

A Short Walk Through Nature and History



Begin your self-guided 1.5 mile tour through nature and history at the Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace along the North Park Trail. During your waterside walk, the Trail will lead you over

several footbridges where you can explore the natural environment and history of the area under a tree-lined



canopy. You will see how the mighty Susquehanna River ends its 444 mile journey to empty its fresh water into the fertile Chesapeake Bay. You will see

the restored lock tender's residence built in 1840 that also served as the toll collector's office until 1900.

The Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal was vital to transportation in that era, so no visit would be complete without visiting the restored Canal and lock system. Various plants, trees,



and animals native to the tidal and non-tidal wetlands of the Upper Chesapeake Bay region can be viewed among the many breathtaking vistas. Your journey is set within a geological province where you can see the earth's dramatic transition from the

Coastal Plain to the Piedmont Plateau. Imagine, for a moment, that your experience today varies ever so slightly from early explorers who, along this route, encountered indigenous people who inhabited this region for thousands of years before us.



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The trail is owned, managed and maintained in partnership by the generosity of private citizens and benefactors in addition to the City of Havre de Grace, Harford County, State of Maryland, Exelon Corporation, Susquehanna Museum and the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway. Additional trails and new features are coming soon.

Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace at the Lock House

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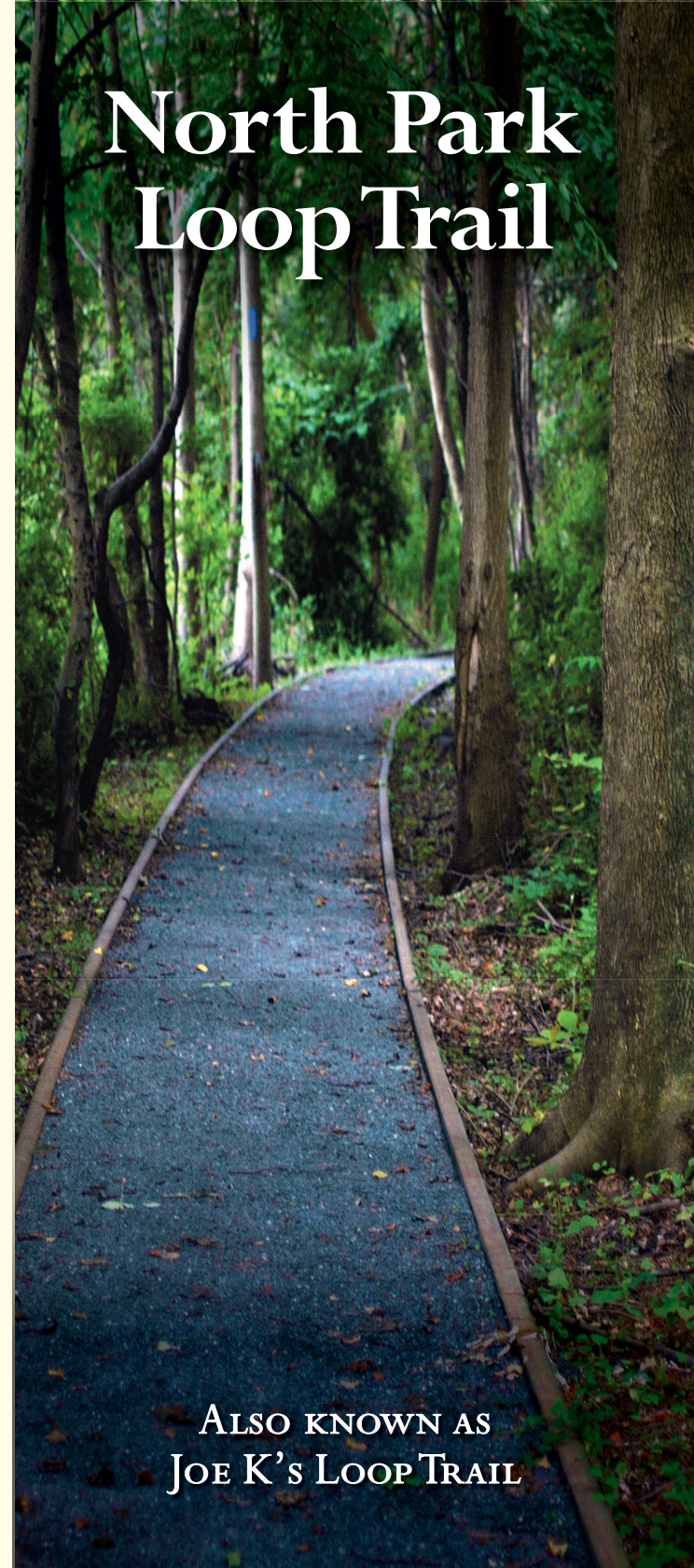
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North Park Loop Trail



ALSO KNOWN AS
JOE K's LOOP TRAIL



Who is Joe K?
Joseph Kochenderfer
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NORTH PARK LOOP TRAIL ~ HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

The North Park Loop Trail is about 1.5 miles long and is identified by white blazes (markings that follow each other at certain increments showing the direction of the trail). It serves three trail systems: 1) a portion of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, 2) a segment of the Mason Dixon Trail System, and 3) the Loop Trail System in HdG's North Park.



North Park Loop Trail Map

- 1. *Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House*** - area includes Canal, towpath, swing bridge, and Lock House. The Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal was in operation from 1840 to 1900. It extended 45 miles to Wrightsville, PA, connecting to the Pennsylvania Canal. 29 locks each raised/lowered boats 8 ft. to account for the 230 ft. difference in elevation. The Lock House served as residence to the lock tender and as a business office.
- 2. *1st Lilly Run Crossing*** - a small stream winding through the City of Havre de Grace.
- 3. *McLhinney Park*** - a playground on Locust Road named for former Mayor Walter McLhinney.
- 4. *Fountain Run Crossing*** - another small stream originating in the Heights area of the City.
- 5. *Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge*** - where US Route 40 crosses the Susquehanna River; named for local native and former State Delegate.
- 6. *Mason Dixon Trail*** - connects Philadelphia area to Harrisburg area - marked with blue blazes.
- 7. *Railroad Tracks*** - built to transport men and materials to support the construction of the Conowingo Dam hydroelectric project 1926-1928. Dam is about 8 miles upstream; railroad is inactive.
- 8. *Pond*** - on inland side of trail - a non-tidal wetland with turtles, frogs, waterfowl.
- 9. *Junction*** - point where railroad trail meets riverside trail completing a loop.
- 10. *CSX Railroad Bridge*** - built/rebuilt in 1885/1910 as part of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad - active.
- 11. *Vulcan Quarry*** - a hard rock quarry - produces construction aggregate - active.
- 12. *Susquehanna River*** - 444 miles long from Cooperstown, NY to Chesapeake Bay at Havre de Grace - provides about 50% of total fresh water to Bay - average flow approx. 15 million gallons of water per minute at this point - dividing line between Harford and Cecil Counties.
- 13. *Garrett Island*** - almost 200 acres - named for a president of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad - Explorer John Smith noted it in his log of 1608 - also called Palmer's Island and Watson's Island - federal property.
- 14. *Pilings*** - remains (1-3 ft. tall) of structure which stabilized Canal towpath along which mules pulled 200 ton barges, 90 ft. long by 14 ft. wide, - pilings are visible along edge of River at several locations.
- 15. *Canal Basin / Tidal Wetlands*** - former mooring area for boats awaiting towage or transshipment of goods.
- 16. *Tidal Gut Crossing*** - small inlet to tidal wetlands where direction of flow depends upon water level of River.
- 17. *2nd Lilly Run Crossing*** - Completed!