

M. R. Hyker's Latest Adventure



03-10-2009; Morgan Run Loop, MD: This was the second adventure Precious and I had in the Liberty Reservoir watershed. Hiking it on a Tuesday assured us of a great deal of solitude. We ran into just one other hiker the entire day. While my old "Baltimore Trail Book" proved helpful in some places but it was equally confusing in others. It seems that, over time, one road disappeared while several other new ones sprouted up. We didn't mind. All in all we added about 1.5 miles of extra hiking as we pretty much explored the entire trail system. The water level of the lake is still down about 6 feet but the views were still quite nice. As with most other Reservoir hikes the trails are mostly maintained fire roads that either follow the edges of or go through gigantic pine plantations. In between these you walk through deciduous woods. The forest type is constantly changing. I especially enjoyed the walk along Morgan Run at the northern most point of the hike. I didn't know it until later but the state oversees and area north of London Bridge Road called the Morgan Run Natural Area. Though small and comprised mostly of open fields the small gorge through which the run flows is supposed to be particularly scenic. I will have to make sure to explore it in the future.

Being pulled along by a 90 pound dog (Precious) ensured us of an early completion. We were headed back home by noon.