

A new section of Cross County Trail (CCT) has been built between Lake Accotink and Hunters Village Drive/ Old Keene Mill Road. This trail is not officially open as of January 20, 2008 but is getting considerable use while still under construction. Signs have not been put in place to mark the new route as of that date but chances of getting lost are slim since the entire route is paved. Most pictures were taken in the winter but will be replaced once the growing season starts.

The walk starts from the Lake Accotink dam. Parking is adjacent to the dam. People continuing from the Lake Accotink portion of the CCT 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 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)** The asphalt trail turns left and parallels Accotink Creek on the right.
(North) The trail turns right and enters a parking lot. Continue straight across the end of the parking lot.
3. **(South)** A natural surface trail from the visitor center intersects from the left. Continue straight on the paved trail. It will shortly cross a side creek.
(North) The trail crosses a side creek. Just after the crossing it passes a natural surface trail from the visitor center. Keep straight on the paved trail.
4. **(South) (North)** The trail crosses another side creek.
5. **(South)** The trail jogs slightly to the left and then turns right to cross Accotink Creek on a bridge. The natural surface trail to the left prior to the bridge used to be the old route for the trail. This marks the start of the new section of the trail.
(North) The trail crosses a bridge over Accotink Creek and moves to the left. The natural surface trail to the right used to be the old route for the trail.
6. **(South) (North)** The trail crosses Accotink Creek on a bridge.
7. **(South)** The trail passes a natural surface trail on the left that was the old route for the walk. Stay straight on the present paved trail.
(North) The trail passes a natural surface trail on the right that was the old route for the walk. Stay straight on the present paved trail.
8. **(South)** The trail turns right at a side trail to Byron Avenue Park. Continue to the right on the paved trail
(North) The trail turns left at a side trail to Byron Avenue Park. Continue to the left on the paved trail.
9. **(South) (North)** The trail passes the end of the Byron Avenue Park baseball field.
10. **(South) (North)** The trail passes under Old Keene Mill Road.
11. **(South)** The trail turns right to cross Accotink Creek on a bridge.
(North) The trail crosses Accotink Creek on a bridge. It then turns to the right, then to the left to follow the creek under Old Keene Mill Road.
12. **(South)** The trail goes up a slight hill to reach Hunter Village Dr. This marks the end of this section of the walk. Take the trail to the left to continue onto the next section of the CCT.
(North) The asphalt trail goes down the hill away from Hunter Village Road. If coming from a prior section of the trail turn right upon reaching the asphalt trail.