD 20841

GPS Coordinates: 39.1937139, -77.2625754

Plus code: 5PV3+2G Boyds, Maryland

Plus codes are based on latitude and longitude. By using a simpler code system, they are intended to be shorter and easier to use than traditional global coordinates.

From Washington, D.C, Virginia and points south:

- Take I-270 north towards Frederick, Maryland
- Take Exit 16, MD-27 N/Damascus (Ridge Rd) for 0.7 miles to traffic light at MD 355
- Turn left on MD 355 N (Frederick Rd) for 0.9 miles
- Turn left on W Old Baltimore Rd for 1.5 miles

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- Turn left on Lake Ridge Dr for 1.8 miles
- Turn right into Discovery Center parking lot

From Frederick, MD and points north:

- Take I-270 south towards Washington, D.C
- Take Exit 18 toward Boyds (Clarksburg Rd).
- At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on Clarksburg Rd
- At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit and stay on Clarksburg Rd
- At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit on W Old Baltimore Rd for 1.0 miles
- Turn right on Lake Ridge Dr for 1.8 miles
- Turn right into Discovery Center parking lot

Driving Directions to the Alternate 5k Walk Start

Park hours: Open from sunrise to sunset year-round.

Address: Black Hills Rd, Boyds, MD 20841

GPS Coordinates: 39.1999063,-77.294961

Plus code: 6P24+26 Boyds, Maryland

Plus codes are based on latitude and longitude. By using a simpler code system, they are intended to be shorter and easier to use than traditional global coordinates.

From Washington, D.C, Virginia and points south:

- Take I-270 north towards Frederick, Maryland
- Take Exit 16, MD-27 N/Damascus (Ridge Rd) for 0.7 miles to traffic light at MD 355
- Turn left on MD 355 N (Frederick Rd) for 0.9 miles
- Turn left on W Old Baltimore Rd for 1.5 miles
- Turn left on Lake Ridge Dr for 1.1 miles
- Turn right on Black Hills Rd for 0.3 miles
- Turn right into the parking lot across from the Boat Ramp

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- Take Exit 18 toward Boyds (Clarksburg Rd).
- At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on Clarksburg Rd
- At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit and stay on Clarksburg Rd
- At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit on W Old Baltimore Rd for 1.0 miles
- Turn right on Lake Ridge Dr for 1.1 miles
- Turn right on Black Hills Rd for 0.3 miles
- Turn right into the parking lot across from the Boat Ramp

10k Trail – AVA rating 2B

This trail offers a scenic and moderately challenging walk around Black Hill Regional Park, with paved and natural surfaces. Expect a few hills and potentially muddy areas in wet weather.

In case of Emergency: Dial 911.

For event assistance contact Jeffrey Giddings at (240) 753-0119

With your back to the Discovery Center entrance,

1. **Right** on sidewalk to paved path that is between 2 planters.
 - a. Continue on paved path for a short distance (~10 meters).
2. **Right** on first paved path, downhill toward brown Boat Rental building.
3. **Right** at "T" toward Lake.
4. **Left** to brown Gazebo. You'll have a great view of Little Seneca Lake.
5. **Turn Around** and return to the handicap parking area.
6. **Right**, passing Boat Rental building and uphill on paved trail.
7. **Bear Right** at crosswalk on paved trail just before parking lot.
 - a. Pass brown restroom building. Restroom entrances on right side of building.
 - b. Pass "BLACK HILL TRAIL" sign as you head towards woods for about 0.4k.
8. **Right** on paved trail at Parcourse Fitness Circuit sign (before park road).
 - a. Pass three (3) Parcourse Fitness areas.
9. **Bear Right** on natural surface BLACK HILL TRAIL as paved path bends back toward the road.
 - a. Continue for 0.6k. Cross little streams. Then uphill away from lake.
10. **Right** on paved BLACK HILL TRAIL for ~0.5k.
11. Just before yellow Caution sign and long bridge over creek, **Left** on natural surface trail.
12. **Right** at "TO HARD ROCK TRAIL" sign on right. Continue 0.44k.
13. **Right** at "T" away from park road for 1.8k.
 - a. Continue on HARD ROCK TRAIL at trail intersection.
 - b. Continue on HARD ROCK TRAIL at second trail intersection, "HARD ROCK TRAIL" sign on right.
14. **Right** on FIELD CREST SPUR.
15. **Left** at trail intersection to cross Lake Ridge Dr.
 - a. Cross Lake Ridge Drive using crosswalk.
16. **Right** at "T" intersection on HAMILTON TRAIL.
17. **Right** at wooden sign post on CABIN BRANCH TRAIL for 1.5k.
 - a. Cross stream using TINA's Bridge. (Tina Soule, a Sugarloafer member, was persistent with the Park Service to get this lovely bridge built for our 2007 volksmarch).
 - b. Cross another bridge.
18. **Left** at "T" in trail, with sign post on right and Cross over foot bridge.
19. **Bear Left** at end of bridge then immediately **Right** to continue uphill on wide trail with orange poles. At top of hill, note bluebird houses which are monitored by Friends of Black Hill.

10k Trail

- a. Continue until you can see parking lot for boaters on left.
20. **Bear Left** on path to Black Hill Rd.
21. **Left** on Black Hill Rd, passing parking lots for boaters.
 - a. Cross over the Lake.
22. **Right** on HAMILTON TRAIL for about 0.6k.
23. **Right** on BLACK HILL TRAIL downhill to the Discovery Center.
24. **Left** at "T" trail intersection to the Discovery Center.
25. **Left** again to the Discovery Center.

*Thank you for walking our Sugarloafer year-round today!
We hope you enjoyed this trail.*

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10k Trail



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5k Trail – AVA rating 2A

This trail is for walkers who prefer a paved trail. Several moderate hills are encountered, but you will be rewarded along the way with Lake views.

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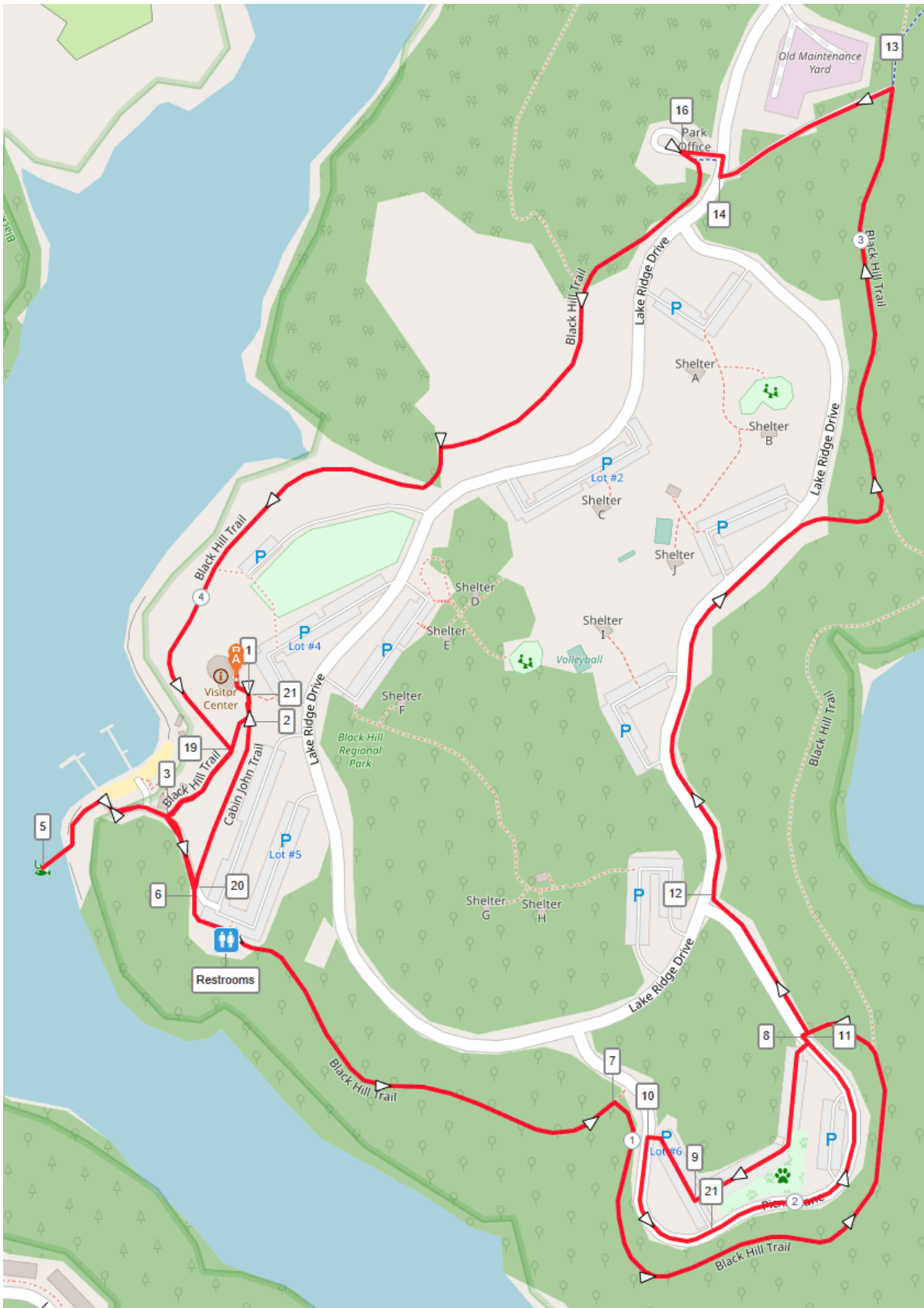
With your back to the Discovery Center,

1. **Right** on sidewalk to paved path that is between 2 planters.
 - a. Continue on paved path for ~10 meters.
2. **Right** on first paved path, downhill toward brown Boat Rental building.
3. **Right** at "T" toward Lake.
4. **Left** on Fishing Pier Access path. You'll have a great views of Little Seneca Lake.
5. **Turn Around** and return to the Boat Rental building.
 - a. Pass Boat Rental building and continue uphill on paved trail.
6. **Bear Right** at crosswalk on paved trail just before parking lot.
 - a. Pass brown restroom building. Restroom entrances on right side of building.
 - b. Pass "BLACK HILL TRAIL" sign as you head towards woods for about 0.4k.
7. **Right** on paved trail at Parcourse Fitness Circuit sign (before park road).
 - a. Pass three (3) Parcourse Fitness areas.
 - b. Pass natural surface trail on right
8. **Cross road** into parking lot. Carefully walk through parking lot, passing dog exercise lot on left.
9. **Right** at "T" intersection and follow to road.
10. **Left** on road keeping to the left side of road.
 - a. Continue on left side of park road until you see paved path on right side of road (across from last parking lot)
11. **Right** to cross road and Left on paved path to main park road (Lake Ridge Dr).
12. **Right** on paved trail alongside main road.
 - a. Continue as paved trail curves into woods (opposite sign for Shelter J)
13. **Left** at light gray paved path and go up along the fenced area with greenhouse and small buildings.
 - a. Continue on gray path to intersect with park road, Lake Ridge Dr.
14. **Cross and Right** toward the "20930" sign (Park Office).
15. **Left** up driveway to Gold Mine.
16. **Turn Around** and go a short distance to paved Black Hill Hiker/Biker Trail on Right with info board about George A Chadwick Jr and the Gold Mine Farm.
17. **Right** on paved trail.
 - a. Continue on paved trail, with Little Seneca Creek on right and passing the back of the Visitor Center (brown bldg.) on left.
18. **Right** at "T" towards Boat Rental building.
19. **Left** at "T" away from the Lake.
20. **Left** at crosswalk on paved path on left to return to the Discovery Center.
21. **Left** at "T" to go between two planters to the sidewalk and return to our start/finish point at the Discovery Center.

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Alternate 5k Trail – AVA rating 2A

We have developed this alternate trail for seasoned walkers who welcome a challenge and are accustomed to walking a 5k trail on the Regional Park's varied natural terrain, which can be muddy and slippery when wet. Several moderate hills are encountered, but you will be rewarded along the way with many different scenic areas.

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From the Overflow Parking lot across the road from the Boat Ramp,

1. **Left** on Black Hill Rd, walking on the left side to the main park road (Lake Ridge Dr).
 - a. Cross the bridge over Little Seneca Lake.
2. **Carefully Cross** Lake Ridge Dr on the gravel path, passing the yellow and green gate and the CONNECTOR TO BLACK HILL TRAIL sign.
3. At trail intersection, **Left** on first trail, passing sign "To paved hiker/biker trail and Water's Landing Community".
4. **Left** at "TO HARD ROCK TRAIL" sign on right. Continue 0.44k.
5. **Right at "T"** away from park road.
 - a. Continue on HARD ROCK TRAIL at trail intersection, "HARD ROCK TRAIL" sign on right.
6. **Left** on CONNECTOR TO FIELD CREST SPUR trail going uphill.
7. **STRAIGHT/Right** at "T" on FIELD CREST SPUR.
8. **Left** on Maintenance Yard road to crosswalk on Lake Ridge Drive.
9. **Cross** Lake Ridge Drive using crosswalk on the HAMILTON TRAIL for 1.1k.
10. **Right** at wooden sign post on CABIN BRANCH TRAIL for 1.5k.
 - a. Cross stream using TINA's Bridge. (Tina

Soule, Sugarloafer member, was persistent with the Park Service to get this lovely bridge built for our 2007 volksmarch).

- b. Cross another bridge.

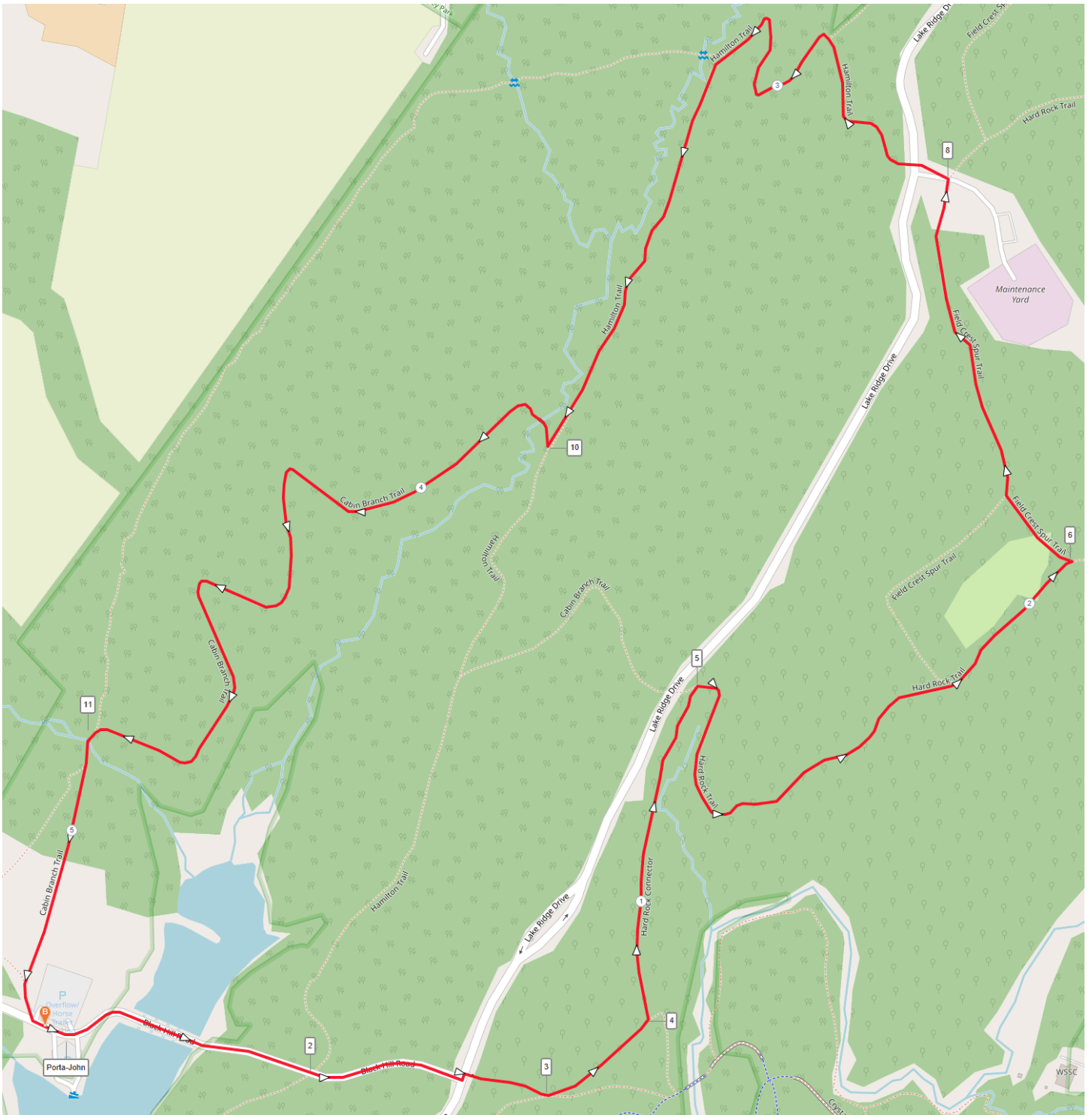
11. **Left** at "T" in trail, with sign post on right and **Cross** over foot bridge.
12. **Bear Left** at end of bridge then **immediately Right** to continue uphill on wide trail with orange poles. At top of hill, note bluebird houses which are monitored by Friends of Black Hill.
13. Continue until you can see parking lot for boaters on left.
14. Bear Left on path to Black Hill Rd to return to the start/finish point in the parking lot.

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Internet Resources

Black Hill Regional Park: <https://montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/black-hill-regional-park/>

Geographic region: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_\(United_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_(United_States))

Club Information: [Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club](#)

AVA National Programs

This YRE qualifies for all AVA National Programs:

- Walking the United States (50 States) → Maryland
- Walking the USA (A - Z) →
- Centurion Achievement Challenge → 1 event

AVA Special Programs

Special Program Name	Years	10K	5K	Alt 5K	Information
A-MAZE-ing Labyrinths	2024 2027				
Anniversaries Hurrah	2026 2026	X	X	X	
Appalachian Trail	2018 2029				
Border Crossings	2014 2025				
Grain Elevators: Monarchs of the Plains	2025 2028				
IVV-Americas	2022 —				
Lighthouses II	2023 2026				
Par for the Course	2023 2026	X	X		
Rails-to-Trails	2022 2026				
Step to the Beat	2024 2027				
Town Hall/City Hall	2022 2025				
Walking with America's Veterans	2021 2028				
Walking With the Wild Things	2025 2028				
Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail	2022 2032				