

Cub Run Stream Valley Park

Tucked away quietly at the western end of Fairfax County is Cub Run Stream Valley Park. A short way east is Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, and not far west is Manassas National Battlefield Park. Cub Run Stream Valley Park is mostly a wooded flood plain with few constructions other than the mostly paved trails on the east and west sides of the creek. Proposals made in 2000 seek to add more park land to the area north of the park. Chalet Woods is a neighborhood park with tennis and basketball courts that is adjacent to Cub Run Stream Valley Park. It makes the best serves as an access point but its paved trails do not directly connect with those of Cub Run. Because of the lack of nearby parking with direct access to Cub Run's trails, the trails are quiet and all the more appealing. All trails are open for bicycling.

Getting There

From the Capital Beltway, I-495

Take Exit 9, for Interstate 66 headed west. Go just under 12 miles, then take Exit 52 for Lee Hwy., Rte. 29, headed west. Turn right half a mile later on Stone Rd. After 1.1 miles, turn left on Sully Park Rd. Turn left after 0.4 miles onto Kamputa Dr. The second left, for Cranoke St. will take you to Chalet Woods Park. Park at the end of Cranoke St. and start from the intersection of the trail head and the street.

Area Routes

Cub Run (5.6 or 4.45 miles, IV)

From Chalet Woods Park, go up Cranoke St. the way you drove in, turning right on Kamputa Dr. and Sully Park Dr. At an inconspicuous and somewhat unmarked trail head on the right side of Sully Park Dr, find your way into the Cub Run Stream Valley Park. The paved trail descends a little along Round Lick Run and passes a playground on your right. Houses will be on your left. Continuing on, much of it is under the trees. Soon it enters a clearing for a gas pipeline, taking a sharp right to follow it. It also becomes bluestone surfaced for a short while here. Just as you're close enough to see Cub Run's waters for the first time, a trail on the right can take you to a crossing to shorten the loop. No bridge exists however. Under normal water conditions, this crossing and the others ahead in the park can be done without getting wet. The county has installed cylindrical cement "stones" about two feet high and one-and-a-half feet in diameter that stick out of the water. If you trust your balance walk on across. Take caution though; Cub Run is a major creek with a large volume of fast moving water! Even trying to walk on the stones and roll a bicycle across, I could feel the tug of the water, and had to carry it across. If it's raining or the water is high as it often is during the colder months, don't try to cross. You might also find yourself having to double back if you get across an upstream crossings then find that the downstream crossing is washed under.

Continuing on, take the next downstream crossing to the west side of the creek and start heading north. Several unmarked paved trail intersections are on the return path back. Keep to the right, at most of these to stay nearest the water. Eventually you'll cross the creek again. With a wetland on either side, and the trail will become more or less straight. Cub Run is visible on the

left occasionally during this stretch. As the trail turns right to end in a subdivision, the stone remains of an old bridge that once crossed over Cub Run can be seen on the banks. The way through the subdivision continues to be flat. Turn right after only three-quarters of a mile on another paved trail into the woods. The trail head is at the intersection of Old Dale Rd. and Barrymore Rd. but is obscured a little by tall bushes. It wanders between Cub Run's wetlands on the right, and houses on the left (sometimes large puddles are on the trail) back to Chalet Woods Park.

Utility (5.75 or 5.45 miles, V)

Follow the basic short option for the Cub Run route above (keep in mind the cautions about crossing the creek), then stay in the gas pipeline clearing. The trail climbs a steady hill in an open field. It crosses one residential road before reaching a crossroad of trails of sorts. A trail under a high tension power line intersects the trail in the gas pipeline clearing perpendicularly. Turn left at the crossroad following the trail under the power lines to a residential street. Turn right there and right again on Pleasant Valley Rd. For a slightly shorter route, go straight at the crossroad joining the longer route at Pleasant Valley Rd. just over a quarter mile ahead. The asphalt "sidewalk" along Pleasant Valley Rd. retains a trail-like feel to it. Turn right where the power lines and trail intersect Pleasant Valley Rd. At the next crossroad, turn left on the gas pipeline trail to return the way you came.

Nearby and Connecting Zones

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
Manassas National Battlefield Park

Prince William Parkway Trail, Signal Hill
Park

What to do Afterward

Food and Drink

Copelands - New Orleans style food - 703 222-0089
Ashoka Indian Cuisine - 703 815-4500
Amir Kabob House - 703 222-0722
Sino's Inn Chinese Restaurant - 703 818-8989
Shark's Club - billiards and food - 703 266-1888
Sho-Chiku Japanese & Korean - 703 266-3053
Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon - 703 803-2974

Entertainment and Edification

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park & Walney Visitor Center - 703-631-0013
Ellanor C. Lawrence Park Cable's Mill - 703 750-1598
Sully Historic Site - 703 437-1794
Manassas National Battlefield Park - 703 754-1861

Cub Run

Distance: 5.6 or 4.45 miles

Rating: IV; mostly paved trails, with some sidewalks; flat and partly shady

5.6 Mile Route

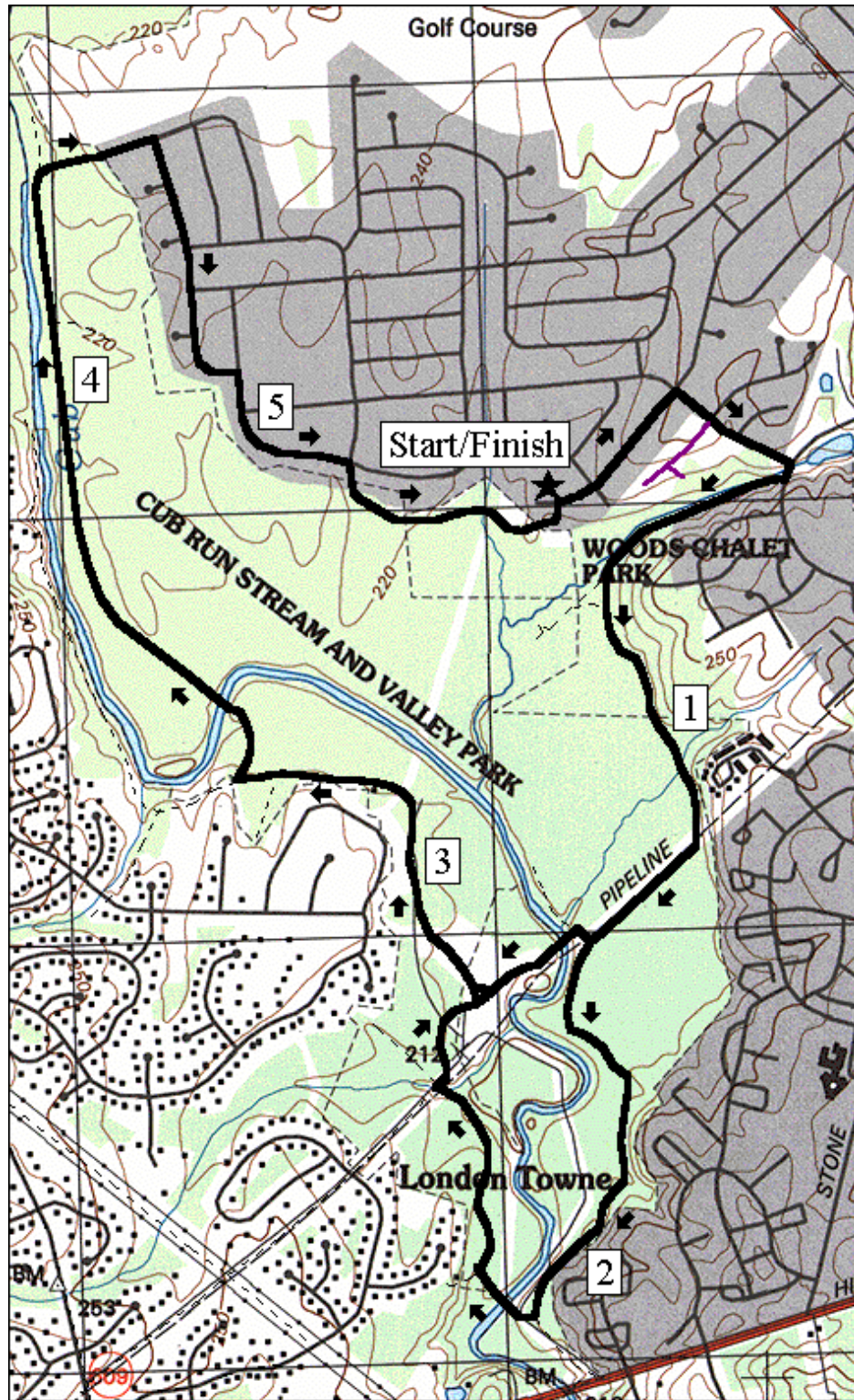
	L	2.75 trail X (triangle)(unmarked)
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0.0		from the trail head; go up Cranoke St
		3.15 trail X on L to houses
		3.35 trail X on L to houses
R		0.25 Kamputa Dr on R
	R	3.4 trail X under small power lines (unmarked)
R		0.45 Sully Park Rd
		3.5 cross Cub Run on man-made concrete stones (!)
R		0.5 trail X on R (paved)(unmarked)
		3.6 fire hydrant
BL		0.75 trail split (triangle); R becomes dirt
		4.1 fire hydrant & trail X on R (dirt)
		0.8 trail merges on R (triangle) at playground
		4.2 pipe bridge for stream
		1.05 wooden bridge over stream
		4.35 follow paved trail to the R before the golf course; trail X on L (dirt)
		1.2 pipeline clearing; end of pavement
		4.5 S on Hosena Dr
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	R	1.45 trail X on R toward creek xing
		4.55 Pamela Dr
		1.55 wooden bridge over stream
	R	4.95 at T; Old Dale Rd
		1.85 wooden bridge over stream
		5.0 Kamputa Dr on L
R		2.1 trail X on R crosses Cub Run on man-made concrete stones (!)
	R	5.2 trail X on R (paved) at Barrymore Dr
		5.25 trail X on R (dirt)
R		2.25 trail X at T; L is to houses
		5.3 wooden bridge over stream
		5.5 wooden bridge over stream
R		2.6 trail X in gas pipeline clearing
		5.6 Cranoke St

*4.45 Mile Route

R/L 1.45 at trail X on R (unpaved) to cross Cub Run
1.45 cross Cub Run on man-made concrete stones (!)
1.55 begin pavement

R 1.6 trail X on R (triangle)(unmarked)(pickup cues at mile 3.15 on 5.6 mile route)

Cub Run



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Utility

Distance: 5.75 or 5.45 miles

Rating: V; paved and bluestone trails, some sidewalks; one hill; mostly sunny

5.75 Mile Route

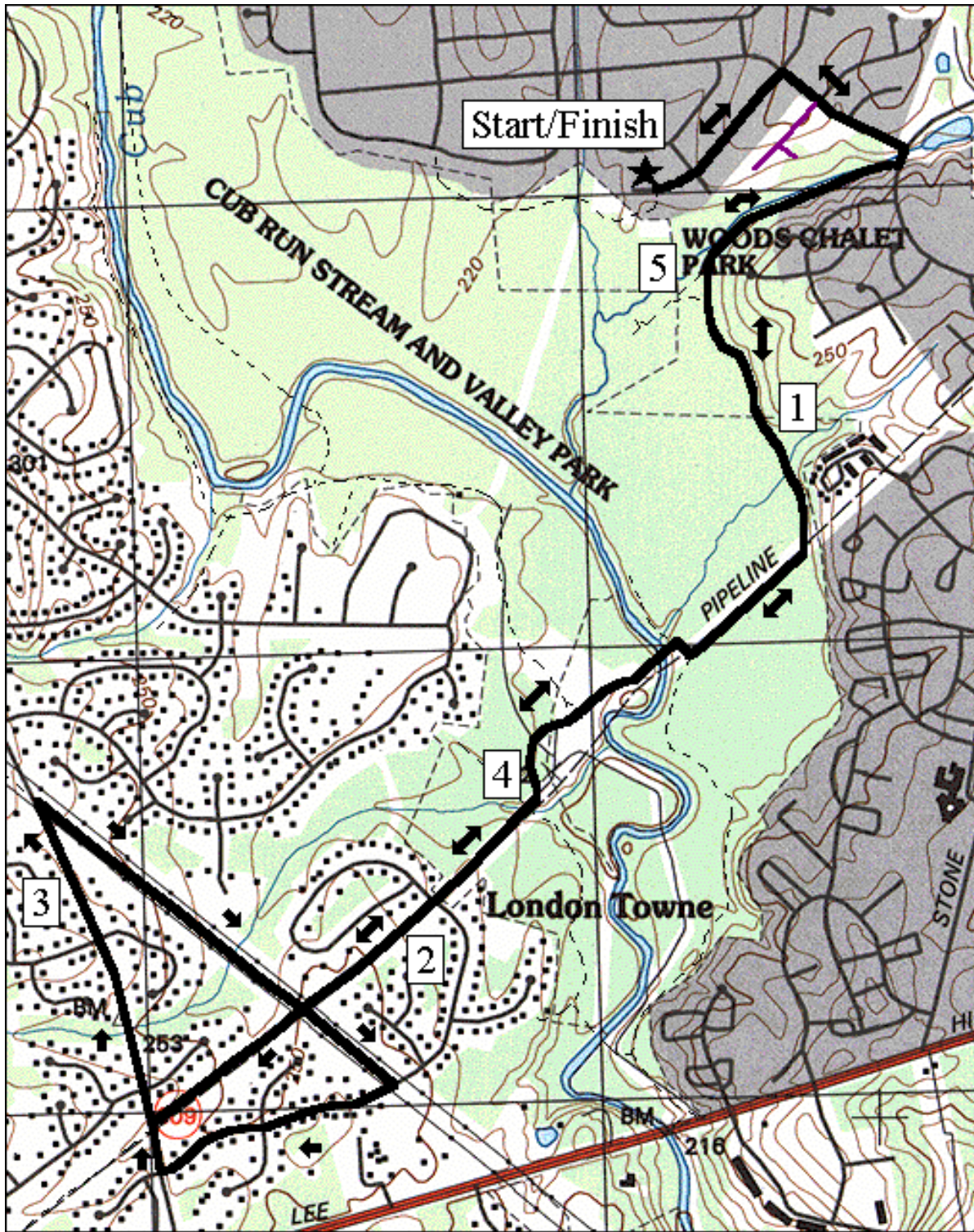
	R	2.35	Wetherburn Dr
0.0			from the trail head; go up Cranoke St
	R	2.65	Pleasant Valley Rd, Rte 609
		2.7	trail X on R in pipeline clearing
R	0.25		Kamputa Dr on R
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	R	3.15	trail X on R in power line clearing
R	0.45		Sully Park Rd
	L	3.6	trail in gas pipeline clearing
R	0.5		trail X on R (paved)(unmarked)
		3.85	Wetherburn Dr
		4.0	trail X (unmarked)
BL	0.75		trail split (triangle); R becomes dirt
		4.15	trail X on L (triangle)(unmarked)
	0.8		trail merges on R (triangle) at playground
		4.25	pavement ends
	1.05		wooden bridge over stream
		4.3	cross Cub Run on man-made concrete stones (!)
	1.2		pipeline clearing; end of pavement
	R/L	4.35	R at T; L at T; pipeline clearing
R/L	1.45		at trail X on R (unpaved) to Cub Run
		4.6	trail enters woods; trail is paved
	1.45		cross Cub Run on man-made concrete stones (!)
		4.7	wooden bridge over stream
	1.55		begin pavement
		BR	4.95 trail X (triangle) at playground
	1.6		trail X on R (triangle)(unmarked)
		5.05	trail merges on L (triangle)
	1.75		trail X in pipeline clearing (unmarked)
		L	5.3 Sully Park Dr
	1.95		Wetherburn Dr
<*		L	5.35 Kamputa Dr on L
L	2.2		trail X under power lines (unmarked)
		L	5.5 Cranoke St
		5.75	trail head on L; Chalet Woods Park

5.45 Mile Route

S 2.2 trail X under power lines (unmarked)

R 2.4 Pleasant Valley Rd (pickup cues at mile 3.15 on 5.75 mile route)

Utility



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