

## **Greenbriar Park/Big Rocky Run Park**

In the midst of suburban Fairfax, where in the evening in the summertime you can pleasantly walk past homes and watch water sprinklers are swinging back and forth in synchronization, is Greenbriar Park. Greenbriar Park is sports oriented with baseball, softball, basketball and tennis facilities. It's located near Big Rocky Run. Going west along Big Rocky Run you can follow a sometimes paved, and sometimes bluestone surfaced trail to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park to run the trails there. Going east, a lesser known and used bluestone/gravel trail connects all the way to the Fairfax County Parkway and its paved trail.

### **Getting There**

#### From the Capital Beltway

Take Exit 9, for Interstate 66 headed west. Go approximately 7 miles, then take Exit 53 for the Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy, Rte. 50, headed west. Exit just past Fair Oaks Mall on to West Ox Rd. headed south. After 0.75 miles, turn right onto the Fair Lakes Pkwy. Follow it approximately 2.25 miles, then turn right onto Stringfellow Rd. Turn right at the traffic light on to Melville La. Turn left soon after into Greenbriar Park and park your car. Start from the trail head at the end of the parking lot.

### **Area Routes**

#### Big Rocky Run (6.7 miles, VI)

The Big Rocky Run Trail makes a nice out and back route, however a slightly longer loop can be made by using the trail and two miles of sidewalks to get to the north end of Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. There, wood chip and natural surface trails take you to the western end of the Big Rocky Run Trail for the return trip. The Big Rocky Run Trail is tree covered and very pretty with an easy grade. The creek twists back and forth around rocks as it descends on the way to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park; therefore you will gradually climb as you return. Bicycles are not allowed on the natural surface trails in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park.

#### Fair Lakes (5.45 or 5.4 miles, V)

Going north along Big Rocky Run is a partially paved and partially bluestone surfaced trail in the woods. The trail is flat except for several dips where concrete water drainage constructs cross the path. Houses are sometimes visible along the way but the trail is quiet and hardly used when compared to the more prominent trail along Big Rocky Run south of Stringfellow Rd, Rte. 645. After 1.7 miles, cross the Fairfax County Pkwy, Rte. 7100. One option climbs the hill along Monument Dr. using the shoulder at first, then a sidewalk. At the top, a short trail drops through Ox Hill Battlefield Park, where a plaque describes how 500 Confederates under General Lee and 1,000 Union soldiers lost their lives in a battle on the spot on September 1, 1862. General Lee went on from this battle only to lose at Antietam, 17 days later. Loop back on Ox Rd. and the Fair Lakes Pkwy. A trail along the parkway descends east along the road at first, then crosses to the other side on a more rolling but tree covered trail back to Monument Dr. and the Fairfax County Pkwy. The other option goes from Monument Dr. west on the tree covered portion of the trail along the Fair Lakes Pkwy., crosses over, then loops through a pleasant office park under the

woods. On the way back, the route takes a shortcut back to Greenbriar Park.

### **Nearby and Connecting Zones**

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

Eakin Community Park

### **What to do Afterward**

#### Food and Drink

Crystal Palace Restaurant - 703 385-5838

Bravo Italian Café - 703 352-0260

Anita's Mexican Food - 703 385-2965

Pizzeria Uno - Fair Oaks Mall - 703 273-8667

#### Entertainment and Edification

Ox Hill Battlefield Park - Civil War site off Monument Drive and Ox Road

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Walney Nature Center - 703 631-0013

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park - Cabell's Mill - 703 750-1598

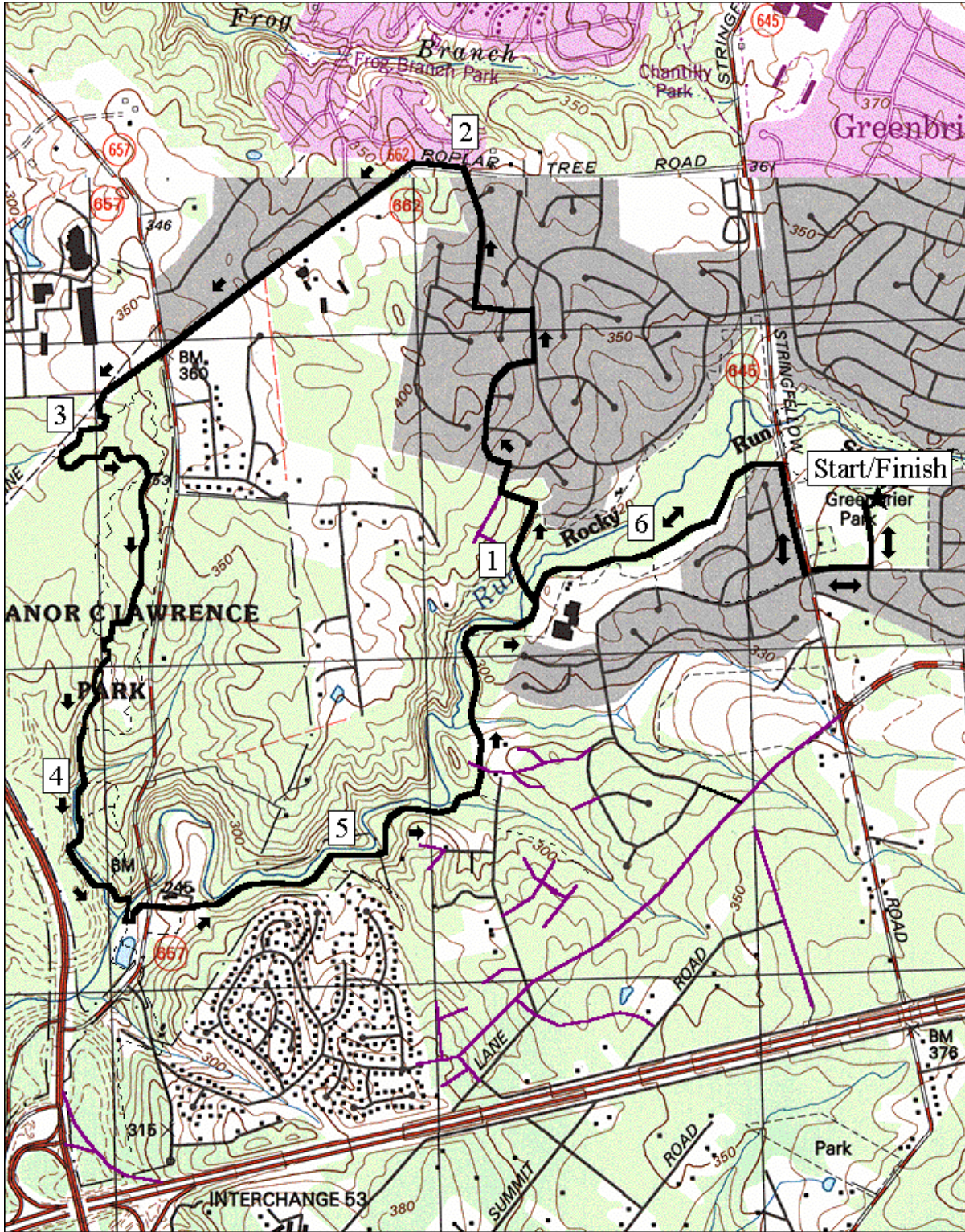
## Big Rocky Run

Distance: 6.7 miles

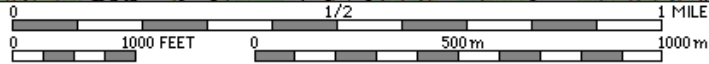
Rating: VI; paved and natural trails, some sidewalks; gradual climbs; mostly shady

0.0	toward Melville La from parking	L	3.75	at T; leave North Loop Trail	
R	0.05	Melville La	R	3.8	at trail X; S is to Visitor Center/amphitheater
CR	0.15	Stringfellow Rd (TL)		3.9	trail X on L to Visitor Center
L	0.4	Big Rocky Run Trail (BRR)	R	4.0	to Pond Loop; stairs are S ahead
	0.75	trail X on L (paved) to Melville La		4.1	gravel road on L merges
R	0.95	trail X on R to Logwood La		4.2	bridge over Walney Creek
	1.0	trail X on L to houses		4.25	bridge over Walney Creek; gravel road on L merges
L	1.1	at T onto Logwood La		4.3	trail on L merges; bridge over Big Rocky Run
CR	1.2	at T onto Sun Orchard Dr	L	4.35	after bridge over creek and before Walney Pond
L	1.25	at T onto Starflower Dr		4.4	cross Walney Rd to Cables Mill driveway
L	1.55	at T; Point Pleasant Dr			
L	1.6	Rock Ridge Dr	R	4.5	onto Big Rocky Run Trail (paved)
CR	1.7	Orr Dr	BL	4.7	at split in trail; (trail now bluestone)
				4.8	trail X on R to Weinstein Ct
CL	2.0	Poplar Tree Rd	L	5.1	at trail X; for BRR; R is to road
	2.7	Walney Road (TL)			
L	2.85	at gas pipeline clearing to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park; cross Poplar Tree Rd	L	5.25	at trail X; to road to stay on BRR
			BL	5.25	while crossing Bare Island Dr; to stay on BRR
L	2.9	trail X on L to Wild Turkey Trail		5.45	trail X on R to road
				5.65	trail X on R
R	2.95	Wild Turkey Trail		5.75	trail X on L to Logwood La
				6.0	trail X on R to Melville La (paved)
BL	3.05	at trail X; R is to pipeline clearing			
BL	3.25	at trail X (unmarked)	R	6.35	at T; Stringfellow Rd (unmarked)
S	3.3	North Loop Trail; R is North Loop Trail also; L is Walney Rd Trail	L	6.55	Melville La; cross Stringfellow Rd
			L	6.65	into Greenbriar Park
				6.7	end of parking lot

# Big Rocky Run



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## Fair Lakes

Distance: 5.45 or 5.4 miles

Rating: V; paved and bluestone trails, some sidewalks; modest hill; mostly shady

### 5.45 Mile Route

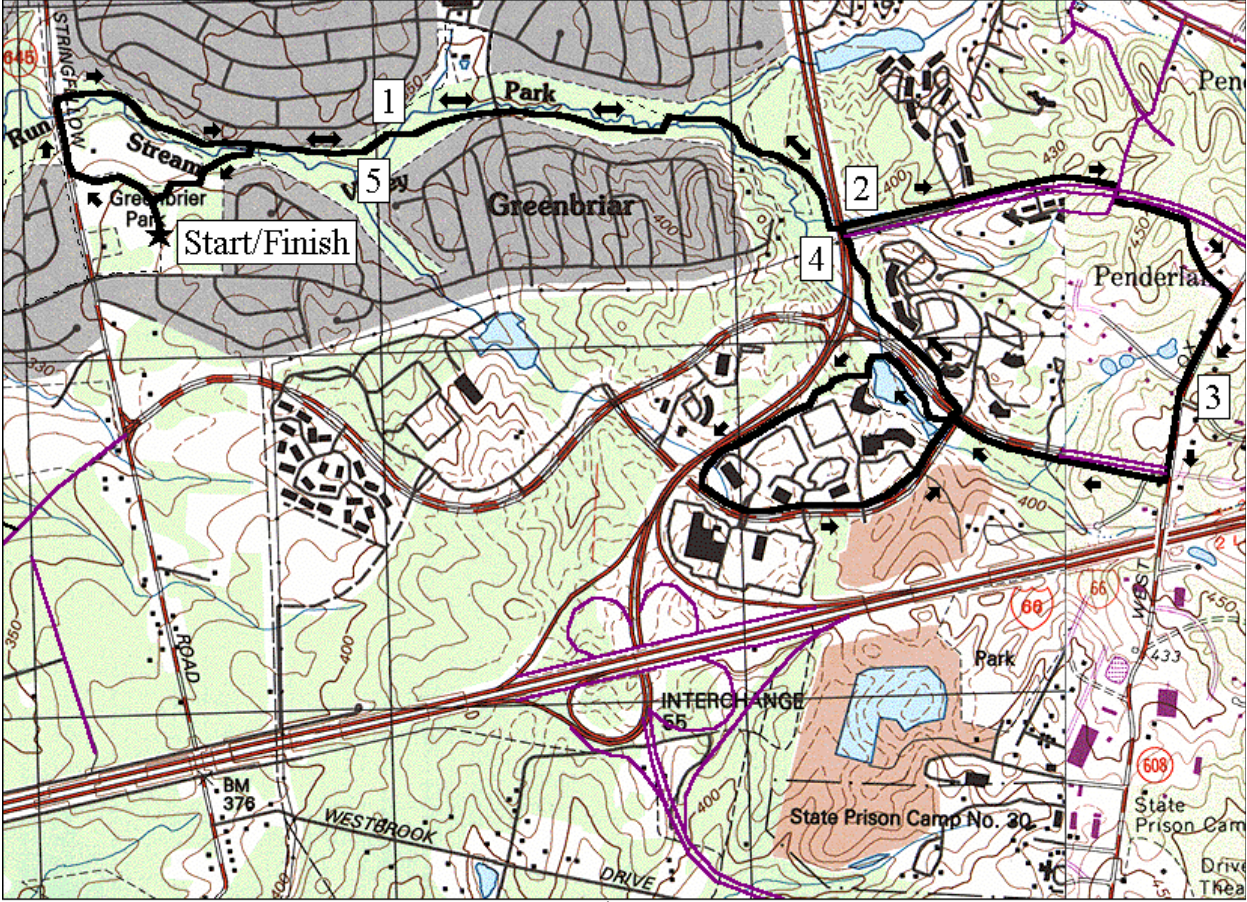
	R 2.8 Ox Rd
0.0 from parking lot follow the trail past the restrooms	CR 3.15 Fair Lakes Pkwy
0.05 trail X on R (return route)	XS 3.55 at Fair Lakes Circle/Ct (TL); trail goes into the woods after xing
0.1 trail X on R	>*
R 0.25 at T; Stringfellow Rd	CL 4.0 cross Monument Dr and the Fairfax Co Pkwy, Rte 7100; to paved trail
R 0.35 trail X on R after crossing the creek	
0.75 trail X on R crosses creek on round man-made stones (return route)	BL 4.35 after xing wooden bridge, cross 2 <sup>nd</sup> concrete bridge over the creek; trail X on R at 2 <sup>nd</sup> bridge
R 1.0 at trail X to cross Big Rocky Run on a wooden bridge	4.75 Middle Ridge Rd 4.9 trail merges from R; cross the creek
BL 1.05 at trail split after xing the creek	BL 4.95 after bridge over creek; trail X on R
1.2 Middle Ridge Dr	
1.6 concrete bridge over creek; trail X on L; stay w/creek; 2 <sup>nd</sup> bridge ahead	L/R 5.2 trail X on L crosses creek on round man-made stones (unmarked)
<*	S 5.3 exit woods; go clockwise around the baseball field on the grass
S 1.95 cross Fairfax Co Pkwy, Rte 7100 onto Monument Dr; (!) use shoulder	L 5.35 onto the paved trail
XS 2.5 at Fair Ridge Dr	
R 2.65 trail X on R goes into Ox Hill Battlefield Park	L 5.4 at T; paved trail toward parking 5.45 parking lot

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### 5.4 Mile Route

	R 2.6 trail X on R goes uphill; leave pond
CR 2.0 cross the Fairfax Co Pkwy, Rte 7100 & Monument Dr to paved trail	L 3.0 Fair Lakes Circle 3.45 trail X on L to pond 3.5 trail X on L to pond
R 2.35 Fair Lakes Circle/Ct; cross Fair Lakes Pkwy	CL 3.5 Fair Lakes Pkwy (pickup cues at mile 4.0 on 5.45 mile route)
R 2.4 trail goes around the pond	

Fair Lakes



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