



Bicycle Trails User's Guide



Emergency

U. S. Park Police (202) 610-7500

Information

Rock Creek Nature Center (202) 895-6070
5200 Glover Road, NW

To Report Hazardous Trail Conditions

Rock Creek Maintenance (202) 895-6060

*Photo: Bicyclists take a break near Peirce Mill
sometime around 1900 (Library of Congress).*

Rock Creek Park Safety Regulations

- Ride only on paved trails and roads; Bicycles are prohibited on dirt trails.
- Bicyclists, walkers, inline skaters and others use the trails and road. Remember, pedestrians have the right of way.
- Travel on the right side of the trail or road and pass on the left. Warn those ahead of you when passing.
- Obey all automobile traffic laws when riding on roads.
- The bicycle laws of the District of Columbia apply at all times.

Bicycling in Washington, D.C.

Washington Area Bicyclist Association
(202) 628-2500, www.waba.org

District Department of Transportation
provides information on parking, bicycling
and other transportation.
www.goDCgo.com

The Bikestation at Union Station offers
bike parking, a changing room, lockers,
bike rental, repair and retail sales.
(202) 842-2453 ext. 303
www.bikestation.com/washingtondc

Washington, D.C., bike rental program
1-800-899-4449, www.smartbikedc.com

The Capital Crescent Trail runs through
D.C. and Maryland and links up with Rock
Creek Park bike trails.
(202) 234-4874, www.cctrail.org

Points of Interest

Rock Creek Nature Center and Planetarium, 5200 Glover Rd., NW, features exhibits about the park's plant and animal species and offers ranger-led planetarium programs and nature walks.

Rock Creek Park Horse Center, 5100 Glover Rd., NW, offers pony rides, trail rides in the park, riding lessons, and summer camps.

Peirce Mill, corner of Tilden St. and Beach Dr., was built in the 1820s. The adjacent Peirce Barn features exhibits on mill's history.

Fort DeRussy, ¼ mile north of Military Rd. off Oregon Ave., is a well-preserved Civil War fort.

Fort Stevens, Fort Dr. near the corner of Military Rd. and Georgia Ave., NW, is a partially restored Civil War fort.

Battleground National Cemetery, Georgia Ave., NW, between Van Buren and Whittier St., NW, is the resting place of Union soldiers who died defending Fort Stevens.

Meridian Hill Park, 16th and W St., NW, was constructed in the early 1900s in the Neoclassicist style.

The Old Stone House, 3051 M St., NW, a simple 18th century dwelling, is one of the oldest known structures remaining in the nation's capital.

Thompson's Boat Center, 2900 Virginia Ave., NW, offers rowing lessons and canoe, kayak and bike rentals.

Bike Trail Distances

Location

Lincoln Memorial to Broad Branch Rd. along the Rock Creek and Potomac Pkwy.	5.56 miles
Intersection of Beach Dr. & Joyce Rd. to Oregon Ave. along Military Rd.	0.69 mile
Military Rd to Bingham Dr. along Oregon Ave.	0.67 mile
Beach Dr. to Oregon Ave. along Bingham Dr.	0.40 mile
Joyce Rd. to Bingham Dr. along Beach Dr.	0.82 mile
Bingham Dr. to Wise Rd. along Oregon Ave.	0.67 mile

Road Distances

Location

Broad Branch Rd. to Military Rd. via Glover Rd.	1.75 miles
Broad Branch Rd. to Joyce Rd. via Beach Dr.	1.61 miles
Beach Dr. to Oregon Ave. via Wise Rd.	0.61 mile
Bingham Dr. to Wise Rd. via Beach Dr.	1.23 miles
Beach Dr. at the D.C./Md. line to the intersection of Pinehurst Pkwy. & Beach Dr.	0.44 mile
Wise Rd. to the D.C./Md. line via Beach Dr.	0.66 mile

Traffic and Parking Information

Automobile parking is available at picnic areas (see map).

Except on federal holidays, the follow traffic are in effect. On Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., one-way traffic along the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway flows south. From 3:45 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., one-way traffic along the parkway flows north. The parkway has two-way traffic at all other times.

Beach Drive between Boundary Bridge and West Beach Drive, between Wise Road and picnic area 10, and between Joyce Road and Broad Branch Road is closed to automobiles from 7:00 a.m. Saturdays to 7:00 p.m. Sundays and on federal holidays. Bingham Drive and Sherrill Drive are also closed to automobiles during these times. (See yellow routes on map.)

