



**Greetings!**

**Patapsco Trail Fest is just a few days away, and we are busy putting the final details into place. We are super excited to be hosting an event that includes a diverse group of trail users, (and yes, we are already talking about additional user groups in future years)**

**Patapsco Trail Fest is a celebration of our shared community, and PVSP's remarkable trail system. So....**

**Here are some key details about the 2016 Patapsco Trail Fest:**

- 1. Trail Fest** is being presented by a consortium of non profit 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, Patapsco 50K, Adventures for the Cure and Old Line Velo.
- 2. Trail Fest is a 100% volunteer run event** with all proceeds going directly back to the Patapsco Valley - 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. Rain Date:** Yes, we have a rain date the following weekend if necessary, Sept. 25/26. The current forecast looks great for Friday and Saturday with a chance of rain on Sunday, but if there is a weather event we will be making a call by Thursday, Sept 15 at 12 noon.
- 5. Carpool/Parking:** If you have been to the previous year's Patapsco Epics 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 8:15am, to facilitate the start of the 50k MTB Race.

**4. Pack In Pack Out.** Patapsco Trail Fest is a low impact event! We will have lots of on-site recycling! But, if it's headed for a landfill please be prepared to pack it out, we will have *limited* facilities for landfill bound trash. (Bring refillable water bottles, cold water will be free on site - if you want other beverage options, please plan accordingly!)

**6. Food/Drink.** There will be great food trucks at the event each day serving some killer food, including Pasta La Vista Baby, Bistro Lunch Box, Foodgitive, Arianna Kabob Grill. 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 - Bon Appetit!

**7. 21+ Drink.** Yes indeed - Thank you Sierra Nevada Brewing Company for supporting Patapsco! Beers are \$5. Of course, if you have registered for a paid event or volunteering - your first two beers are included!

**8. 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 area) The camping areas are within walking distance to bathrooms with running water and flush toilets. Camping will open Friday at 4pm, all campers must arrive before 7pm.

**9. Showers.** Yes, kind of. These are probably better described as a "washing area" - think primitive camp type showers, not like nice hot private showers (cold) ...be prepared!

**10. Kids events.** You are bringing your kids and that is great. Playgrounds, forest, moonbounce, snowballs, sMORE's, hikes, runs, rides - it will be fun. Please be prepared to supervise your children, the Pickall area of PVSP is heavily forested with steep grades and access to the Patapsco river.

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

**12. 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, and they can not be left alone while you are participating in Trail Fest events.

**13. The trails** are open to all users, all weekend. Please display the excellent trail etiquette that Patapsco trail users are known for!

**14. Schedule:**

## **Friday, September 16**

Packet pickup Friday from 4pm – 7pm  
Camping opens 4pm - 7pm  
Gate closes at sundown

## **Saturday September 17**

6am Gate Opens  
6-7:30am MTB Packet Pickup  
8am MTB Race Begins (**Note: Start is on the I 70 Bridge**)  
9am MTB Ride  
10am Enduro Start  
11:00am Big Kids Ride Starts  
11:00am Food trucks open  
11:30am Little Kids & Strider Ride Begins  
12pm All Hikes Depart  
    Noon: MCM- 7 mile hike  
    12:15: PHG- Family hike with a naturalist  
1pm - 4pm: Demo Rides  
3pm- 5:00 (or later): PHG- Family activities and games under the pavilion  
2pm Run Packet Pick up  
3pm Afternoon Activities  
7pm Campfire and REI sMORE's Party  
Gate closes at sundown

## **Sunday, September 18th**

6am Gate Opens  
6-7:30am Trail Runner Packet Pickup  
8am Marathon and Half Marathon Depart  
11am 8K Run  
12pm 1 Mile Family Fun Run - (*Sign up just prior to run*)  
5pm - 7pm Clean Up (*Please stay and help!*)

## **16. Contact the Event:**

**Emergency Phone #** Ed Dixon@ 410.961.9162 (*Day of event only*)

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

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