

Banshee Reeks, Loudoun County, VA areas

Take VA 15 south from Leesburg. Approx. 1/4 mi. so. of Leesburg bypass, turn left (east) onto County Road 621, Evergreen Mill Rd. and go about 5 mi. passing landfill en route. About 1 mi. past landfill, turn right (west) onto County Route 771, the Woods Rd. Continue about 1 mi. to Banshee Reeks on left between 2 white fences and at an obvious entrance sign.

Black Hill Regional Park, MD

From DC Beltway, go north on I-270 about 10 mi. to Father Hurley Blvd., MD-27. Go east on Rt. 27 for about 1 mi. to MD-355. Go north on MD-355 for about 2 mi. Go left on Old Baltimore Rd. and follow signs to Black Hill (about 2 mi.). Park in front of Visitor Center.

Blue Mash Nature Trail, which is on Zion Rd. in northern Montgomery County

From DC/Bethesda-Chevy Chase get on I-270 going north, Exit on I-370 East going towards Shady Grove Metro station, exit I-370 at second Shady Grove Rd. exit to go north on Shady Grove Rd. Go about six traffic lights along Shady Grove Rd. (passing Intercounty Connector construction) and turn right at light at Muncaster Mill Rd. (Route 115) Go short distance along Muncaster Mill Rd. and turn left at first traffic signal (at Liberty gas station) onto Muncaster Rd. (no route number). Proceed north on Muncaster Rd. for several miles until it reaches T-junction at traffic light at Olney-Laytonsville Rd. (Route 108) Turn right onto Rte. 108 east and almost immediately turn left onto Brookeville Rd. Go less than a mile to 4-way stop sign at Zion Rd. Turn left onto Zion Rd. Parking lot for Blue Mash is on the left shortly after large electricity substation on the left, less than a mile along Zion Rd. Park in lot. Do not proceed on gravel road even if the gate is open.

Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship

Neersville Volunteer Fire Station is on Rte.-671, 5.5 mi. north of intersection of Rte. 671 and Rte-9, which is 2 miles west of Hillsboro in Loudoun Co., Va. The fire station is 2.5 mi. south of the intersection of Rte. 671 and US-340.

Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge

From Bay Bridge, take US-50 east, US-301 northeast, Md/Del-300 east, Del-42 east, Del-9 (in Leipsic) north, and east on Whitehall Neck Rd. at the brown refuge sign. Visitor Center is just inside the refuge entrance, approximately 105 miles from Woodend.

Cambridge and Blackwater NWR, MD

Bowie fringe parking lot: From DC Beltway, go east on US-50 for 6-7 mi.; at MD-197/Collington Rd./Bowie exit-take exit ramp, merging into Rt. 197 So.; go 1/4 mi. to light at Northview Dr.; go left into second entrance of parking lot (opposite small "parking" sign). Old Ferry Boat (antique shop): Continue on US-50 east to Choptank River on north edge of Cambridge.

Cape May, NJ

Ferry leaves from Cape Henlopen, (Lewes) Del, several times Fri. afternoon and evening for Cape May. Otherwise, driving route is north past Wilmington, Del., over Del. Memorial Br. and routing on US-40, US-55, and NJ-47.

C & O Canal, MD

From DC Beltway, take Md.-190 (River Rd.) west through the village of Potomac. There are many stops along the canal:
Pennyfield Rd

Violette's Lock
Seneca Lock
Hughes Hollow
Sycamore Landing

For Potomac Safeway, go west on River Rd. (MD-190) to traffic light in Potomac; Safeway is on left.

Dyke Marsh, VA

From Alexandria, take GW Parkway south; cross Little Hunting Creek; turn east toward river for Bellehaven Picnic Area. Bear left to south end of parking lot. From D.C. Beltway, go west on U.S.-50 for 1 mi. to Prosperity Ave.; go left (south) for 1 mi. to park entrance, left into picnic area.

Eastern Neck NWR, MD

Directions to the Refuge from DC area: Take U.S. Rt. 50/301 East across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge (\$6.00 toll eastbound). Continue on Rt. 301 North after 50 and 301 split. Exit Rt. 301 North onto Rt. 213 North towards Chestertown. Continue on Rt. 213 North into Chestertown. In Chestertown, turn from Rt. 213 onto Rt. 291 (also marked "to Rt. 20"). At the T-intersection, turn right onto Rt. 20 South towards Rock Hall. Follow Rt. 20 South for 12 miles to Rock Hall. At the blinking red light in Rock Hall, turn left onto Rt. 445. Follow Rt. 445 about 6 miles out of Rock Hall to the refuge entrance bridge.

Great Falls Park, VA

From DC Beltway, go west on Georgetown Pike (VA-193), turn right at park sign, go about 1 mi. to park entrance, then straight ahead to main parking lot.

Hawk Mountain, PA

From Harrisburg, Pa. go north on I-83, merge into I-78/US-22, continue to PA-61 exit (Pottsville, Port Clinton) go north 4 1/2 mi. to PA-895, go east 2 1/2 mi. to Drehersville, follow signs for 2 miles to Sanctuary; allow 4 hours driving time; lookout is 3/4 hour uphill walk from entrance.

Hughes Hollow, MD

From traffic light in Potomac Village, go west on River Rd. (MD-190) 12.3 mi. Go left on Hughes Rd. to parking lot.

Huntley Meadows, VA

From DC Beltway, take US-1 south for about 3 mi. Go right at traffic light on Lockheed Blvd. for 1.5 mi; turn left into park.

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, DC

From DC Beltway (east side) at exit 7, go west on US-50 about 7 miles to DC-295 (note sign for Kenilworth Avenue.); go south on DC-295 about a mile to exit for Eastern Ave.; slide off to right onto a service road; go to and through a stop light; continue 2 blocks to Douglas St.; go right on Douglas to Anacostia Ave. and go right; immediately on your left is the KAG parking lot, 4300 Anacostia Ave.; a Visitor Center and a restroom facility buildings border the parking lot.

Little Bennett Regional Park, MD

I-270 North to exit 18, Clarksburg, MD 121. Go east to second stoplight and make left on MD 355. Go north on 355 to next stoplight, turn right on MD 121. Go north 1.9 miles to Kingsley Schoolhouse Trail (just past the bridge over Little Bennett Creek).

Loudon County, VA areas

From DC Beltway, west on VA-7 for approx. 17 mi. to just east of Leesburg. North on US-15 bypass (toward Frederick Md.) for 2 mi. Merge into US-15 north. Drive approximately 6 mi. into Lucketts, Va. At "Welcome to Lucketts" sign, turn right (east) on gravel road toward ballfield.

Mason Neck, VA

From Rt. 1 south, turn left on Gunston Rd., take right on High Point Rd.; parking lot on left.

Myrtle Grove, MD

Go east on DC Beltway from Alexandria, cross Wilson Bridge, continue past I-295 interchange, veer off at Indian Head Highway exit toward MD-210 south. Take next immediate two right turns after leaving Beltway, turn left into National Park Service parking lot.

National Arboretum

From D.C. Beltway, go west on Rt. 50. At Bladensburg Rd., turn left. Travel 3 blocks to R St., turn left. Entrance is on corner of 24th and R Streets.

Oxon Hill Children's Farm, MD

Go east on DC Beltway from Alexandria, cross Wilson Bridge, continuing beyond intersection with I-295 (exit 2); take exit 3A for MD-210 south; take immediate two right turns after leaving Beltway, cross over Beltway, turn left into National Park Service parking lot.

Patuxent River Naval Air Station, MD

From DC Beltway, take MD-5 (Branch Ave. exit) south about 10 mi. to Waldorf, Md. In Waldorf, follow MD-5 through left-hand turn (US-301 goes straight). Continue on MD-5 south about 18 mi. to Mechanicsville. Continue straight on MD-235 (don't turn right on MD-5) and go about 18 mi. to Lexington Park. At very obvious Gate 1 on left (into Patuxent NAS) turn left for 25 yards, then right into small (20-space) parking lot at front of gate. Look for white minibus. "Old" Gate 2 now closed. Note: Waldorf can be bypassed using MD-205 between Mattawoman and Beantown.

Patuxent River Park, Jug Bay, MD

From DC Beltway, take MD-4 (Pennsylvania Ave.) south for about 7 miles. At US-301 go south for 3.4 mi. to MD-382 (Croom Rd.) Go left 2.7 miles to Croom Airport Rd. Go left 2.0 miles to park entrance on left. When directed by trip leader, go through entrance and past headquarters parking (1.3 mi.) to parking lot by marina.

Pennyfield-Violette's Lock, MD

From DC Beltway, west on River Rd. (MD-190) to Potomac Village. Safeway on left. Continue 5.1 miles to Pennyfield Lock Road. Take left 0.9 miles to parking lot.

Riverbend Park, VA

From DC Beltway, take exit 13, Georgetown Pike (VA-193) west for 5.5 mi., passing sign for Great Falls Park en route. Go right on Riverbend Rd. for 2.1 mi., bear right on Jeffrey Rd. and continue 1.1 mi. to Riverbend Park entrance on right. Enter park and continue to Visitor's Center parking areas by river. Meet at boat ramp.

Rock Creek Park, DC

From Conn. Ave/Military Rd. junction go east on Military to Park, then south about 1 mi. on Ridge, passing Rock Creek Nature Center, to picnic area #18.

Rust Sanctuary, Leesburg, VA

D.C. Beltway to Dulles Toll Rd. Exit and stay on toll rd., which becomes the Dulles Greenway, until it ends at the Rt. 7/15 Leesburg Bypass (22 mi.). Go west on the 7/15 bypass, and exit at second exit (Rt. 7 Leesburg Business). Turn right onto Rt. 7 East; go approx. 100 yards to traffic light. Turn right onto Catoctin Circle at light, go 1/8 mi. and turn right again at Children's Center Rd; proceed to cul-de-sac and Sanctuary driveway. Sanctuary is at 802 Children's Center Rd.

Snicker's Gap, VA

From DC Beltway, take VA-7 west about 45 miles to VA-601. Turn left and immediately right into commuter lot.

Sycamore Landing (C & O Canal)

From DC Beltway, go west on River Rd. (MD-190) 15.8 miles. Go left on Sycamore Landing Rd. to parking lot.

Webb Sanctuary, Clifton, VA

From DC Beltway, take I-66 W about 10 mi. to Fairfax Co. Pkwy. (CTY 7100), South/Springfield exit. Go south on parkway, staying in right lane, and get off at next exit, Lee Hwy (US 29). At top of exit ramp, turn right on Lee Hwy and go to 2nd traffic light. Go left on Clifton Rd. into town of Clifton, turn right on Chestnut St., and follow it to the sanctuary at the end.

Woodend Sanctuary, Chevy Chase, MD

From DC Beltway, go south on Connecticut Ave. Make left on Manor Rd. At end of Manor Rd. make right onto Jones Bridge Rd. At "T" intersection, go left on Jones Mill Rd; sanctuary is at 8940 Jones Mill on the left.

Woodbridge/Occoquan Bay NWR, VA

From DC Beltway, go south on I-95 to Exit 161 (Woodbridge), a left-hand exit merging onto US-1 south. Cross Occoquan Bridge to second light. Go left on Dawson Beach Rd.; gate is ½ mile, parking lot is in center of refuge.