

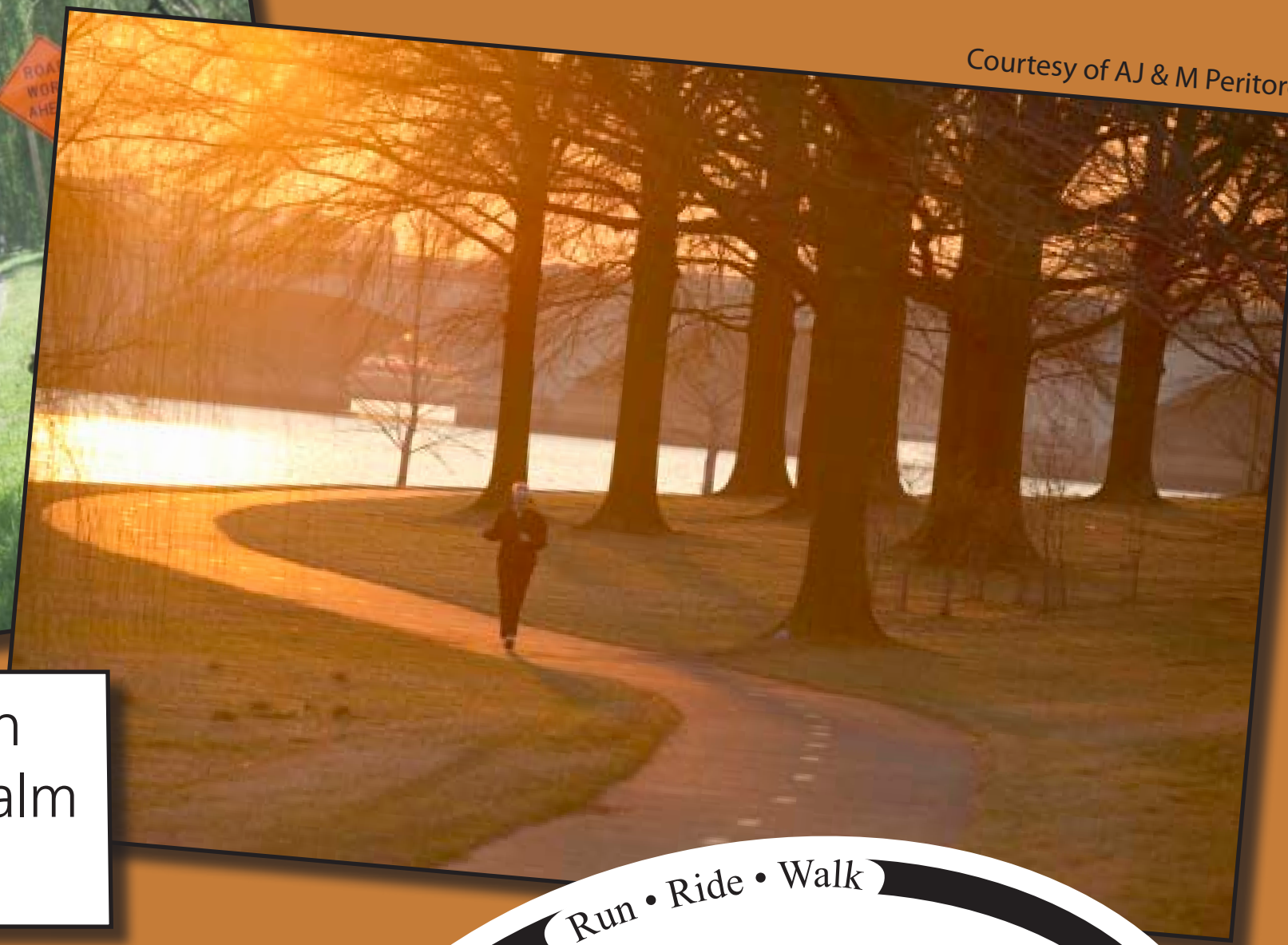
# The Mount Vernon Trail

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Diversity along the Mount Vernon Trail, busy weekend usage to a calm morning.



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Trail Patrols on the 4th of July. Volunteer patrols logged 1,500 hours in 2008. To join contact the park.

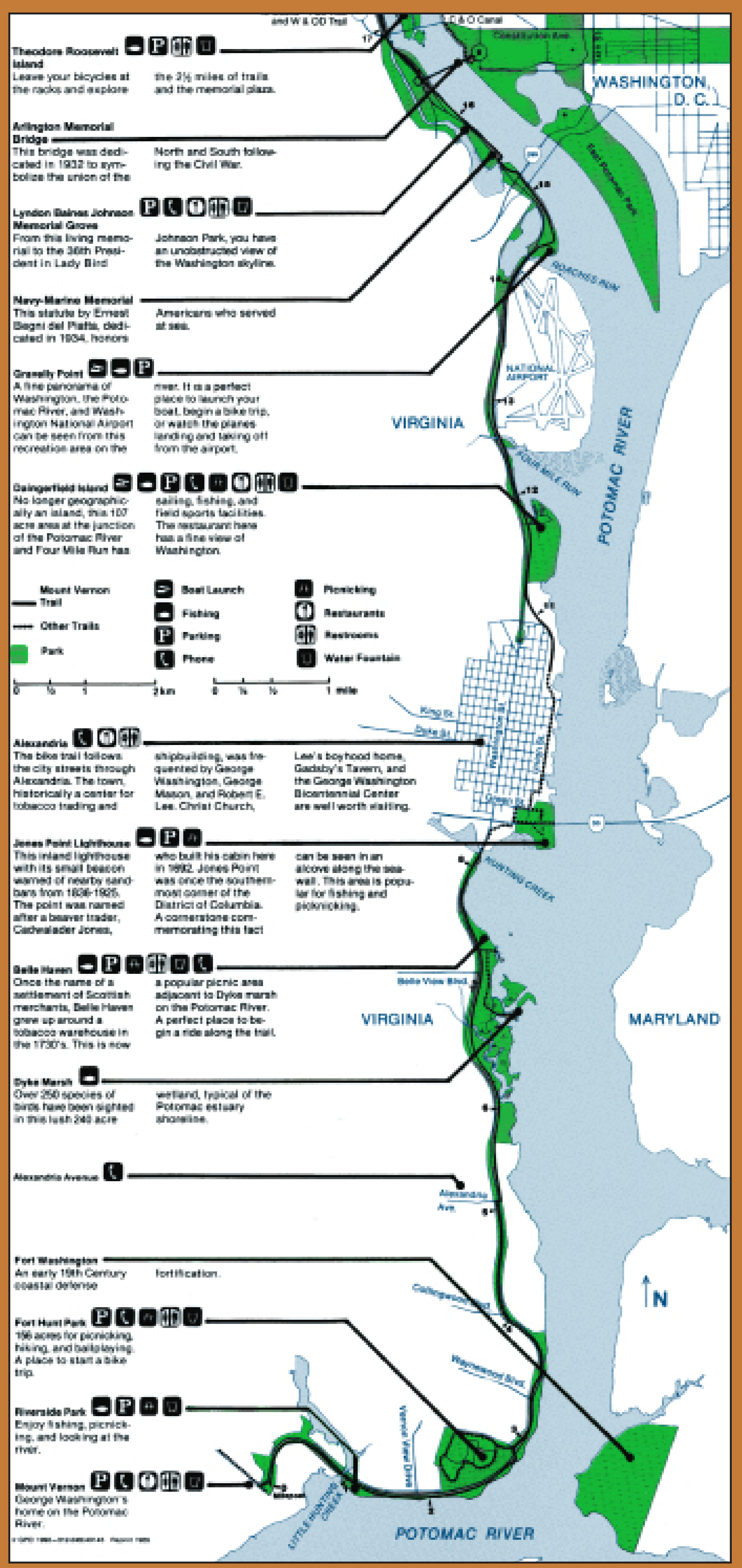


The scenic Mount Vernon Trail is a paved, multi-use trail that extends eighteen miles along the Virginia shoreline of the Potomac River and the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Ellen Pickering, a former member of the Alexandria City Council, initiated trail construction when she convinced the National Park Service to approve the trail. The diverse trail passes monuments, historic oldtown Alexandria, and freshwater marsh.

## How well do you know the trail?

- When was the Mount Vernon Trail built?  
a. 1954    b. 1973    c. 1981
- Which of these monuments are along the trail?  
a. Lyndon B. Johnson Memorial  
b. Theodore Roosevelt Island  
c. Navy and Marine Memorial
- What is the speed limit on the trail?  
a. 15 mph    b. 17 mph    c. 20 mph
- This historic site along the trail played a vital role holding German POW's during World War II.  
a. Jones Point Park    b. Fort Hunt  
c. Daingerfield
- Approximately, how much does it cost per year to maintain one mile of the trail?  
a. \$1,500    b. \$6,000    c. \$12,500

Answer Key: 1. B; 2. A, B, and C; 3. A; 4. B; 5. C



If you have questions or comments, you can contact the park at:  
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