

## WELCOME TO POCAHONTAS STATE PARK.

To make your visit safe and more pleasant, we ask that you observe the following:

Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Park in designated areas only. Please note there is a parking fee charged year-round at all Virginia State Parks. Self-pay parking information is available at the contact station.

**PRESERVE** - Help preserve your park. Please don't cut or mar any plants or trees. Collecting animal or plant life is allowed only for scientific purposes by permit from the Richmond headquarters. Don't feed any wild animals.

**ALCOHOL** - State law permits alcohol use only in private areas (inside your cabin or camping unit) or in areas designated on permits issued by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

**PETS** - Pets are permitted in enclosed areas or on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please clean up after your pet. Pets must be attended at all times.

**DRONES AND OTHER AIRCRAFT** - Drones, other unmanned aerial vehicles, including remote control aircraft, and aircraft in general may not be flown in state parks pursuant to 4VAC5-30-400.

**LITTER** - Please help us keep the park clean by placing litter and recyclables in the proper receptacles and recycle centers or carrying out your trash. The releasing of balloons is not allowed. Decorative balloons must be deflated and disposed of as trash.

**FIRE** - Help prevent wildfires. Fires must be confined to grills, camp stoves or designated fire rings. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished when left. Firewood is generally available for purchase at the park. Campers and guests may collect only down and dead firewood. We enforce all seasonal and emergency bans on open fires.

**POLLUTION** - Help reduce pollution. Dump stations, laundry sinks and slop sinks, where available, are for the proper disposal of wastewater. Please, no boat, RV or car washing. Portable showers that do not drain to wastewater storage tanks are prohibited by state law. Collected wastewater must be disposed of properly.

**SWIMMING** - The aquatic recreation center is available for a fee during scheduled hours between the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day. The weather and other issues beyond our control may reduce the availability of the facility. Swimming anywhere else in the park at any time is prohibited.

**FISHING** - A Virginia freshwater fishing license is required.

**PARKING** - All vehicles must be parked in designated areas. Lock valuables in your trunk and keep your vehicle locked when unattended.

**GROUP EVENTS** - A Special Use Permit is required for all group events that involve amplified sound, catering, equipment rentals and vendor deliveries.

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY** - We strive to make each park as barrier-free as possible. Universally accessible facilities are available throughout Virginia State Parks. Please check the park's website for details.

**EMERGENCY** - For medical or fire emergencies dial 9-1-1. For other assistance dial 800-933-7275: for law enforcement or facility emergencies press 1; to reach the on-duty ranger press 2.

**INFORMATION** - For more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 800-933-PARK or visit [www.virginiastateparks.gov](http://www.virginiastateparks.gov).

**MULTI-USE TRAILS** - With more than 54 miles of multi-use trails, Pocahontas offers a variety of options ranging from fire roads to double-track trails designed to provide a tour of the park by foot. Below are a few of the more popular multi-use trails. See the map for all multi-use options.

**HIKING TRAILS** - Pocahontas has 9.9 miles of dedicated hiking trails. These trails range from slightly under 5 feet wide to 30-inch wide single-track. Below are the more popular hiking-only trails. See map for a full listing.

**EQUESTRIAN TRAILS** - Most equestrian trails are south of Beach Road. The area is easily accessed from the Bright Hope parking area located directly across from the park entrance. Horseback riding is allowed on 14.1 miles of multi-use trail and 18.9 miles of forest roads. The most popular trails for equestrian users include Bright Hope, Otter Lick and Poorhouse. North of Beach Road, about 4 miles of Fendley Station Trail is available for equestrian users, but note that this is not a loop and requires some backtracking.

**SINGLE-TRACK MOUNTAIN BIKING** - Pocahontas State Park has about 43 miles of single-track directional mountain bike trails. The trails make up three major trail systems. Morgan, Swift Creek and Lakeview Mountain Biking Trails.

Mountain bike users should check the status of single-track trails at [www.fopsp.org/current-info](http://www.fopsp.org/current-info) before visiting. Other users are encouraged to be aware of the status of single-track trails and take into consideration the conditions before using wet trails.

**RIDE SMART** - Slow down before you speed up. Crashes can happen on your first lap. Ride each trail multiple times to learn the features and check out your bike until you are confident to push your limits. Know your limits.

For more information on Pocahontas' mountain bike trails visit <http://vasp.fun/pombt>.

### PARK CONTACTS

Emergency: 911  
Park Office: 804-796-4255  
Ranger on call: 804-621-5097

# Virginia State Parks

## Pocahontas State Park

### TRAIL GUIDE

#### VIRGINIA STATE PARKS ARE A TONIC FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT.

Museums, visitor centers and nearby historic sites make state parks cultural treasures.

The recreational opportunities in state parks are endless and easy to see – from swimming and boating to horseshoes and hiking, there's always something to do in a Virginia State Park.

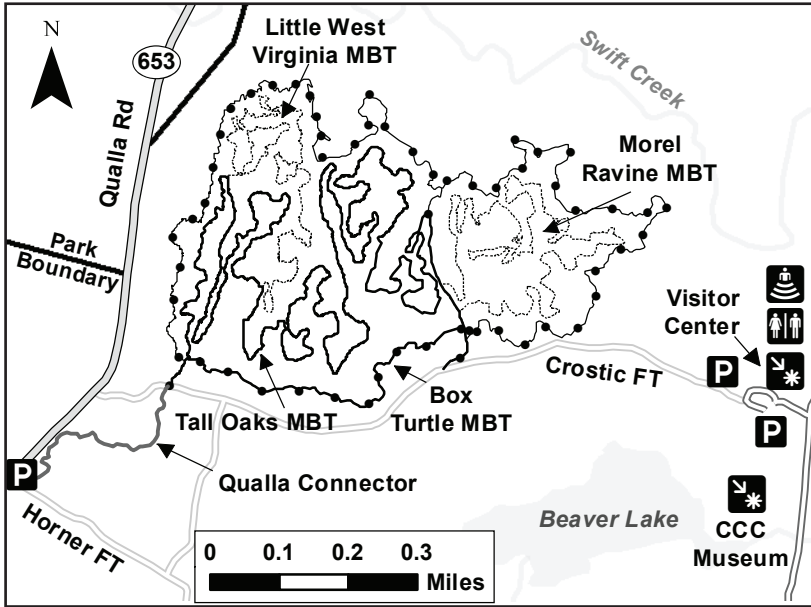
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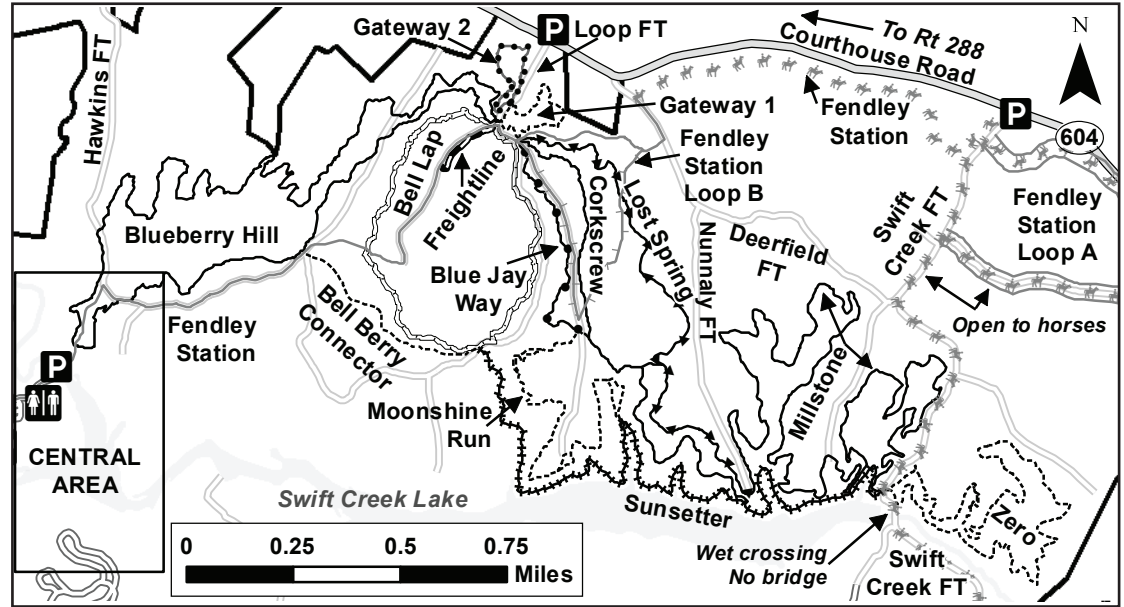
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# Pocahontas Mountain Biking Trails

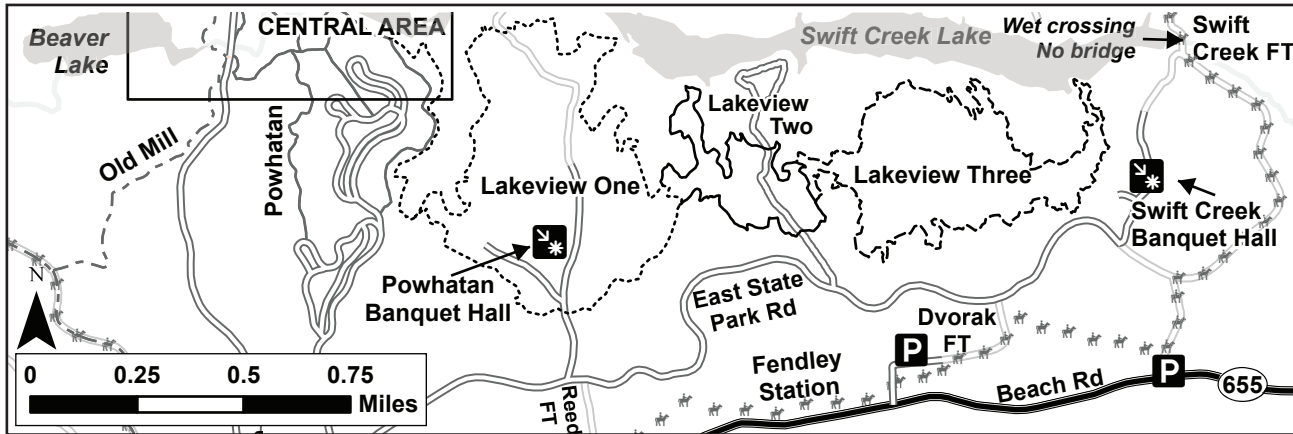
These maps depict mountain bike only trails. Bikes are allowed on some multi-use trails and fire roads which are indicated on the whole park map on the reverse side.



**MORGAN MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS** - The original system built in the mid to late 1990s is northwest of the Nature Center. Known for the rocky, root-filled tread and the tight twists and turns, many riders find this system great for technical riding. A total of 9.4 miles of trail commonly referred to as rake and ride is a favorite of locals.



**SWIFT CREEK TRAILS** - On the north side of the park and just off Courthouse Road, the system is easily accessed from multiple points in and around the park. Currently 7 miles of machine-built flow trail, this system is accessible to hand trikes and is perfect for beginners and pros alike. Opened in 2015, these trails have engendered to kids and adults a love for mountain biking. Regardless of skill level, these trails are a must.

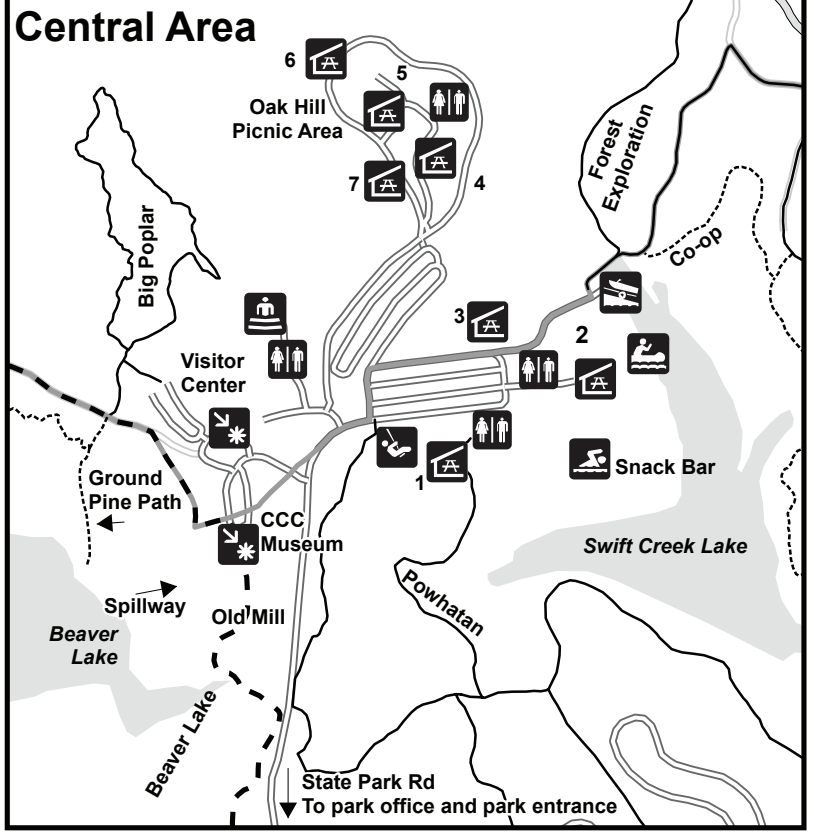
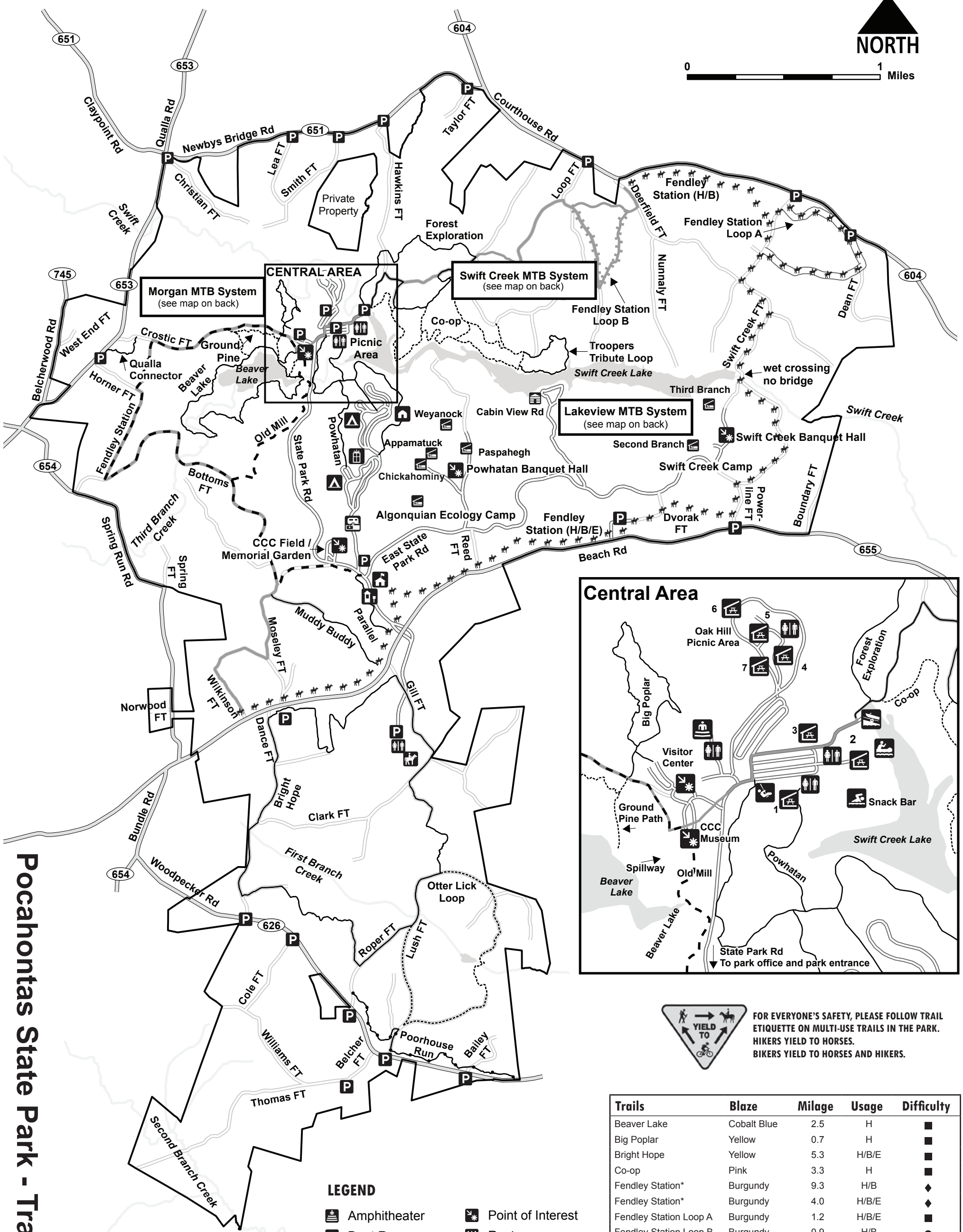


**LAKEVIEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS** - The system is on the south side of Swift Creek Lake. Parking to access these trails is off the main park road near the C.C.C. Field and the picnic shelters. These 9.5 miles of trails are a combination of rake and ride as well as hand-built sections. With long lines and rolling terrain, users who want a rough tread and moderately tight turns find that this system fits the bill. True to its name, the trail affords excellent views of the lake.

## MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL INFORMATION - DIFFICULTY SCALE

- EASY** - Gentle climbs and descents, with obstacles such as rocks, gravel, bridges, and potholes. Must have ridden a bike before using these trails.
- MORE DIFFICULT** - Challenging ride with steep slopes and/or obstacles, possibly on a narrow trail or with elevated skills features and poor traction. Requires off road riding experience.
- MOST DIFFICULT** - These trails and skills features have a mixture of long, steep descents, loose trail surfaces and numerous natural and manmade obstacles. These can include jumps, ramps, elevated features, berms, drops, rocks and other terrain variations.

Trails	Blaze	Milage	Difficulty
<b>Morgan Trails</b>			
Box Turtle	Green	3.3	
Little West Virginia	Red	1.5	
Morel Ravine	Red	2.1	
Tall Oaks	Blue	4.7	
<b>Swift Creek Trails</b>			
Bell Berry Connector	Green	0.5	
Bell Lap	Green	1.7	
Blue Jay Way	Blue	0.6	
Blueberry Hill	Green	4.2	
Corkscrew	Blue	1.4	
Freightline	Blue	0.2	
Gateway 1	Green	0.5	
Gateway 2	Green	0.5	
Lost Spring	Blue	1.5	
Millstone	Black	4.2	
Moonshine Run	Black	1.4	
Sunsetter	Blue	2.1	
Zero	Black	2.4	
<b>Lakeview Trails</b>			
Lakeview One	Cobalt Blue	3.7	
Lakeview Too	Cobalt Blue	2.4	
Lakeview Three	Cobalt Blue	3.8	



**Pocahontas State Park - Trails and Facilities**

**MULTI-USE TRAIL INFORMATION**  
**DIFFICULTY SCALE**

**EASY ●** - From .5 to 1 mile; grades are short, typically fewer than 100 feet and less than 10 percent of the trail length; easily accomplished by all users, including the elderly and those with physical or mental disabilities, with little risk of injury or fatigue.

**MODERATE ■** - From 1 to 5 miles; steepness and grade lengths vary; at least 60 percent of the length is fairly flat; healthy people can accomplish the trail with little risk of injury or fatigue.

**DIFFICULT ◆** - Trail length is greater than 5 miles; more than 70 percent of the trail is on a grade; experienced hikers only or groups of three to five people recommended; there is a risk of overexertion or injury to those not conditioned.

**LEGEND**

- Amphitheater
- Boat Ramp
- Boat Rentals
- Cabins
- Campground
- Concessions
- Contact Station
- Dumping Station
- Gifts/Shopping
- Horse Ring
- Parking
- Park Office
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Point of Interest
- Restrooms
- Rustic Cabins
- Shower/Bathhouse
- Swim Complex
- Yurts
- Main Roads
- Park Roads (open to vehicles)
- Park Roads (closed to vehicles)
- Lakes
- Major Streams
- Park Boundary



**FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PLEASE FOLLOW TRAIL ETIQUETTE ON MULTI-USE TRAILS IN THE PARK. HIKERS YIELD TO HORSES. BIKERS YIELD TO HORSES AND HIKERS.**

Trails	Blaze	Milage	Usage	Difficulty
Beaver Lake	Cobalt Blue	2.5	H	■
Big Poplar	Yellow	0.7	H	■
Bright Hope	Yellow	5.3	H/B/E	■
Co-op	Pink	3.3	H	■
Fendley Station*	Burgundy	9.3	H/B	◆
Fendley Station*	Burgundy	4.0	H/B/E	◆
Fendley Station Loop A	Burgundy	1.2	H/B/E	●
Fendley Station Loop B	Burgundy	0.9	H/B	●
Forest Exploration	Lemon Yellow	2.3	H	■
Ground Pine Path	Lime Green	0.6	H	●
Muddy Buddy	Tan	0.7	H/B	●
Old Mill	Dark Green	4.8	H/B	■
Otter Lick Loop	Blue	2.4	H/B/E	■
Parallel	Purple	0.4	H/B	●
Poorhouse Run	Gray	1.4	H/B/E	●
Powhatan	Red	2.4	H/B	■
Qualla Connector	Pink	0.3	H/B	●
Spillway (paved)	Orange	0.2	H/A	●
Troopers Tribute Loop	Silver	0.8	H	■

H = Hiking B = Biking E = Equestrian A = Accessible  
● = Easy ■ = Moderate ◆ = Difficult

\* The sections of Fendley Station Trail which are open to equestrian users are indicated with small horse symbols. 🐎