



Greetings!

Patapsco Trail Fest is this weekend!

The weather looks good and we are all systems go....

**Please take 5 minutes and read through this important information!**

1. **Trail Fest is being presented by** a consortium of nonprofit organizations that work to promote and preserve the Patapsco Valley. These dedicated groups include Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park, Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Mountain Club of Maryland, MORE, White Oak Running Company and Adventures for the Cure.

2. **Trail Fest is a 100% Volunteer Run** event with all proceeds going directly back to the Patapsco Valley State Park. Be sure to say thank you to the folks who have donated enormous time and energy to produce this event. This is your park and your community, get involved!

3. **100% No Landfill.** *That's right, this is very important!* In accordance with MD State Park policy and our desire to have this event be as "green" as possible, we will not have trash facilities at the event. (We will have a robust recycling program in place.)

Event participants must bring their own water bottle or reusable cup, as cups will not be provided at the aid stations.

We are proud of this effort and we can do it together, so thank you in advance for your partnership and please - **PLAN AHEAD - PACK IN, PACK OUT.**

4. **Carpool/Parking:** If you were at last year's event you know parking at PVSP is limited; you may have to walk/cycle a ways to get to the start/finish area. Be prepared, be patient and it will all work out fine. If you are directed to park alongside the road, please ensure that two wheels are off the road. Parking is only permitted on one side of the roadway. Also, heads up, all traffic will be stopped on the park road from 7:45 am to 8:15 am, to facilitate the start of the 42 Mile MTB Race.

5. **Food.** There will be great food trucks at the event each day serving some killer food, including Diner to Go, Bistro Lunch Box, Weiland's BBQ, and for breakfast this year, Java Cruiser. Vouchers are required to get food. One voucher is included with registration for bikers,

runners, and volunteers; vouchers for friends, family, spectators, and hikers are available for purchase from the Friends of Patapsco State Park. We are keeping it easy for everyone else and making all meals \$12. (Please see the schedule for serving times)

6. **21+ Drink.** Yes indeed. Thank you, Oskar Blues for supporting Patapsco! Beers are \$5. Of course, if you have registered for a paid event or volunteering your first two beers are included!

7. **Camping.** We have a lot of folks signed up to camp! There will be two camping areas, one quiet and one closer to the start finish that might be more lively. These camping areas are not PVSP's typical camping areas and have been approved just for this event. Therefore there will be no campfires allowed in the camping area, but you can use your propane stove, no prob. (We'll have central fire pit area) The camping areas are within walking distance to bathrooms with running water and flush toilets. Camping will open Friday at 4 pm, all campers must arrive before 7 pm.

8. **Showers.** Negative - but, the bathrooms have running water and flush toilets.

9. **Kids events.** Trail Fest is a family event. Playgrounds, forest, moon bounce, snowballs, REI sMORE's party, hikes, runs, rides - it will be fun. Please be prepared to supervise your children, during events and throughout the weekend. The Pickall Area of PVSP is heavily forested with steep grades and access to the Patapsco river.

Parents, please note the kid's rides are off road on rocky, rooty, singletrack, natural surface trail. It has hills, varying uneven surfaces, and small stream crossings. It will be fun, there will be tears, be prepared to express lots of love and encouragement. Riding with your child/guardian is strongly recommend, especially for the younger ones. The trail is not recommended for kids in child seats on the back of your bike.

10. **Cell Phone Coverage.** It's pretty good in this area of the park!

11. **Dogs.** Must be on leash and clean up etiquette *definitely* applies. Dogs are normally prohibited in the Pickall area of the park, we have approval for pets, provided they are not in the shelters, playgrounds or restrooms. They can not be left alone while you are participating in Trail Fest events. They can not come with you during your ride or run.

12. **The trails are open to all users, all weekend.** Please display the excellent trail etiquette that Patapsco trail users are known for! Volunteers are stationed throughout the route to assist and direct you throughout the course. If you need help, please notify one of them and we will work to assist you. If you leave the route we may not be able to help and you will be on your own. With the exception of the assisted crossing at Woodstock Road, you should never cross directly over the railroad tracks.

13. **Interested in volunteering?** [patapscotrailfestvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:patapscotrailfestvolunteer@gmail.com)

## **Schedule of Events**

### **Friday, Sept. 15**

4 pm            Friday Camping opens  
6 - 8 pm        Early MTB Packet pickup

### **Saturday, Sept. 16**

6 - 7:30 am    MTB Packet pick up  
6:30            Breakfast Food Truck begins serving  
8 am            MTB 42 Mile Race begins  
10 am           MTB 27 Mile Ride begins  
10:30 am       Enduro begins  
11:00 am       MTB 20 Mile Ride begins  
11:30 am       MTB 12 Mile begin  
11:30 am       Food Trucks begin serving  
11:45 am       7 Mile Kids Rides  
12 pm           3 Mile Kids & 1 Mile Kids rides begin  
2 pm            Demo trucks  
2 - 5 pm        Run packet pick up opens  
2 - 3 pm        Podiums  
3 pm            Bunny Hop contest, kids fun events, photo booth, etc.  
4 pm            Saturday Camping Opens  
7 pm            Campfire REI sMOREs party

### **Sunday, Sept. 17**

6:30            Breakfast Food Truck begins serving  
6:30 – 7:30 am Day of 26.2 and 13.1 packet pickup  
6:30 – 8:30 am Day of 10K packet pickup  
8 am            26.2++ Running Race begins  
8 am            13.1++ Running Race begins  
9 am            10K Running Race begins  
9:15 am        7 mile Hike begins  
9:15 am        4 mile Hike begins  
9:15 am        3 mile Hike begins  
10 am - 2 pm   Kayaks at Daniels with Baltimore Canoe and Kayak Club  
11:30 am        Food Trucks begin serving

12 pm	Kids 1 mile Run begins
4 pm	Runner cut off time
5 - 7 pm	Breakdown

**15. Contact the Event:**

Emergency Phone # 410.961.9162 (*Day of event only*)

Questions about Trail Fest: [patapsco@more-mtb.org](mailto:patapsco@more-mtb.org)

Volunteer Questions: [patapscotrailfestvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:patapscotrailfestvolunteer@gmail.com)



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