

DURING YOUR VISIT



Strawberry Hill
NATURE PRESERVE

Strawberry Hill connects our community with the natural world. As the area's only environmental education center, Strawberry Hill bustles year-round with people learning about and exploring the outdoors. Almost 7,000 students visit each year to learn about nature and become better stewards of the environment.

Trail Map and Watershed Guide

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve trails are open to the public, everyday, from dawn to dusk

A watershed is all the land that drains to a single body of water.

Strawberry Hill is located in the pristine 24-square-mile Middle Creek Watershed, which supplies drinking water for thousands of people while protecting sensitive plants and wildlife. We have some of the cleanest water in Pennsylvania. Our small section of the watershed is considered High-Quality and is home to the Brook Trout, the only native Pennsylvania trout species.

Follow our trails to experience this valuable environment.

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Stay on the trails

Please don't disturb sensitive wildlife habitat.

Take only pictures

Leave nothing behind.

Be careful where you put your hands and feet

Poison Ivy, ticks and snakes live at the Preserve.

Wildlife at the Preserve is just that, WILD

Please give wildlife plenty of space; if you want a closer look, use binoculars. ● Don't feed wildlife or fish. ● Don't try to catch wildlife. ● All animals on the preserve, including snakes, are protected. ● Collecting wildlife, leaves, plants, rocks, fossils from the grounds is prohibited.

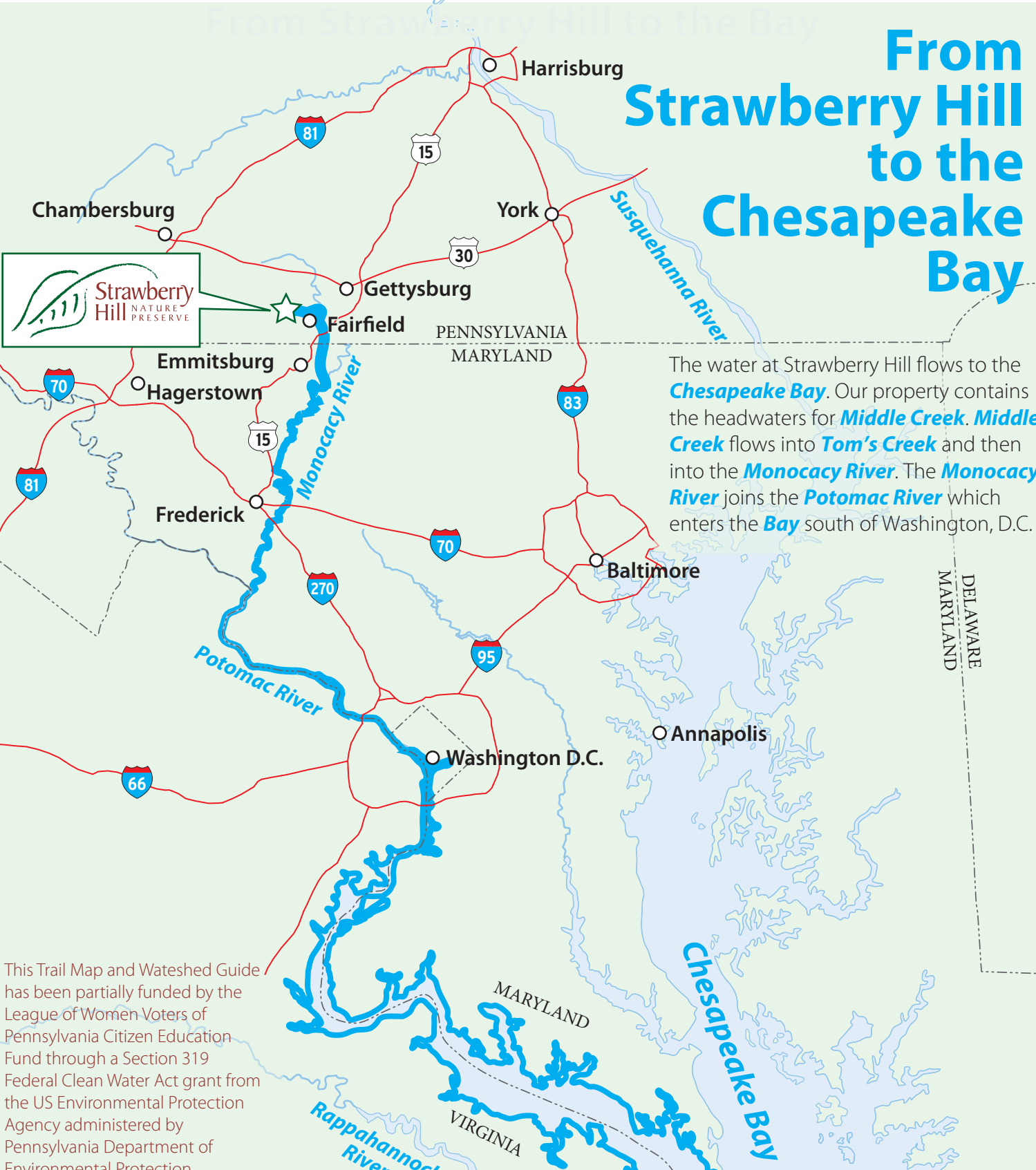
Remember, you are sharing the trails with other visitors and animals that live here.

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND WATER!



- Smoking
- Swimming
- Mountain biking
- Horseback riding
- Motorized vehicles, including ATVs and snowmobiles
- Possession or use of alcohol
- Possession of firearms

From Strawberry Hill to the Chesapeake Bay



The water at Strawberry Hill flows to the **Chesapeake Bay**. Our property contains the headwaters for **Middle Creek**. **Middle Creek** flows into **Tom's Creek** and then into the **Monocacy River**. The **Monocacy River** joins the **Potomac River** which enters the **Bay** south of Washington, D.C.

Everyone lives in a watershed. Follow these tips and you can make a difference!

Keeping our water clean is important for the plants and wildlife that live at Strawberry Hill and all of the people that depend on this watershed for drinking water from here to the Chesapeake Bay.

How can you help take care of the watershed in your backyard?

Significant pollution comes from chemicals in the water originating from households.

✓ Do you fertilize your lawn?

Before you do, get your soil tested to see what it needs. If you apply chemicals to your lawn, use sparingly and Read the Label! Fertilizer and Pesticides not used by plants will wash off into the streams. Use the correct amount, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

✓ Do you have a garden?

Plant species native to your area. Native plants adapted to your soil and climate require less water and energy (Check out our Butterfly Gardens to learn about our native plants).

✓ Do you have streams or ponds in your neighborhood?

Plant tree and shrub "buffers". Buffers are plants along waterways that help prevent pollution from washing into the water while providing habitat for wildlife. Look at all of the plants along our streams and ponds. Our wildlife is thankful that we take such good care of their home!

✓ Make sure your septic system functions well and get it pumped every three years.

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