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10K and 5K Walks YRE - Y2504, rated 2C

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YRE Description

Little Bennett Regional Park is the largest natural gem of Montgomery County. It lies just a few miles from Interstate 270. Spread over 3,700 acres, the park offers beautiful scenery, a large campground, a small playground, more than a dozen historic sites and over 25 miles of scenic natural surface trails. Little Bennett Regional Park also features an 18-hole golf course.

While exploring the park's natural surface trails be sure to be on the lookout for the eastern bluebird and timberdoodle as you journey through the forests, meadows and through the wetland area on the Western Piedmont Trail.

In addition to an abundance of native plants and animals, this park features 14 historical sites and points of interest – including the Hyattstown Mill and the one-room Kingsley School House – which preserve the memories of rural life in Montgomery County through the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

The Kingsley School House was built in 1893 in response to the need for a school within walking distance of farms located in the Little Bennett Creek Valley. It served the local, rural farming community until it closed in 1935. Each year, around 20 children ranging in age from 6-12 years old attended the school. Since the immediate area was known locally as Froggy Hollow – due to the large number of frogs that could be heard peeping in the low-lying area – the school acquired the nickname of Froggy Hollow School. The School House is open to the public on the first Sunday of the month from April through October, 1pm - 4pm.

The park is on the Eastern Piedmont which is characterized by relatively low, rolling hills. For the natural surface park trails we suggest sturdy walking shoes and many walkers will want to use walking sticks.

Registering for the walk

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch club charges all participants over 12 a \$3 fee. When you register for your walk event, please DO NOT check the “No Credit” checkbox.



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After you have completed the walk

Please remember to log back into the OSB system to “finish/complete” your online registration after doing the walk. Completion information includes the date the event was walked, the distance walked and applicable special programs.

Note: The OSB system does not deduct any walk event credit fee from your Event Bank until you have submitted the walk completion info. If you have paid the \$2 fee for the PDF file download then this fee is credited toward the walk event fee when you submit the walk completion information as a credit walker. This PDF file download credit is available if you return to the OSB to submit the walk completion information within 60 days.

Driving Directions to Start Point

GPS Coordinates of the Start Point are 39.260967, -77.279558.

Please note: This parking lot has only 6 parking spaces. This lot may be full on the weekends.

Address: 24625 Clarksburg Rd, Clarksburg, MD 20871

From I-270:

Take Exit 18, MD-121 N/Clarksburg Rd toward Clarksburg.

Turn LEFT (from I-270 Southbound) or Merge (from I-270 Northbound) onto MD-121 N/Clarksburg Rd.

In 0.1 mi, turn LEFT onto Gateway Center Dr.

In 0.1 mi, Gateway Center Dr. turns right and becomes Clarksburg Rd.

In 0.4 mi, CROSS MD-355 at the traffic light.

In 1.5 mi, Turn RIGHT into Froggy Hollow trailhead parking lot.



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10K Walk Directions and Map

There are no facilities at this starting point.

1. The trail head is behind the Sign Board with the map of trails in the Little Bennett Regional Park. Follow the trail downhill for a little over 1K.
 - a. Cross a boardwalk.
2. Turn **LEFT** at the chain link fence that surrounds the old schoolhouse to follow the trail toward the creek.
3. Cross the bridge over the creek and bear **RIGHT** across the picnic area toward the porta-potty (in season).
4. Continue **STRAIGHT** uphill on the Purdum Trail. In ~100m,
5. Turn **LEFT** to continue on the Purdum Trail.
 - a. Ignore the first sidetrail on left.
 - b. Pass the Hard Cider trail on left.
6. Turn **LEFT** on the gravel road to remain on the Purdum Trail. Continue on trail ~800m.
 - a. Pass porta-potty (in season).
 - b. Pass Camping Area on the left.
 - c. Pass Loggers Trail.
 - d. Cross over boardwalk.
7. Bear **RIGHT** to continue on Purdum Trail.
8. Turn **LEFT** on the Browning Run Trail. Continue on the trail for ~1.7K.
 - a. Pass Lewisdale Trail.
9. Turn **LEFT** just prior to the parking area to remain on the Browning Run Trail.
10. **CAREFULLY** cross the Clarksburg Rd.
11. Bear **LEFT** on the Browning Run Trail for ~1.9K.
 - a. Cross bridge.
 - b. Pass Windy Ridge Trail.
 - c. Cross stream.
 - d. **CAREFULLY** cross several MUDDY areas.
12. Bear **RIGHT** to remain on Browning Run Trail at Windy Ridge Trail intersection.
13. Turn **LEFT** on the Western Piedmont Trail. Continue on the trail for ~1.2K.
 - a. Pass "To Windy Ridge Trail" trail on left.
 - b. Pass Beaver Valley Trail on right.
14. **CAREFULLY** cross Clarksburg Rd. to the parking area on the other side.
15. Continue through the parking area to the Kingsley Trail. Continue on the trail for ~1.2K.
16. Turn **RIGHT** toward the bridge and the old schoolhouse.
17. Cross the bridge. Continue on trail ~10m.
18. Turn **RIGHT** on Froggy Hollow Trail.
19. Continue on the Froggy Hollow Trail back to the Froggy Hollow parking area, ~1K.

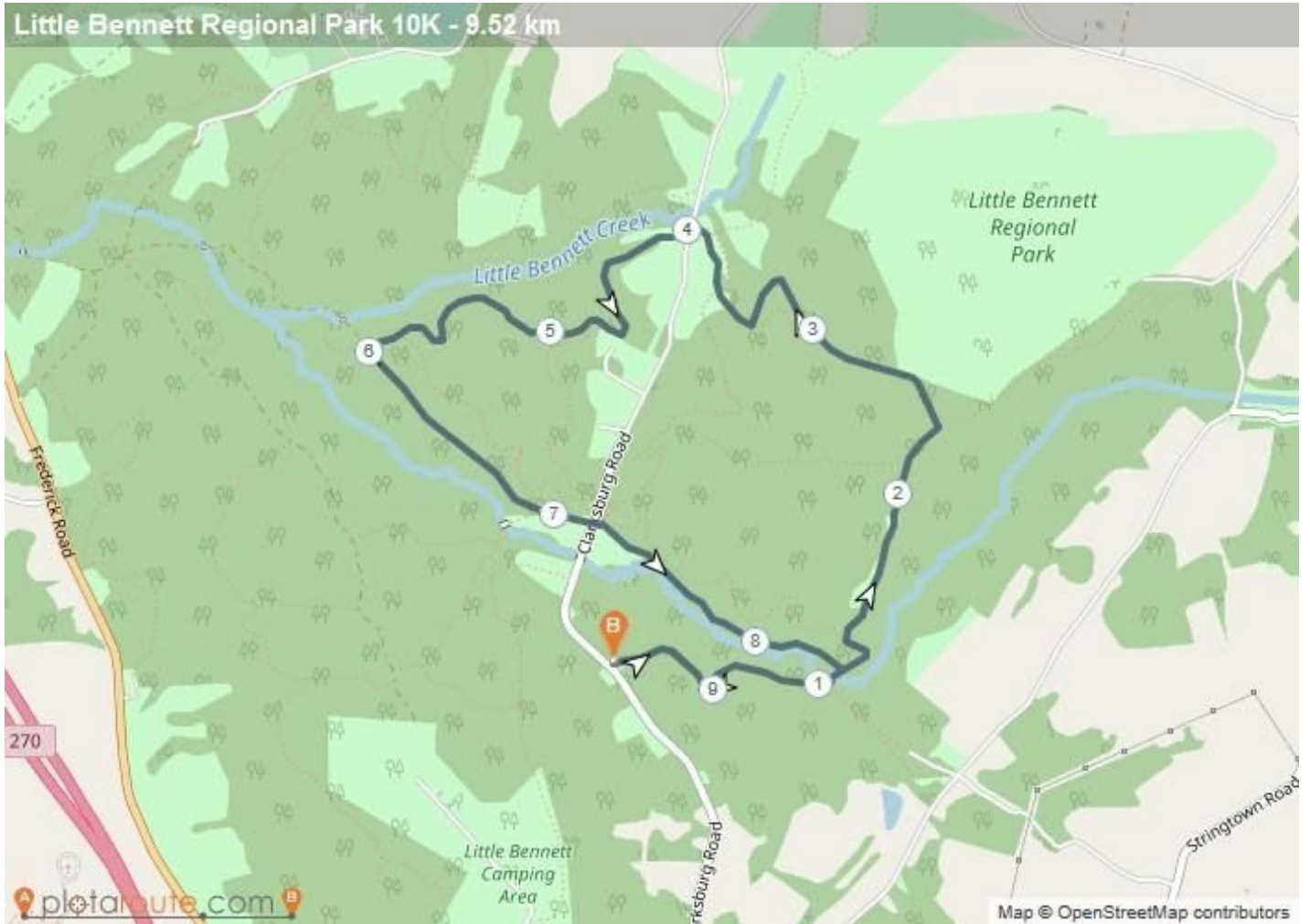
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5K Walk Directions and Map

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 - a. Cross boardwalk.
2. Turn **LEFT** at the chain link fence that surrounds the old schoolhouse to follow the trail toward the creek.
3. Cross the bridge over the creek and bear **RIGHT** across the picnic area toward the porta-potty (in season).
4. Continue **STRAIGHT** uphill on the Purdum Trail. In ~100m,
5. Turn **LEFT** to continue on the Purdum Trail.
 - a. Ignore the first sidetrail on left.
6. Turn **LEFT** on the Hard Cider Trail and continue on the trail for ~1.6K.
 - a. Cross bridge.
 - b. Pass single log bridge.
7. Turn **LEFT** in the parking area to the Kingsley Trail.
8. **STRAIGHT** on Kingsley Trail for ~1.2K.
9. Turn **RIGHT** toward the bridge and the old schoolhouse.
10. Cross the bridge. Continue on trail ~10m.
11. Turn **RIGHT** on Froggy Hollow Trail.
12. Continue on the Froggy Hollow Trail back to the Froggy Hollow parking area, ~1K.

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Internet Resources

[Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club](#)

www.sugarloafers.org/

[Montgomery County, MD, Montgomery Parks website for Little Bennett Regional Park](#)

www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/little-bennett-regional-park/

[Little Bennett Regional Park Trail Map](#)

mcatlas.org/parks/?find=G06

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[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_\(United_States\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piedmont_(United_States))



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Photo Album




Trailhead Parking Area (5K and 10K).



Old Single-Room Schoolhouse (5K and 10K).



Froggy Hollow Trailhead (5K and 10K).

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Bridge over Little Bennett Creek (5K and 10K).



Purdum Trail on left (5K and 10K).



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Hard Cider Trail Intersection with Purdum Trail (5K and 10K).



Log bridge (5K).



Kingsley Trail trailhead (5K and 10K).



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Intersection of Browning Run Trail and Purdum Trail (10K).

Kingsley Trail trailhead (5K and 10K).



Intersection of Purdum Trail and gravel road. Turn LEFT (10K).



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Browning Run Trail Post (10K).



Browning Run Trail crossing of Clarksburg Rd (10K).

Browning Run Trail/Western Piedmont Trail Post (10K)

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