

Damascus Regional Park and Town Y1368

Damascus, Maryland

20k, 10k and 5k Walks

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YRE Description

Damascus Recreational Park sits on 284 acres and has multiple outdoor athletic fields and courts for general recreation opportunities. As part of the former Art in the Parks initiative, Wind Harps by sculptor Rodney Carroll was installed in the park in 1992. The towering musical sculpture serves as a landmark for the park and emits calming sounds when the winds blow into the strings.

There are four trails;

- A 10k Regional Park trail
- A 5 Regional Park trail
- A 10k town trail
- A 7k town trail

The trails can be combined for 20k.

The park trail is both asphalt and boardwalk. As it follows the Magruder Branch stream valley, it offers views of the surrounding upland forests and provides wonderful birding opportunities. The boardwalk sections of the trail span the stream and associated wetland areas.

The town trail is on concrete sidewalks through the nearby neighborhood.

AVA Special Programs

Trail	Special Program(s)
Neighborhood Trail 10k	Little Free Libraries
Neighborhood Trail 7k	Little Free Libraries

Parallel Registration

The Sugarloafers maintain a physical walk box for this event as well as OSB event registration. AVA permits the use of these parallel registration methods. You may choose to use either the walk box or the OSB but NOT a combination of both.



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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 for any participant over 12 years of age. When you register for the walk 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 and pay the walk participant fee within 60 days.

After you have completed the walk

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

Driving Directions to Damascus Regional Park

Address: 23723 Kings Valley Rd, Damascus, MD 20872

GPS Coordinates of the Start Point are **39.246880, -77.224062**

Plus code is **6QWG+QM Damascus, 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.

Directions:

Washington National Pike (I-270), Exit 16, Father Hurley Blvd. (MD-27) East

Cross Rt 355 (Frederick Rd.)

RIGHT onto Kings Valley Rd.

LEFT into the parking area for the Park.

Please be considerate of other guests and park away from the Picnic Shelters.



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Damascus Regional Park Trail

10k, 5k (6.2, 3.1 miles) AVA rating 2A

There are restrooms at the start of this trail in Shelter C, when it is open. There are no other restrooms along this trail.

1. From the parking lot, start with Shelter C on right.
2. **STRAIGHT** past metal gate and continue on the paved trail (Magruder Branch) until you get to Sweepstakes Rd. (2.5k)

Thank you for walking our Sugarloafer year-round today!

We hope you enjoyed this trail.

***** Decision Point**

5k walkers

3. **Turn Around** and retrace your steps to Shelter C parking lot, our start/finish point.

10k walkers

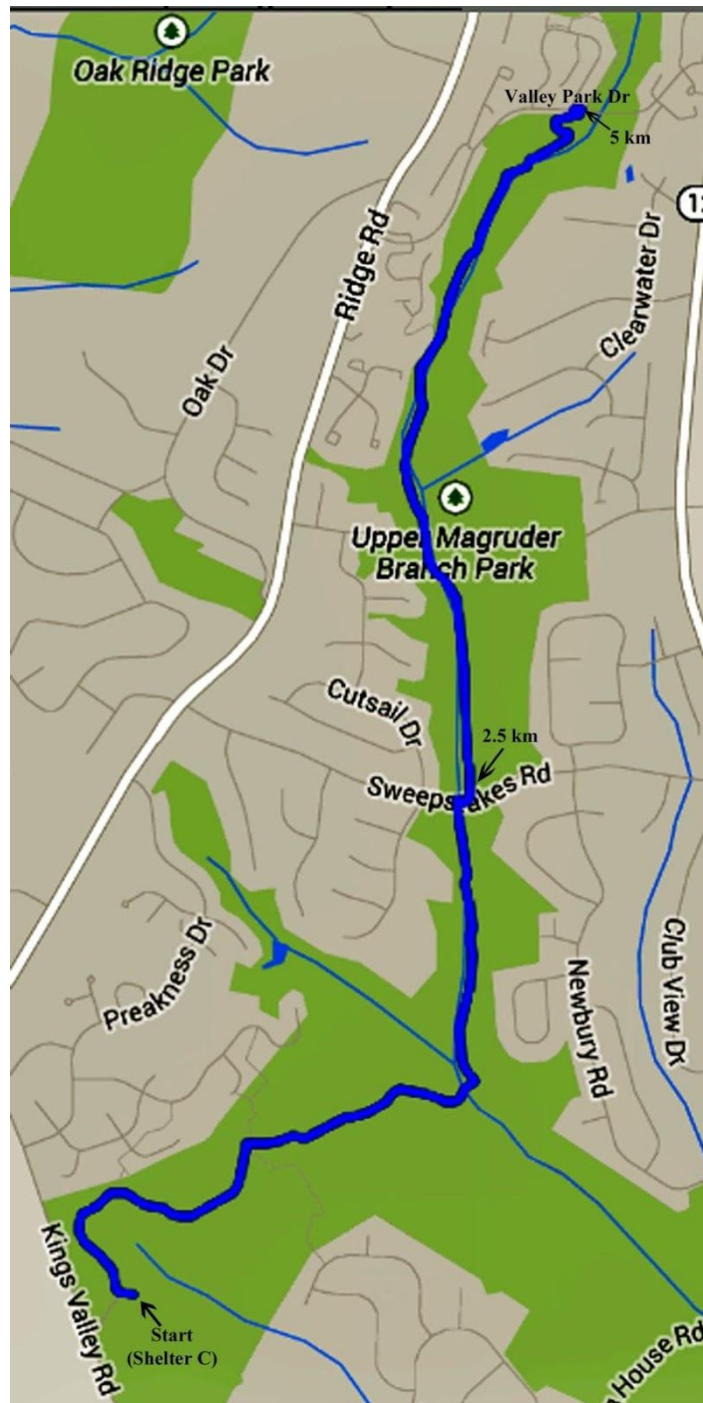
4. **Cross** Sweepstakes Rd. and continue on paved trail for another 2.5 k to Valley Park Dr. (5k)
5. **Turn Around** and retrace your steps back to the Shelter C parking lot, our start/finish point.
 - a. Cross Sweepstakes Rd.




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Damascus Neighborhood Trail

10k, 7k (6.2, 4.4 miles) – AVA rating 2A

There are restrooms at the start of this trail in the back of the Shelter C building, when it is open.

1. From the parking lot, start with Shelter C on right.
 2. **STRAIGHT** past the metal gate and cross the grass to the blacktop trail.
 3. **RIGHT** on blacktop trail with Shelter C still on right (restrooms open in season).
 - a. Pass playground on right and Shelter B on left.
 - b. Pass tennis court on right and Shelter A (no sign) on left (restrooms open in season).
 4. **Bear LEFT** onto blacktop trail at Stop Sign at Kings Valley Rd.
 - a. Cross Founders' Way to the fire hydrant and continue on sidewalk. (1 k)
 5. **STRAIGHT** to follow the sidewalk on the left side of Buckmeadow Ln. (no sign).
 6. **LEFT** onto Buckridge Dr.
 7. **Cross and RIGHT** onto the sidewalk along Founders Way.
 - a. Pass Puritan Way.
 8. **Immediate RIGHT** at sidewalk to cross Founders Way. (2 k)
 9. **STRAIGHT** onto the left side of Puritan Way.
 - a. Cross Elk Grove Terr.
 - b. Cross Puritan Pl.
 10. **RIGHT** onto the sidewalk of Founders Way.
 11. **STRAIGHT** onto Log House Ct., crossing Log House Rd.
 - a. crossing Log House Rd.
 - a. Cross Puritan Way. (4 k)
 - b. Pass Founders Ct.
 - c. Cross Elk Grove Ter.
 12. At the barns, **TURN AROUND** and **retrace** your steps to Log House Rd. (3 k)
 13. **STRAIGHT** onto the left side of Founders Way,
 - d. Pass Founders Pl.
 14. **RIGHT** onto Crosscut Way.
 - a. Pass Crosscut Ct. (5 k)
 15. Immediately **AFTER** #10229 on mailbox across street, **RIGHT** onto path.
- **** Decision Point**
- ** 7 k Trail**
16. **LEFT** onto Magruder Branch Trail. Maintenance gravel parking lot will soon be on left, and further along a PortaJohn (in season) will be on right in the parking area. Continue on the paved trail.
 17. With Shelter C ahead, **veer RIGHT** across grass and between wooden posts to end walk in the parking lot. (7 k)
- ** 10 k Trail**
18. **RIGHT** onto Magruder Branch Trail for a very short distance.
 19. **LEFT** onto blacktop trail at post marked "To Santa Anita Ct."
 20. Immediately after the yellow metal post, **RIGHT** uphill on trail. (Do not walk straight on the road.)
 21. **LEFT** on 1st trail (wood-&-wire fence on left).
 22. **LEFT** at trail end onto Santa Anita Ter. (6 k)
 - a. Cross Santa Anita Ct.



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the grass to the parking lot.

- b. Cross Show Pony Pl.
- 23. **RIGHT** on Preakness Dr.
 - a. Pass Glade Valley Ter.
 - b. Pass Secretariat Ct.
 - c. Pass Sir Barton Cir. (twice). (7 k)
 - d. Pass Budsman Ter.
 - e. Pass Hunters Chase La.
- 24. Continue on Preakness Dr. to #24318 on left (last house before Ridge Rd.)
 - a. Cross Budsman Ter.
 - b. Cross Hunters Chase La.
- 25. **TURN AROUND and retrace** your steps on Preakness Dr.
 - a. Cross Hunters Chase La.
 - b. Cross Budsman Ter.
- 26. **RIGHT** onto Sir Barton Cir.
- 27. **RIGHT** onto Preakness Dr.
 - a. Pass Secretariat Ct.
 - b. Pass Glade Valley Ter.
 - c. Cross Santa Anita Terr.
- 28. **LEFT** onto Show Pony Pl. (see top of STOP sign)
 - a. Pass Desert Wine Ct.
- 29. **RIGHT** onto Jockey Club Ter. (sign on left). (9.5 k)
- 30. Immediately after 1st black lamppost, **RIGHT** onto the blacktop trail.
- 31. Walk down steps and turn **LEFT**.
- 32. At "Y", **RIGHT** on an unmarked trail.
 - a. Cross Damascus Regional Park main road.
- 33. **RIGHT** onto the path along the left side of park road.
- 34. When Shelter C is ahead, **veer RIGHT** across

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Damascus Regional Park:

<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/damascus-recreational-park/>

Park Map: https://www.montgomeryparks.org/uploads/2016/08/Magruder-Branch-Trails_a11y.pdf

Damascus Maryland: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Damascus,_Maryland

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](#)



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