

Little Bennett Regional Park Y2504

Clarksburg, MD

10K and 5K Walks - rated 2C

Western Piedmont Trail (ALternate 5k) - rated 1B

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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.

AVA Special Programs

This event does not qualify for any current AVA Special Programs.



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Driving Directions to Start Point

GPS Coordinates of the Start Point are 39.2553594,-77.2733213.

Address: Froggy Hollow Trailhead, 24625 Clarksburg Rd, Clarksburg, MD 20871

Plus code is **7P6C+95 Clarksburg, Germantown, MD**

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 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.

Driving Directions to Western Piedmont Trail, Alternate 5k Start Point

GPS Coordinates of the Start Point are 39.266058,-77.28021.

Address: Kingsley Mill Trailhead Parking, Clarksburg Rd, Clarksburg, MD 20871

Plus code is **7P89+CW Clarksburg, Maryland**

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From I-270:

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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 1.9 mi, Turn RIGHT into Kingsley Mill Trailhead parking lot.



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Walk Instructions

10K (6.2 miles) - AVA rating 2C

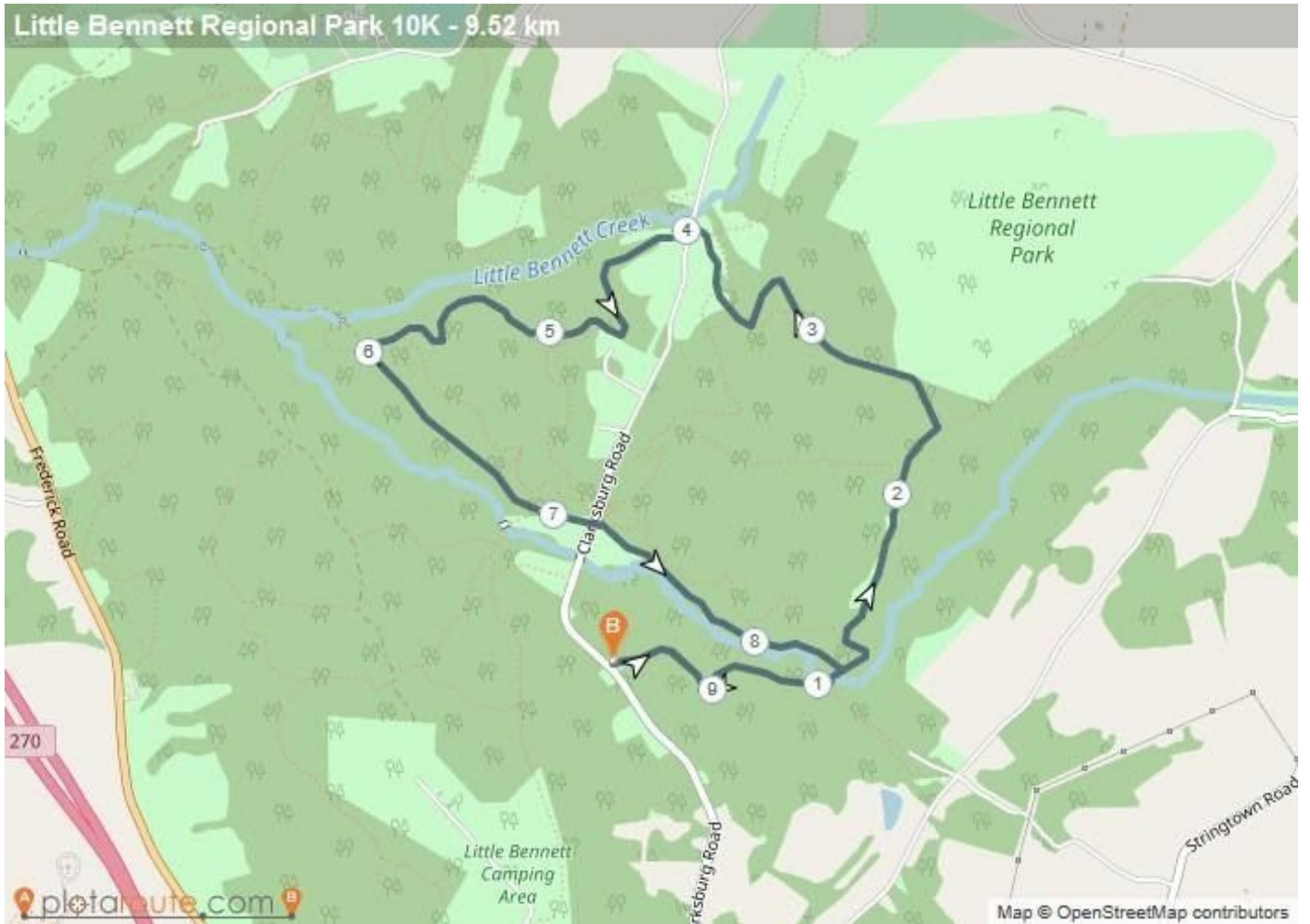
There are no facilities at this starting point.

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 Camping Area on the left.
 - b. Pass Loggers Trail.
7. Turn **LEFT** on the Browning Run Trail. Continue on the trail for ~1.7K.
 - a. Cross over footbridge (no side rails).
8. Bear **RIGHT** to continue on Browning Run Trail.
 - a. Pass Lewisdale Trail on right.
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.

Thank you for walking our Sugarloafer year-round today!

We hope you enjoyed this trail.

Little Bennett Park - 10k



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Little Bennett Park - 5k

Walk Instructions

5K (3.1 miles) - AVA rating 2C

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 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 the 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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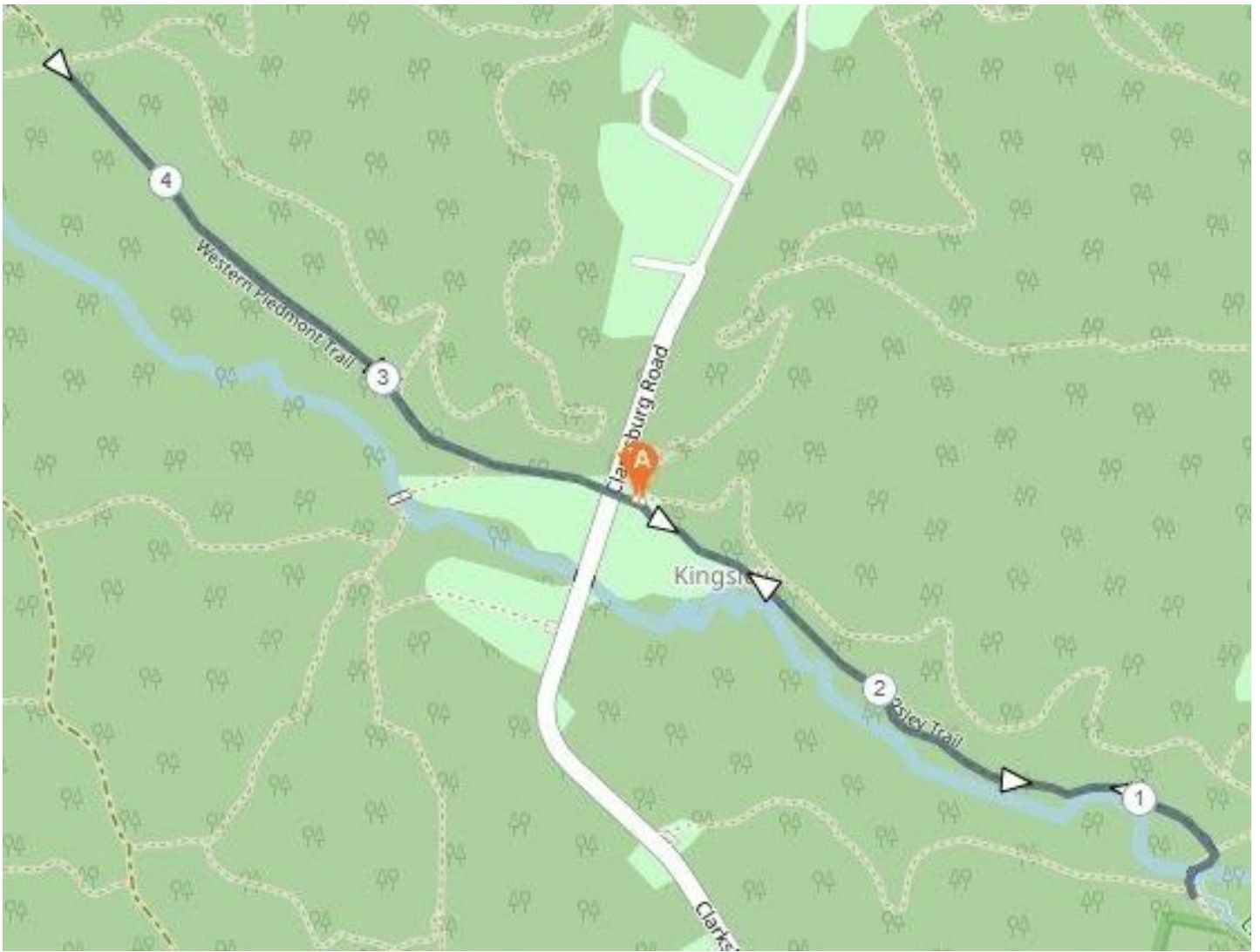
Western Piedmont Trail 5k Instructions
Alternate 5K (3.1 miles) - AVA rating 1B

There are no facilities at this starting point.

1. The trail head is at the end of the parking area away from Clarksburg Rd. Follow the wide gravel Kingsley trail gently downhill for a little over 1k to the picnic area and the porta-potty (in season).
2. **Cross the bridge** over the creek to view the one-room schoolhouse.
3. **Retrace your steps** back over the bridge to the Kingsley Trail.
4. **LEFT** on the Kingsley Trail to return to Clarksburg Rd.
5. **Carefully CROSS** Clarksburg Rd. using the crosswalk.
6. **Continue** on the gravel Western Piedmont Trail for ~1.5k to the intersection with the Browning Run Trail. Trail surface changes from gravel to asphalt at this intersection.
7. **Retrace your steps** back to the Kingsley Mill parking area.

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Little Bennett Park - Alternate 5k



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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

[Piedmont_\(United_States\)](#)

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

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).



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



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



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Log bridge (5K).



Kingsley Trail trailhead (5K and 10K).



Kingsley Trail trailhead (5K and 10K).



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



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



Browning Run Trail Post (10K).



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



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Browning Run Trail/Western Piedmont Trail Post
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