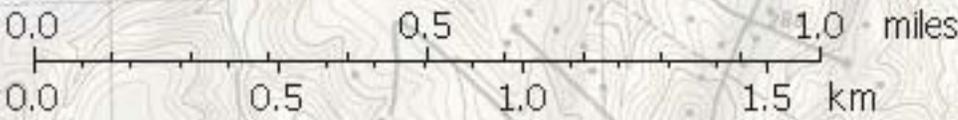


MOTTS RUN RESERVOIR PARK



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## Motts Run Reservoir - Fredericksburg, VA

Length	Difficulty	Streams	Views	Solitude	Camping
5.0 mls					N/A
<b>Hiking Time:</b> 2.5 hours plus a half hour for lunch <b>Elev. Gain:</b> 605 ft <b>Parking:</b> Park at the Motts Run Reservoir					

Motts Run Reservoir is an 860 acre natural area in Fredericksburg VA with a 160 acre lake. There are about 5 miles of trails with most of the trails being near or within viewable distance of the lake.

For those who live close to Fredericksburg, this would be a great little hike if you don't have enough time to head to the mountains. The highlight of the trail is the Mine Run, a creek at the end of the Mine Run Trail, be sure to visit the creek and soak your feet in it during warmer weather.

We hiked the trails to the North West of the parking lot first and then the trails to the South East.

- ▶ **Mile 0.0** – From parking area head towards Nature Center on gravel road, pass Nature Center and come to first trail sign.
- ▶ **Mile 0.1** – Turkey Ridge Trail (yellow blazed) intersection, stay straight, do not go right. Continue past 2 intersections of the Possum Path and reach the Mine Run Trail (red blazed).
- ▶ **Mile 0.3** – Mine Run Trail, bear left reaching the Lakeview Trail (green blazed) in 0.3 miles.
- ▶ **Mile 0.6** – Lakeview Trail, bear left for a 0.4 mile out and back for a nice view of the lake. Doing this and the Laurel Trail will give you a good workout down to the lake and back. Return to Mine Run Trail and bear left.
- ▶ **Mile 1.2** – Laurel Trail (purple blazed), 0.2 mile out and back to the lake. Return to Mine Run Trail and bear left. Continue on Mine Run Trail until it ends at Mine Run.
- ▶ **Mile 2.1** – Mine Run, eat a snack and soak your feet in the creek if you have time. Retrace your steps on the Mine Run Trail until the Turkey Ridge Trail.
- ▶ **Mile 3.2** – Turkey Ridge Trail intersection, stay straight, do not go right. By-pass next intersection, spur trail to park road.
- ▶ **Mile 3.3** – Spur Trail to park road, stay straight on trail and reach initial intersection of Turkey Ridge Trail.
- ▶ **Mile 3.5** – Bear left at intersection and go past Nature Center back to parking lot for Part 2 of the hike
- ▶ **Mile 3.6** – Parking Lot and beginning of Part 2 of the hike. Head South East from the Parking Lot to the Hidden Creek Trail (blue blazed) near Picnic Site 4, very quickly bear to the left and head away from the lake.
- ▶ **Mile 3.7** – Stay left at Intersection
- ▶ **Mile 3.8** – Stay left at Intersection continuing up the Hidden Creek Trail, you will come back on the Hidden Creek Trail that is on the right here. We did not hike the Old Silo Trail that should be on your left in the next 0.1-0.2 miles, it is an out and back.
- ▶ **Mile 4.1** – At next Intersection, "Shortcut", stay straight heading down to the lake.
- ▶ **Mile 4.3** – Reach view of lake then continue up hill towards the Osprey Point Trail.
- ▶ **Mile 4.5** – Reach Osprey Point Trail (white blazed) Intersection, bear left back down to lake and nice bench overlooking lake, enjoy!
- ▶ **Mile 4.6** – Bench at lake, continue on loop back to the Hidden Creek Trail
- ▶ **Mile 4.7** – At Intersection Bear left onto the Hidden Creek Trail
- ▶ **Mile 4.8** – Bear left onto the Hidden Creek Trail
- ▶ **Mile 4.9** – Bear left onto un-named trail following the lake to head back to Parking Lot.
- ▶ **Mile 5.0** – Arrive at the parking area.