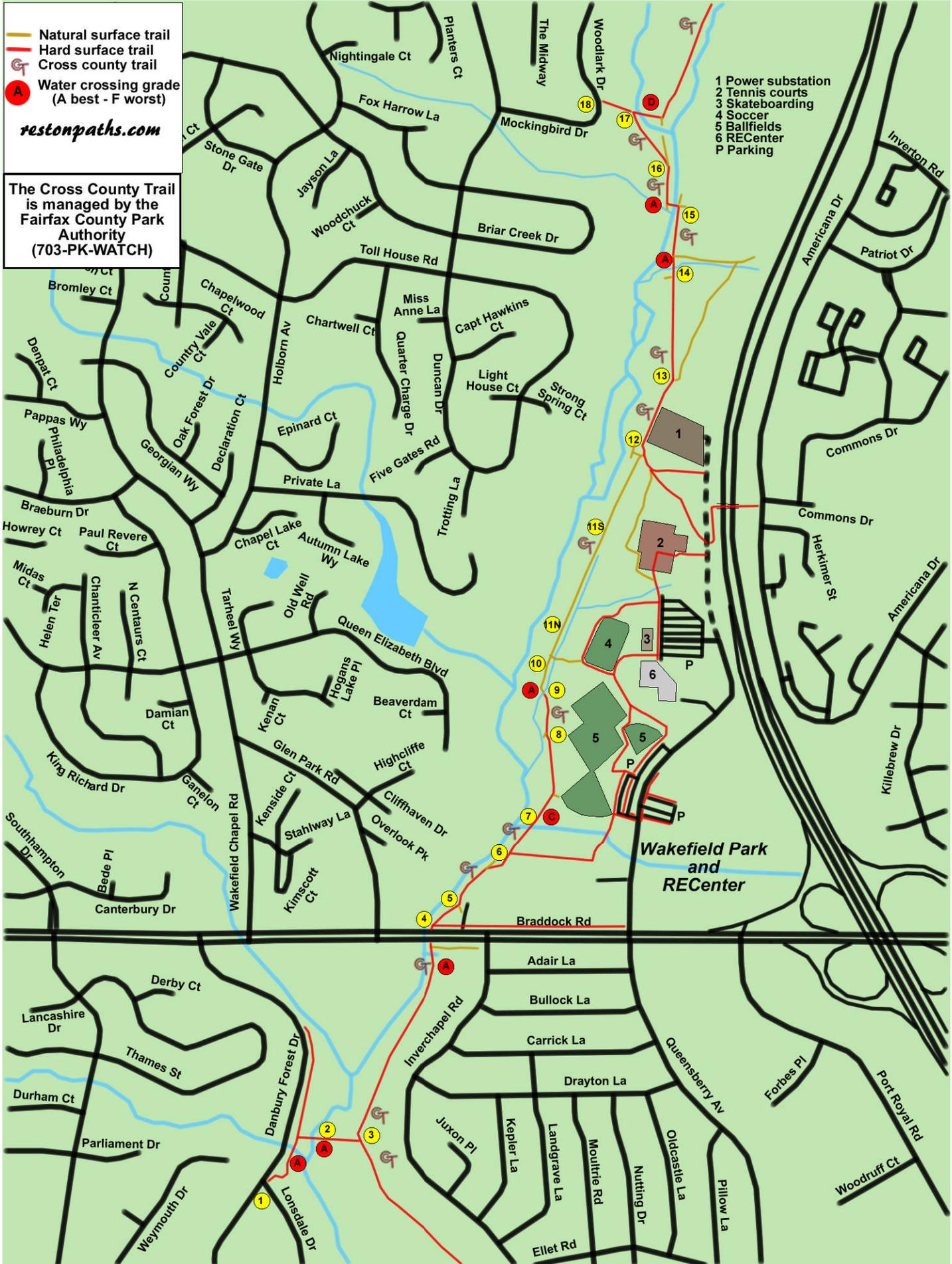


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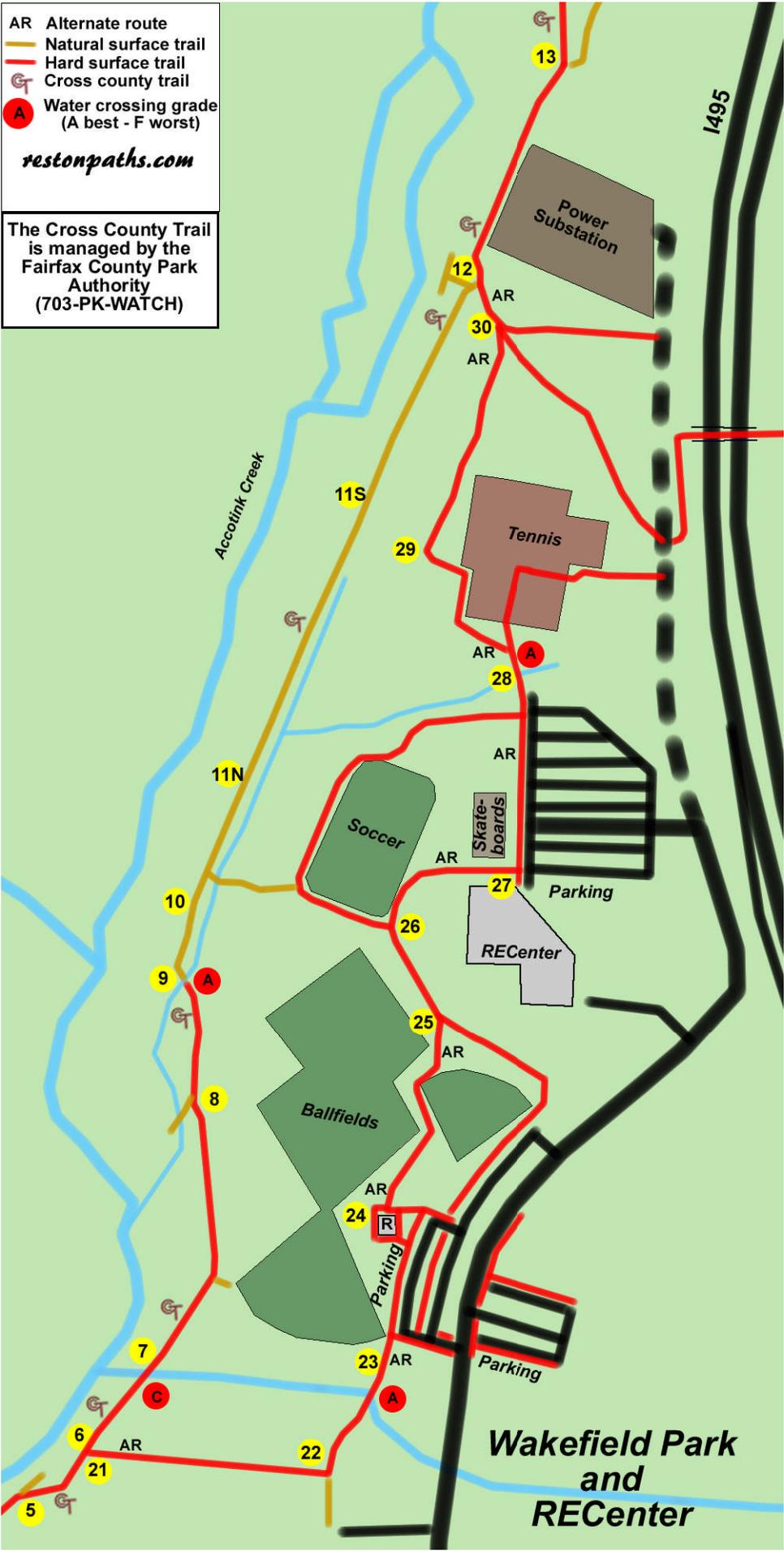
- 1 Power substation
- 2 Tennis courts
- 3 Skateboarding
- 4 Soccer
- 5 Ballfields
- 6 RECenter
- P Parking



AR Alternate route
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The walk directions for this section of the CCT assume a starting point at Danbury Forest Drive where considerable street parking is available. The connecting trail from here adds 0.3 round trip miles to the walk. This is included in the round trip distance shown for the full walk. Walkers joining from the Lake Accotink section should subtract that mileage from the total distance walked. The connecting trail at the Mockingbird Drive end is short and adds little distance to the walk. However, there is not much street parking here.

The trail surface changes often on this section of the CCT. Much of the route is in full sun and follows a dirt service road under the power lines. I have provided an alternate route through the RECenter portion of Wakefield Park. The alternate route is not marked by directional signs. You may wish to take the official route in one direction and return on the alternate route to get a closer view of the recreational facilities in the park.

1. **(North)** The walk starts from the intersection of Danbury Forest Drive and Lonsdale Drive. Take the asphalt trail from the northeast corner down the ramp. The trail crosses a bridge over a creek at the bottom of the hill.
(South) The trail crosses a bridge over a creek and goes up a ramp to reach Danbury Forest Drive . This marks the end of this section of the trail walk.
2. **(North)** Turn right at the first trail intersection. The trail crosses a bridge over Accotink Creek. Continue on the trail until it ends at the next trail intersection.
(South) You have left the CCT and are now following an access trail to reach a parking area along Danbury Forest Drive. After crossing a bridge over Accotink Creek turn left at the first trail intersection.
3. **(North)** Turn left onto the intersecting trail. You are now on the CCT. The trail to the right is part of the Lake Accotink section of the CCT.
(South) Turn right at the next trail intersection to leave the CCT and follow an access trail to a parking area. People wishing to travel on to the next section of the CCT should go straight here.
4. **(North)** The trail crosses a bridge over a stream and goes under Braddock Road. After passing under Braddock Road it goes right for a few feet and turns left at the first trail intersection to leave that road.
(South) The trail joins a trail along Braddock Road. Follow that trail to pass under Braddock Road. On the other side of that road the trail crosses a bridge over a stream.
5. **(North)** The trail turns left upon approaching a maintenance building. There is a trail to the right connecting to that facility.
(South) A maintenance facility appears on the left. Turn right to follow the asphalt trail at the next trail intersection. The other trail that goes straight provides a connection to that facility.
6. **(North)** At the next trail intersection take the asphalt trail slightly to the right. The straight dirt trail from this point is a bicycle trail. After a very short distance the asphalt trail splits. Turn left to stay on the CCT. Turn right to follow an alternate route through the athletic fields at Wakefield Park. The alternate route is not marked by signs but is easier to negotiate. See step 21 for the alternate route.
(South) A trail intersects from the left. This marks the conclusion of an alternate route through the athletic fields at Wakefield Park. Continue straight on the present trail. A dirt bicycle trail intersects from the right shortly afterwards. Continue straight on the present trail.

7. **(North) (South)** The trail crosses a stream on rocks.
8. **(North)** The trail enters a meadow. A trail intersects from the left. Continue straight on the present trail.
(South) The trail leaves a meadow and enters the woods. A trail intersects from the right prior to the woods. Take the trail into the woods.
9. **(North) (South)** The trail crosses a pipe carrying water through a ditch. Flooding has washed out part of this crossing and the trail is narrow.
10. **(North) (South)** The trail uses the tracks of a service road that follows the power lines.
11. **(North) (South)** Look east to see the athletic fields near the RECenter.
12. **(North)** A hard surface trail intersects from the right just prior to a power station. The alternate route joins the CCT here. Go straight onto the intersecting trail so that it passes the power station on the right.
(South) After passing the power station the trail splits. The alternate route starts here and leaves the CCT as it goes to the left. See step 30 if taking the alternate route. The CCT goes straight and follows the power lines.
13. **(North)** After passing the power station the trail splits. The trail to the right leads to a number of bike trails. Take the trail to the left as it enters a wooded area.
(South) The trail leaves the woods prior to a power station and a trail intersects from the left. Take the trail to the right as it passes the power station on the left.
14. **(North) (South)** The trail crosses a stream over a bridge.
15. **(North)** The trail turns left to cross Accotink Creek over a bridge. Bicycle trails intersect from the right and straight positions here. After crossing the bridge turn right to follow the creek.
(South) Turn left to cross the bridge over Accotink Creek. After crossing the bridge turn right to follow the trail along the creek. Bicycle trails intersect from the left and straight positions here.
16. **(North)** A trail intersects from the left. Turn left to follow the trail away from Accotink Creek.
(South) A trail intersects from the left. Turn right to follow that trail along Accotink Creek.
17. **(North)** At the next intersecting trail the CCT turns right to cross a side creek on columns. If you just planned to walk only this section of the CCT turn left on the short side trail. Otherwise, turn right to cross the creek and join the next section of trail.
(South) Turn right at the intersecting trail at the side creek crossing to join the CCT. The prior section of the CCT will cross the creek on columns and turn left here to join this section of the CCT.
18. **(North)** The access trail intersects with Mockingbird Drive at Woodlark Drive. This concludes this section of the walk.
(South) The access trail goes east from the intersection of Mockingbird Drive at Woodlark Drive to start this section of the CCT.

Directions for alternate route through Wakefield Park.

21. **(North)** After turning right at step 6 the trail continues through the woods on an asphalt surface.
(South) After passing through the woods the trail intersects with a trail from the right. Turn left to rejoin the CCT ending the alternate route at step 6 in the directions.
22. **(North)** A dirt trail intersects from the right. Turn left to continue on the asphalt trail.
(South) A dirt trail intersects leading to a maintenance area. Turn right to continue on the asphalt trail.
23. **(North)** The trail crosses a creek on a bridge. Shortly after that it reaches a concrete sidewalk along the edge of a parking lot. Continue straight on the sidewalk until reaching a small building on the left.
(South) Follow the concrete sidewalk along the parking lot. It connects to an asphalt trail that leads into the woods and crosses a creek on a bridge. There is a CCT marker on this path but this is not the CCT.
24. **(North)** Turn left to reach the small building on the left and turn right to go to the front of the building. There are restrooms at the rear of the building. From the front of the building take the stone trail with the ballfield on the left.
(South) The trail reaches the front of a small building. Turn left to go to the back end of the building where there are restrooms. Turn left to connect to a concrete sidewalk along the edge of a parking lot. Turn right to follow that sidewalk with the parking lot on the left.
25. **(North)** A trail intersects from the right after passing the ballfield on the right. Take the trail to the left.
(South) The trail splits. Take the trail to the right to walk between the ballfields.
26. **(North)** A trail intersects next to a soccer field. Continue on the present trail to the right with the soccer field on the left.
(South) At the end of a soccer field a trail intersects from the right. Continue on the trail to the left.
27. **(North)** The trail reaches a concrete sidewalk on the edge of a parking lot. The RECenter entrance is on the right. Turn left to follow the sidewalk past a skateboard park on the left.
(South) Follow the concrete sidewalk to the end of the skateboard park and turn right to follow the asphalt trail just prior to the RECenter entrance.
28. **(North)** An asphalt trail connects to the end of the concrete sidewalk. Continue straight on the asphalt trail over a drainage ditch. After crossing the ditch turn left on the stone trail that passes to the left of the tennis courts.
(South) The stone trail merges with an asphalt trail leading from the tennis courts. Turn right to cross a drainage ditch and follow the trail to a concrete sidewalk next to a parking lot. Continue in the same direction on the concrete sidewalk.
29. **(North)** The trail leaves the woods and turns right as it enters a meadow. A sign on the left indicates the trail is part of Project Habitat.
(South) The trail turns left to leave the meadow and pass through some trees. It turns to the right to pass next to some tennis courts.
30. **(North)** Several trails merge here. Take the trail to the left with the power station on the right. At the next intersecting trail you will turn right to rejoin the CCT at step 12 in those instructions.
(South) After a short distance 3 trails intersect. Take the trail to the right. A sign next to it marks it as part of Project Habitat.