

Three Notch Trail from train to trail

Residents and visitors alike enjoy walking, running and bicycling on the Three Notch Trail. However, many don't know that the trail is built on the former railroad right-of-way and trains ran through the county until the early 1960s. Trail users are encouraged to view the interpretive panels along the trail for more information on the history of rail line.

The non-motorized trail runs from Deborah Drive in Charlotte Hall to Thompson's Corner Road (Route 236) in New Market. There is an additional three mile section of trail to explore from John V. Baggett Park in Laurel Grove to Point Lookout Road (Route 5) in Mechanicsville. The county is now moving forward with the plans for the next section from MD 5 to MD Route 236 in New Market. Completion of this phase will provide 11 continuous miles of trail! Future plans call for the trail to run south from Baggett Park to Lexington Park.





Trail Rules

- Motorized vehicles are prohibited (except motorized wheelchairs)
- Trail opens at sunrise and closes at sunset
- Travel only at speeds which are safe and appropriate for trail conditions and usage
- Travel to the right. Move left to pass; give appropriate warning to trail users ahead; and move off the trail when you come to a stop
- Pedestrians have the right of way
- Obey the helmet laws
- Stop at all road/street crossings
- Pets must be on leash and controlled at all times
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited
- No bicycle races or competitive speed training
- Please respect private property and be a courteous user of public lands
- Emergency 911. St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office 301-475-8008





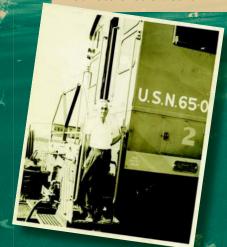
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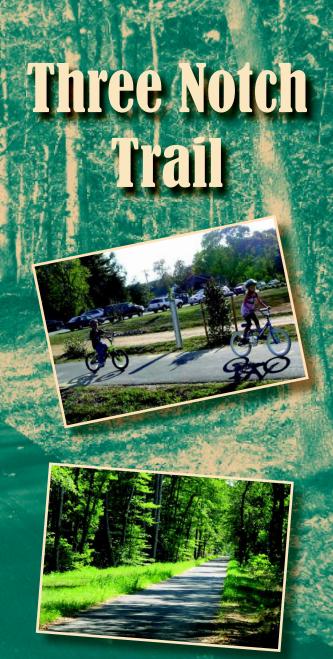












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