



— Natural surface trail
— Hard surface trail
 Cross county trail
A Water crossing grade (A best - F worst)
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This walk will take you along the final route in this section. The walkway in the former Lorton Prison area was not yet accepted by the Park Authority as of January 2009 so all construction and clean up activity had not been finalized. This walk offers an excellent chance to view many of the activities available in Laurel Hills Park. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for an overview of the plans for Laurel Hills Park.

1. **(South)** The walk starts at the southwestern corner of Silverbrook Road and White Spruce Way. Follow the asphalt trail along White Spruce Way for a short distance to a point prior to the security gates on the road.
(North) Cross White Spruce Way and turn right to follow the asphalt trail to Silverbrook Road where this section of the trail ends. The next section of the trail is directly across Silverbrook Road.
2. **(South)** Cross White Spruce Way and follow the asphalt trail as it turns right to pass between the gated community and the former prison wall.
(North) The asphalt trail passes between the gated community on the left and the former prison wall. It then turns to the left to intersect with White Spruce Way.
3. **(South)** The trail turns left at a watchtower and continues to follow between the wall and the gated community.
(North) The trail turns right at a watchtower and continues to follow between the gated community on the left and the wall on the right.
4. **(South)** The trail turns right and crosses a brick surface for a short distance. An asphalt trail connects to the other end.
(North) At the end of the brick surface the trail turns left. Follow the asphalt trail from this point.
5. **(South)** After a short distance the asphalt trail swings to the right to approach the gated community.
(North) The trail enters an area surfaced by bricks.
6. **(South)** The trail turns to the left and climbs a short hill.
(North) The trail goes down a hill towards a gated community where it turns right.
7. **(South)** The trail intersects with other trails prior to a retention basin. Go straight so that the retention basin is on your right.
(North) The trail intersects with other trails at the end of the retention basin. Go straight and climb a short hill.
8. **(South)** The trail turns right at the end of the retention basin. Turn left onto the intersecting trail and follow it into the wooded area.
(North) Turn right at the intersecting trail that goes around the retention basin. Follow this trail as it curves around the retention basin. The retention basin should be on your left.
9. **(South)** Go straight at the intersecting trail and cross the bridge over Giles Run. The trail starts up a hill.
(North) Follow the trail on the bridge that crosses Giles Run. Take the intersecting trail to the left that enters a wooded area.
10. **(South)(North)** The Giles Run Meadow Trail intersects here. Continue straight on the present trail.
11. **(South)(North)** An abandoned freight car that was found nearby is on display here. This section of trail was a railroad spur that served the former Lorton Prison.
12. **(South)** The trail jogs to the left at an intersection with a service road on the right. It then turns right to continue in the same direction as previously.
(North) The trail jogs to the left and joins a service road. Turn right at the service road to continue in the same direction as previously.

13. **(South)(North)** The trail intersects with a loop trail through the Center Green. There is an interesting overlook area at the far end of that loop trail.
14. **(South)(North)** A trail from the Barrett House intersects just prior to a tunnel under Furnace Road. The Barrett House was not open when this was written but parking is available there for trail users. Click [here](#) for information on the Barrett House.
15. **(South)** The trail goes through a series of turns prior to intersecting with a restricted road. Turn left to walk down the restricted road. There is traffic on that road.
(North) After climbing the hill on the restricted road turn right at the marked trail entrance. Take a series of turns before coming to a straight section leading to a tunnel under Furnace Road.
16. **(South)** The restricted road intersects with Lorton Road. If you plan to go onto the next section of trail cross Lorton Road here. Lorton Road is quite busy with heavy truck traffic.
(North) If coming from the previous section of trail cross Lorton Road and walk up the hill on the restricted road. Be watchful of the heavy truck traffic on Lorton Road.