



The Cross County Trail is managed by the Fairfax County Park Authority (703-PK-WATCH)

- Natural surface trail
  - Hard surface trail
  - Cross county trail
  - A Water crossing grade (A best - F worst)
- [restonpaths.com](http://restonpaths.com)

The walk starts from the Lake Accotink dam. Parking is adjacent to the dam. People continuing from the Lake Accotink portion of the Cross County Trail should turn left onto the asphalt trail that goes under the railroad bridge next to the dam.

1. **(South)** Take the asphalt trail under the railroad bridge and follow it to the end of the parking lot. At the end of the parking lot turn right and cross the parking lot to the trail on the other side.  
**(North)** After crossing the parking lot turn left to follow the asphalt trail on the eastern side of the parking lot up to the Lake Accotink dam. This marks the end of this section of the walk. To continue on the Lake Accotink section turn right and follow the asphalt trail towards the marina.
2. **(South)** After a very short distance turn left and follow the stone trail along Accotink Creek.  
**(North)** A trail intersects from the parking lot. Turn right to enter the parking lot and walk across to the other side.
3. **(South)** A trail crosses the current trail. Continue straight on the present trail. After a short distance the trail crosses a bridge over a stream. After crossing the bridge take the trail to the right. This is a natural surface trail from this point on.  
**(North)** At the trail intersection turn left to cross a bridge over a stream. On the other side take the stone surface trail slightly to the right. After a short distance another trail intersects. Continue straight on the present trail.
4. **(South)** The trail crosses a bridge over a stream. Take the trail to the right on the other side of the bridge.  
**(North)** The trail meets another trail at a bridge over a stream. Turn left to cross the bridge and follow the trail on the other side.
5. **(South)** Several markers indicate the trail turns to the left. Turn left to follow the trail.  
**(North)** Several markers indicate the trail turns to the right. Turn right to follow the trail.
6. **(South) (North)** A trail display helps to reassure that you have made the correct turns.
7. **(South)** The trail climbs a short steep hill. At the top of the hill a trail intersects from the left. Continue straight on the present trail.  
**(North)** A trail intersects from the right. Continue straight on the present trail. After a short distance it descends a short steep hill.
8. **(South)** The trail crosses a shallow creek on stones. After crossing the creek stay on the trail as it goes to the right.  
**(North)** The trail crosses a shallow creek on stones. After crossing the creek stay on the trail as it goes to the left.
9. **(South)** After passing under a telephone cable a trail intersects from the left. Turn right to continue on the present trail.  
**(North)** A trail intersects from the right. Turn left to follow the present trail as it passes under a telephone cable.

10. **(South)** Markers indicate the trail turns to the left to cross a creek. Notice the fire hydrant on the other side of the creek. Turn left to cross the creek and climb a hill on the other side.  
**(North)** The trail descends a hill and crosses a creek. After crossing the creek take the trail as it turns to the right.
11. **(South)(North)** The trail passes behind a number of homes. The white fence in the picture helps to serve as a landmark.
12. **(South)** A trail intersects from the left. Turn slightly to the right to continue on the present trail. After a short distance turn left to leave the telephone cable line and follow a long straight section of trail.  
**(North)** The trail turns right after reaching a telephone cable and follows that. After a short distance a trail intersects from the right. Keep on the trail to the left as it follows the telephone cable.
13. **(South)** A trail intersects from the left. Turn slightly to the right to continue on the present trail.  
**(North)** A trail intersects from the right. Turn slightly to the left to continue on the present trail.
14. **(South)** The trail crosses the junction of 2 side creeks on stones. Follow the stone trail on the other side to the Byron Avenue Park parking lot. This marks the end of the measured section of this walk. If you wish to continue onto the next section of trail follow Byron Avenue to Old Keene Mill Road. Turn right on the trail along Old Keene Mill Road and follow it to Hunter Village Drive. Cross Old Keene Mill Road on the side with the walk lights. You will need to cross Hunter Village Road to follow the next section of the Cross County Trail.  
**(North)** If you are coming from the Hunter Village Road section of the Cross County Trail cross Old Keene Mill Road using the walk lights. Turn right to follow a sidewalk and trail along Old Keene Mill Road. Turn left onto the sidewalk along Byron Avenue and follow the access road into Byron Avenue Park back to the parking lot at the rear of the park. Turn left at the end of the ball field and notice the trail entering the woods at the end of the parking lot. The measured section of this walk starts at the entrance to the woods. The trail crosses the junction of 2 side creeks on stones. Follow the natural surface trail on the other side.