



### Safety and Regulations

Regulations are enforced for your safety and the park's protection.

- Swimming is prohibited.
- Pets must be on leash at all times.
- All plants, animals, natural and cultural objects are protected by law. Collecting is prohibited.

### Park information

**Park Hours:** 7 a.m. – Dusk (Hours posted, gates lock at closing)

**Visitor Center** is open to the public Monday through Sunday, closed Tuesdays. Hours vary seasonally.

**Nature Center** is open only for scheduled events.

#### Contact information:

Riverbend Visitor Center  
8700 Potomac Hills Street  
Great Falls, Virginia 22066

**703-759-9018**

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend)



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For accommodations, contact Inclusion and ADA Support at 703-324-8563. TTY 703-803-3354

# Riverbend Park



Resource Management Division



### Mission

Riverbend Park is a nature preserve managed to protect the biological communities and cultural resources of the Potomac Gorge, while providing a natural space for education, research and outdoor recreation that is compatible with preservation goals.

Did you know that when you enter Riverbend Park, you are in one of the rarest biological ecosystems in the East?

### Visitor Center

- "Riverbend Park...A Rare and Rugged Refuge" exhibit
- Fishing tackle and bait
- Snack bar
- Picnic grounds with grills
- Reservable picnic shelter and area

### Boating, kayaking, canoeing

- Boat rentals – seasonal
- Public boat launch with fee
- Fishing for bass, sunfish, and catfish

### Programs

- See Web site for upcoming children and adult programs, and camps.



### Trails

More than 12 miles of multi-use trails for hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and dog walkers. Obey trail signs, some posted trails are closed to bikes and horses.

### Bootlegger Trail

(2 miles) 4-mile loop from visitor center. This upland trail follows the western boundary and takes you back to the days of moonshine and rural life. The trail winds through forest, meadow and hollows.

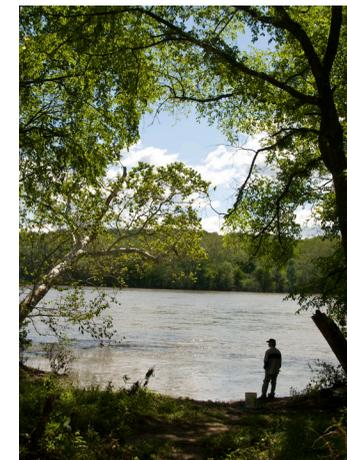


### Follow the Hollows Trail

(1 mile) 2-mile loop from visitor center. This scenic trail is great for a short family hike. It starts at the Potomac Heritage Trail and winds through upland forest and hollows before returning to the river.

### Potomac Heritage Trail

(2 1/2 miles) This nationally recognized scenic trail follows the Potomac River. Look for islands, changing features and wildlife on the water.

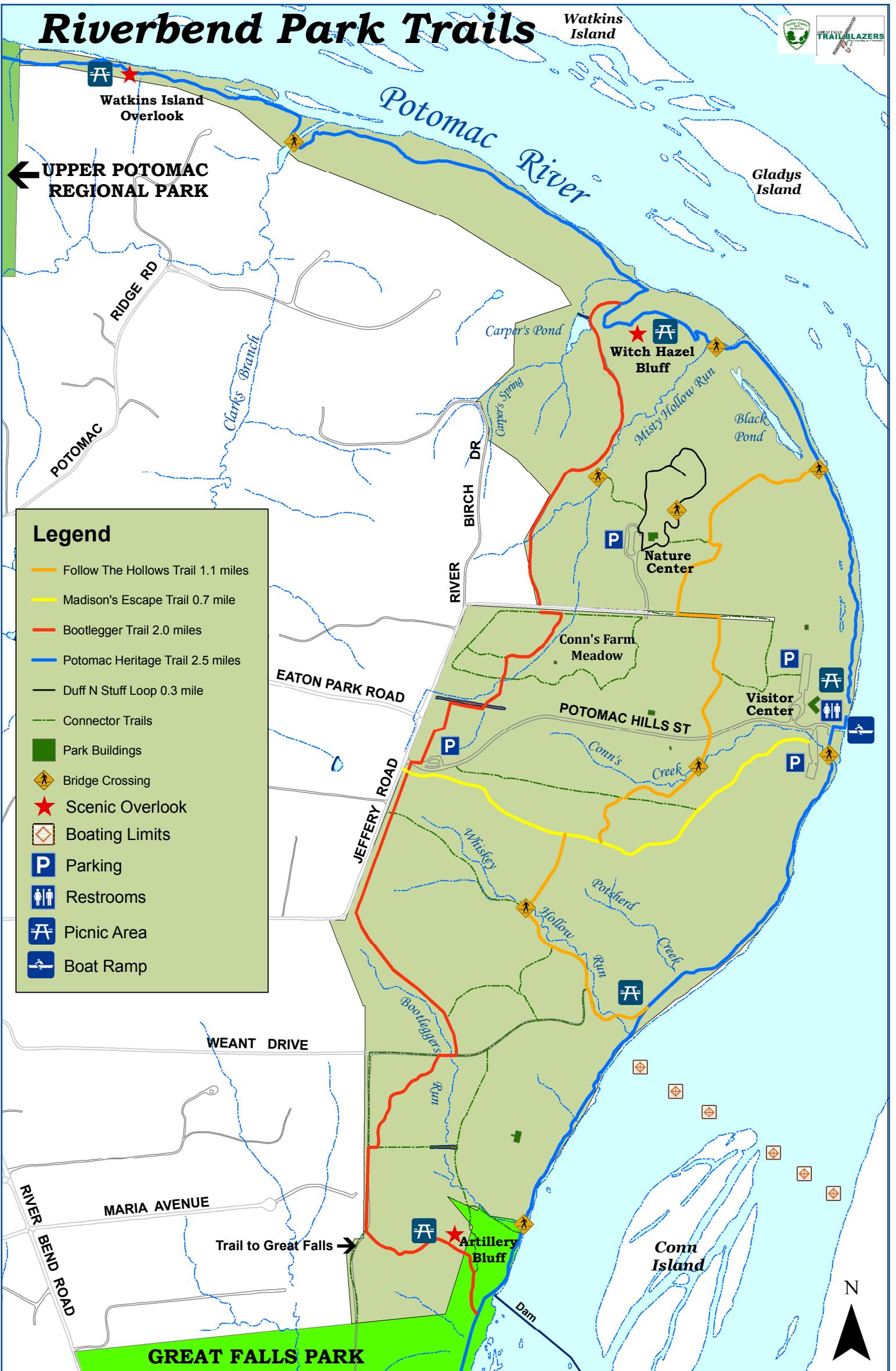


### Madison's Escape Trail

(1 mile) President Madison in 1814 took Conn's Ferry from what is now the park to Maryland after British soldiers invaded Washington D.C. during the War of 1812.

# Riverbend Park Trails

Watkins Island



### Legend

- Follow The Hollows Trail 1.1 miles
- Madison's Escape Trail 0.7 mile
- Bootlegger Trail 2.0 miles
- Potomac Heritage Trail 2.5 miles
- Duff N Stuff Loop 0.3 mile
- - - Connector Trails
- Park Buildings
- Bridge Crossing
- ★ Scenic Overlook
- Boating Limits
- P Parking
- Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Boat Ramp

