WELCOME TO YORK RIVER STATE PARK.

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

Take only pictures, leave only footprints.

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 on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please clean up after your pet. Pets may not be left unattended at any time.

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.

CAMPING - No camping is allowed.

FISHING - No license is required for those fishing from the Croaker fishing pier. A freshwater license is required for Woodstock Pond. A saltwater fishing license is required everywhere else.

PARKING - Park only in designated areas.

EMERGENCY - For fire or medical emergencies, dial 911. For law enforcement or critical maintenance issues, call 800-933-7275 and select the appropriate option.

INFORMATION - For more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 800-933-PARK (7275) or visit www.virginiastateparks.gov. The Customer Service Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's closed on state holidays.

TRAIL INFORMATION

DIFFICULTY SCALE

EASY ● - Grades are short, typically fewer than 100 feet, and minimal (less than 20 percent); easily accomplished by all users with little risk of injury.

MODERATE ■ - 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.

DIFFICULT ♦ - More than 70 percent of the trail is on a grade; experienced bikers only; there is a risk of overexertion or injury to those not conditioned.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL SYSTEM

BLACK BEAR RUN - ● .38 mile, forest green blaze. This trail connects the Laurel Glen and Marl Ravine trails. It crosses the Backbone Trail and the Meh Te Kos Bridle Trail and goes through woods and fields.

BOBCAT RUN - ■ 3.12 miles, teal blaze. This trail begins with a double track then becomes a single track loop. It features a variety of terrain and elevation changes in a section of hardwood forest. Use caution by the steep ravines.

JOHN BLAIR TRAIL - ■ 12 miles, purple blaze. Named for a Colonial era owner of this property, the double track begins inside Bobcat Run and ends on Backbone Trail. There are eight points where it intersects multi-purpose trails for those who want shorter rides or want to explore an overlook. In between these points, riders enjoy seclusion by the woods and near ravines not accessible to equestrians and hikers. The trail is perfect for those who want a long journey.

LAUREL GLEN TRAIL - ■ 1.26 miles, lime green blaze. Accessible from the Backbone Trail and the Black Bear Run Connector Trail, Laurel Glen passes through a mature, complex, deciduous hardwood forest dominated by mountain laurel. Users should take care because the trail is narrow and runs beside a steep ravine in places. Riders seeking a greater challenge may want to try the Chesapeake Challenge Loop, a side loop that novice riders may choose to bypass.

MARL RAVINE TRAIL - ♦ 6 miles, dark green blaze. This single track trail is for advanced riders only. Helmets are required. The trail twists and turns as it follows steep ravines cut into ancient shell deposits from the Tertiary Period when the entire area was under a shallow sea. This environment is unique to the region. The trail is steep and narrow in places and requires advanced riding skills. Riders should be mindful of overhanging obstacles, walk their bikes in some places and remain alert for other bikers. Riders should familiarize themselves with trail etiquette and rules of the road before attempting the trail.

York River's mountain-bike-only trails were created and are maintained by the Eastern Virginia Mountain Bike Association. Visit EVMA.org for more information.

Bikes are not permitted on these trails:
- Beaver (hiking only)
- Mattaponi (including Fossil Beach; hiking only)
- Meh Te Kos (equestrian only)
- Meh Te Kos Challenge Loop (equestrian only)
- Taskinas Creek (hiking only)

Bikes are allowed also on these multi-use trails:
- Backbone
- Dogwood
- Majestic Oak
- Pamunkey
- Powhatan Forks (north and east)
- Spur
- Riverview (has a beach for fossil hunting)
- Whitetail
- Woodstock Pond

See our separate guide for hiking and multi-use trails

Virginia State Parks

York River State Park

Williamsburg, Virginia

(Bike Trails)

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 enjoy – from swimming and boating to horseshoes and hiking, there's always something to do in a Virginia State Park.

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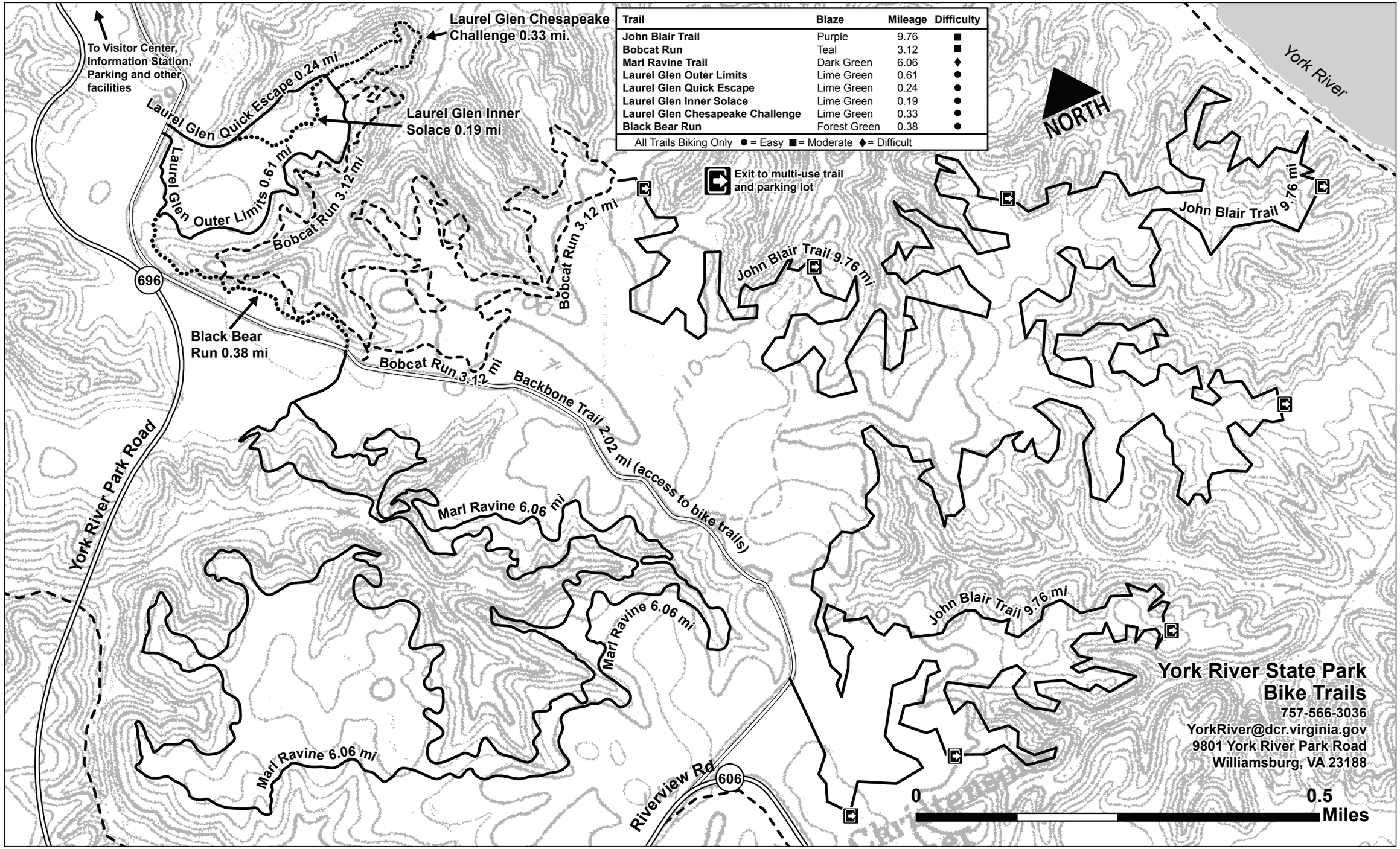

Trail	Blaze	Mileage	Difficulty
John Blair Trail	Purple	9.76	■
Bobcat Run	Teal	3.12	■
Marl Ravine Trail	Dark Green	6.06	♦
Laurel Glen Outer Limits	Lime Green	0.61	●
Laurel Glen Quick Escape	Lime Green	0.24	●
Laurel Glen Inner Solace	Lime Green	0.19	●
Laurel Glen Chesapeake Challenge	Lime Green	0.33	●
Black Bear Run	Forest Green	0.38	●

All Trails Biking Only ● = Easy ■ = Moderate ♦ = Difficult