

Directions and Trail Notes for Oregon Ridge Loop

Description: This is a pretty easy romp in the woods. It's close to Baltimore and a great place to take the kids and Fido. It's also a good place to go when you have cabin fever real bad or are trying to rehab an injury and a stationary bike or treadmill just doesn't seem to cut it for you. The starting point also offers a pretty nice Nature Center with live snakes and amphibians, an indoor beehive and numerous taxidermy displays. If you are in moderate condition it should take you no more than 2 hours to complete the longest possible circuit of 4.2 miles which is described here.

Directions from I-83:

- 1. Take Exit 20-B (Shawan Rd. West).**
- 2. At first light make a left. (Beaver Dam Rd.).**
- 3. Make an immediate right (between the red shed and the Oregon Grill).**
- 4. Cross bridge.**
- 5. Bear right (following ONE WAY signs).**
- 7. Continue to the paved parking for Nature Center.**

Trail Notes: From the Nature Center cross the bridge and turn right onto the red blazed Loggers Tr. In 0.63 miles pass tan blazed Ridge trail on the left. In another 0.15 miles cross a gas pipeline swath.

In about 0.09 miles turn right onto the white blazed Short Cut Trail. If you miss this simply turn right onto yellow blazed Ivy Hill Trail at the next trail junction. If you turn right on the Short Cut Trail turn right onto yellow blazed Ivy Hill Trail in 0.15 miles.

In another 0.3 miles cross another pipeline swath. Descend for another 0.37 miles to a side trail on the left that leads to a small pond, a nice lunch spot.

After a break continue on the yellow blazed Ivy Hill Trail. Keep a sharp eye as the route leaves a woods road, turning left and crossing Baisman Run.

The trail will cross the run a couple more times before joining S. James Campbell Tr (also yellow blazed). Ascend 0.81 miles up S. James Campbell Trail (blaze color unknown at this time), crossing a gas pipeline swath again, to it's junction with red blazed Loggers Trail.

Bear right onto the Loggers Trail and take a short spur out to the top of an old ski slope and a view of Hunt Valley. Note the concrete foundations for the lift cable.

Continue along the Logger Trail for another 0.41 miles to yet another pipeline swath. Turn left (uphill) and walk a short distance before turning right onto orange blazed Lake Tr. Cross a one log bridge with hand rail and rejoin the logger trail at the other end of the lake. Bear left onto it and follow it back to the Nature Center.

