



Agricultural History Farm Park Walk

11 km (6.8 miles) and 6 km (3.7 miles)

Saturday – October 28, 2017

Derwood, MD

Credit only event #104870 -- AVA trail rating 2 B/C

Sponsor: Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc. (AVA 419), a member of the Maryland Volkssport Association.

Sanctioned by: The Maryland Volkssport Association and The American Volkssport Association, a member of the International Volkssport Verband, to promote leisure sports in the interest of family health, recreation, fun, and companionship.

Start/Finish: Agricultural History Farm Park, 18400 Muncaster Rd., Derwood, MD 20855.

Start Time: Registration 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Must finish the walk by 3:30 p.m.

Trail: The trails go past an historic 19th-century bank barn, a variety of historic outbuildings and the early 20th century Magruder-Bussard Farmhouse, They continue through and around cultivated fields, orchards, older forested areas as well as new areas of reforestation, and across several streams as you explore parts of this 455-acre Park.

The trails are rated 2 B/C with some moderate hills. Not suitable for wheels. The 6 km trail is on natural terrain, well-groomed, a few hills, with few obstacles. A portion of the 11km route is on the Carson Farm Trail which is a rustic trail having roots, some rocks and areas which may be damp. For both the 6 km and 11 km routes we suggest you wear boots or sturdy shoes, long pants, and bring a walking stick.

The Agricultural History Farm Park was the site of the Magruder-Bussard Farm, established as a tobacco plantation in 1734 by John Magruder. The Park was also the site of Newmantown, a post-Civil War African American kinship community established in 1879 by Albert Newman and his wife Mary. The buildings of Newmantown no longer exist.

Eligibility: We welcome everyone to walk with us. All participants must register and sign a waiver of liability. Each participant must carry a start card throughout the walk. Please turn the card in at the end of your walk so we know that you are safely off the trail. An adult must accompany children 12 and under throughout the entire walk. Parents of minor children must sign a waiver of liability for the children.

Event Information: For more information about this event, please contact:

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Conditions: Water will be available at the start point, and walkers should carry water on the trail. Walk instructions will be available. A Porta-Potty will be near the start/finish. Pets are allowed in the park, but must be leashed and cleaned up after at all times during the walk. This walk will be held, unless conditions cause the sponsor to close the trail for safety reasons.

Fees: The fee for IVV credit is \$3.00. Children 12 and under may earn IVV credit for no charge. IVV record books and New Walker Packets will be available for sale. You may walk for free without IVV credit.

AVA Special Programs: Bridges and Animal Safari.

Disclaimer: Neither the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc., the Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning, nor the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall be liable for accidents, theft, or material damage. Every reasonable effort will be made to make this a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event.

Membership: Membership in the Sugarloafers is open to everyone interested in walking for fitness, fun, and fellowship. Members are encouraged to walk our volksmarch trails and to help with events and other club activities. Dues are \$10.00 per year and include the club newsletter, which keeps members informed about volkssporting activities and news. To join, send your name, address, e-mail address, and phone number, (or membership form from our website, www.sugarloafers.org) with a check for \$10.00 payable to SVSVC to:

Carolyn Thurber, 17616 Mill Creek Dr., Derwood, MD 20855-1015.

For more information about the club, contact Carolyn at 301-926-0915 or cbthurber@verizon.net

Volksmarch Information: www.sugarloafers.org & www.ava.org & www.mdvolks.org

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO START POINT

Warning: Obey all 30/35 mph signs. Speed cameras are in operation on Muncaster Rd.

FROM I-270:

Approaching from the North, follow signs at Exit 9 for 370 East.

Approaching from the South, follow signs at Exit 9A for 370.

Then from either direction: Continue on 370 (East) to Exit 3A for Shady Grove Rd.

On exit road use left lane for Shady Grove Rd. NORTH.

At light, turn LEFT on Shady Grove Rd. and continue ~ 1.6 miles.

At light, turn RIGHT on Muncaster Mill Rd. and continue ~ 0.3 miles.

At light, turn LEFT on Muncaster Rd. (7-Eleven at corner) and continue ~ 1.3 miles.

Turn LEFT at Park entrance.

Follow signs to Parking and Start / Finish.

The Park can also be reached from the EAST via Rt. 108. From Rt. 108, at light, take Muncaster Rd and continue ~ 2.1 miles to Park entrance on RIGHT. Follow signs to Parking and Start / Finish.

